

Welcome to Worship!

December 17, 2023

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for signing the attendance pads.

*INVOCATION

Kim Lantz , Liturgist

*PRAISE SONG

ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING

Ava Gallion

Addyson Gallion , **Candle Lighter**

Reader: We come today as people who are also surrounded by suffering and grief. And yet, the Spirit hovers among us, tending and anointing, inspiring freedom where there is captivity, declaring blessing in places the world has cursed, and igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

Congregation: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

Reader: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, just peace, and fierce joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S STORY

INVITATION to the OFFERING with "Doxology"

No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 238

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON " Company's Coming: Deck the Halls"

Rev. Greg Markins

***HYMN** "Christ for the World We Sing"

No. 568

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: I would like to thank the church family for showering me with greeting cards. It really brightened my day. Thank you for thinking of me.

--Clyde Asbury

ALL STARS 4 JESUS: Get back in the game and join All Stars 4 Jesus! We have exciting plans for the next few weeks. Come join us Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.-7:10 p.m. for choir, dinner, lessons and fun!

December 20th and 27th- No All Stars

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Eddie and Vicki Smith invite everyone to their home at 8 Pembroke Lane, Huntington for their annual Christmas Open House. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to come and tour their home adorned with twenty-seven trees and many Christmas collectibles.

ECCHO NEEDS: Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, spaghetti, pinto beans, canned pasta, soup, and household items such as toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

We especially need financial support to continue to purchase additional commodities. Donations may be placed in the ECCHO Closet in the Narthex.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES New offering envelopes for 2024 are available on the table in the Church Office hallway. Those interested in starting a new process for contributions can receive a boxed-set by contacting Lisa in the Church Office, 304.736.4583.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Argabrite
Eloise Baumgardner
Teresa Blake
Sandy Boggess
Dana Godfrey
Amy Herrenkohl
Mary Howard
Fred Huff
Monica Jackson
Virginia Keefer
Brenda Morning
Keith Ross
Chris Roy
Lois Silling
Karen Turman
Doris Wooten

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY-17

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
SWAG 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY-18

Scouts 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-19

Advent Study 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-20

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY REPORT – December 10, 2023

GIVING

Needed per Week: \$8,039.15

Received: \$13,244.30

Monthly financial statements available upon request.

ATTENDANCE

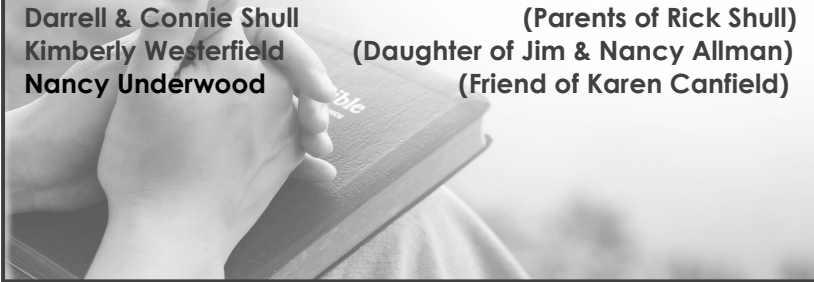
Present: 133

Online Views: 4



FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

Bittner Ballard (Former Member of Steele)
John and Jill Chapman (Friend of Dick & Louetta Jimison)
Cathy Drazenovich (Friend of Karen Canfield)
Darrell & Connie Shull (Parents of Rick Shull)
Kimberly Westerfield (Daughter of Jim & Nancy Allman)
Nancy Underwood (Friend of Karen Canfield)



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

24-Christmas Eve Worship

25-Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)

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WELCOME

to Steele Memorial
United Methodist Church

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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Almighty God, break through and open doors to your new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for Steele Memorial and in our individual lives, and as you do, we will surrender and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of your new and unknow future. (Ephesians 3:20) Amen.

