



# ADVENT

Welcome to  
Chaires United  
Methodist Church

December 3, 2017

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## United Methodist Church

December 3, 2017

Prelude

A time for quiet reflection

\*Hymn United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 211  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.1-4)*

\*Welcome

\*Hymn UMH 225  
*Come Christians Join to Sing (all)*

Advent Candle Liturgy *screen*  
Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn TCH 210  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (all)*

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory

Choral Anthem Quartet  
*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*  
(arr. Praetorius)

Message:

"Prepare the Way"

Mark 1:1-8

\*Hymn

UMH 211

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.5-7)*

Announcements

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Hymn      The Celebration Hymnal 243  
*Emmanuel*

Postlude

*\*Please stand if able*

*The flowers today are dedicated  
To the Glory of God  
In Honor of the birthdays of her daughters,  
Terry Hatcher and Gretchen Pennington  
By  
Margaret Boyette*

## Sermon: "Prepare the Way"

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8

The Christian Calendar is also called the Liturgical Calendar.

- this governs the colors that we see on our altar and pulpit

The Christian Calendar begins with the season of Advent each year.

- This is in late November or early December.
- Four Sundays before Christmas.

Advent means

- coming
- arrival
- waiting

During Advent, Christians are waiting for

- the coming of baby Jesus at Christmas

the second coming of Christ

What was John the Baptist's job?

- \_\_\_\_\_

Specifically, how does the Gospel of Luke remind us to prepare?

- Valleys will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mountains and hills will be made \_\_\_\_\_.
- The crooked will be made \_\_\_\_\_.
- The rough ways will be made \_\_\_\_\_.

Advent is about preparing for:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation requires work. What are you doing to prepare for the coming of Christ in your life?

## *Weekly Prayer Requests*

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*Please pray for:*

- Paula Winter- receiving cancer treatment
- Mary Alice Linzy-healing from shingles
- Donna Wheeler-Fell on ice in NC and broke her left humerus and damaged her hip
- Carol Jones & Family-Carol passed away on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Julie Smith-radiation and chemo treatment for cancer
- Pearl Clarke-in the hospital
- Freddie Murray-medical testing
- Cindy Bonk-recovery from hip surgery
- Maria Molina-in Hospice and preparing to transition to heaven
- Ruth Sansom-upcoming procedure
- Jim Hutto-recovering from a stroke
- Jack Parrish-spiritual and emotional healing since his wife was placed in a nursing home with Alzheimer's
- Family of Jeannette Joiner, who passed away
- Family of Joyce Cushing, who passed away



### Chaires Staff

Senior Pastor

Rev. Bethany Douty

Interim Secretary

Susan Grantham

Interim Music Director

Michael Douty

Pianist

Guilherme Godoi

Custodian

Bob Glover

## Chaires Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 3	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 6	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Dec. 7	11:00 a.m.	Ladies Lunch
	6:30 p.m.	Chaires SPRC
Friday, Dec. 8.	10:00 p.m.	Mom's Group
Saturday, Dec. 9	10:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, Dec. 12	6:30 pm.	UMW Christmas Party
Wednesday, Dec. 13	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 15	10:00 a.m.	Mom's Group

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Christmas Bows

Neva Holland will have her beautiful bows ready for sale beginning Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to United Methodist Women.

#### Madison Youth Ranch Gift Cards

Gift cards from VISA, Mastercard, Discover or Walmart for \$25 are being collected for Christmas this year. This allows the staff to personally purchase items for each child. Evelyn Brown will be collecting the gift cards through Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### ECHO and Refuge House Needs

ECHO needs heaters and food items and the United Methodist Women (UMW) needs toothpaste, mouthwash, and socks for emergency kits for Refuge House.  
See Neva Holland and Jean Ingram

#### Ladies Lunch on Dec. 7th

Plan to join us for lunch as we venture off to The Sweet Savory Sisters (SASS) in Thomasville (420 W. Jackson St.)  
Contact Edna Matthews@668-6077 for info

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia orders are being taken through Sunday, December 17th. The cost of the poinsettias is \$7.00 each. Each plant may be designated for up to three people. Please see Frances Chaires if you have any questions.

Name of person ordering:

In honor:

In memory:

In honor:

In memory:

In honor:

In memory:

Total:

Please make check to: Chaires UMC

