

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the attendance sheet in the red pad and add today's date at the top, then pass it down your row. If you are a guest, we invite you to include your address.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE "Away in the Manager" Sawyer Ralph

OFFERING OUR WORSHIP

L: In the midst of waiting, God sends an invitation.

P: The twinkle of a candle in the window bids us to come home.

L: The unhinged gate swings wide open.

P: The pile of rocks at the side of the road signals a smooth path.

L: All is ready. Listen! Hear the flutter of angel wings. Come and worship.

P: Let us worship with joy!

*OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

STAR CHILD vs 1 Al Kisling, Aaron Ryan
Words are on screen

*CHOIR ANTHEM

"All is Well"

OFFERTORY

"Silent Night"

Anzaya Estep

"O Come all Ye Faithful"

Amelia McCoy

OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

HYMN NO. 246 *"Joy to the World"* vs. 1 and 4

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14 Wyatt Ralph

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM See the Insert

SERMON *"The Gift of Joy"* Pastor Peg Welch

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer List

- Shirley DeWitt
- Faye English (friend of Reta Kirsh)
- Helen Kurbad
- Gloria Loughman
- Carl Mandley
- Mildred Mandley
- Tod & Marilyn Metcalfe
- Grant Reed
- Ken Rinehart
- Nancy Roberts
- Buzz Rupe
- Kathleen Santmyer
- Linda Stout
- Kathy Taylor
- Bruce Walker (Ginny Carlson's son)
- Bob Wolfe
- Kenya Wyant (friend of Trina Bloom)
- Don Yeager

To the family and friends of Carol Selman.

This Week at Ontario UMC...

Today.....9:00 am.....Confirmation
 9:15 amAdult S.S.
 10:15 am Worship followed by
 fellowship meal
 6:00 pm.....Youth Group
 Tues.12/18...9:00 am..... Private Event Friendship
 Room
 Wed,12/19.... Noon..... Silvers Meal
 6:00 pm.....Cub Scouts
 7:00 pm.....Choir
 Sat., 12/22 10:00 am... Private Event Giffin Hall
 Sun 12/23.... 9:15 am... Adult S.S.
 10:15 am... ..Worship followed by
 fellowship time

~~ WELCOME, VISITORS ~~

A warm OUMC greeting to all our visitors!
 Please visit the Welcome Center
 for a small gift, and join us in Giffin Hall
 after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Write prayer joys, concerns and announcements
 in the Welcome Center pad
 to be shared during worship.

Hearing devices and large-print bulletins and
 hymnals are available at the Ushers Table.

Children's Worship Activity Bags
 are available at the back of the sanctuary.
 Please return them to the rack after the service.

The altar flowers are given this morning by Jan Bowling.

In the words of the apostle Paul: "To all God's beloved...who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7).

Please check the back of Giffin Hall for Christmas cards. The table will be available until January 6, 2019. Any cards not picked up by then will be thrown away. We **will not be** mailing out cards this year.

Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

There will be no sewing group for the next two weeks, December 20 and December 27. The group will resume again on January 3, 2019.

Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held on Monday evening, December 24, at 8:00 pm.

Amid this sometimes crazy season, quiet my heart, Lord. Help me find Christmas peace in you.

Last Week~~~

Worship Attendance	135
Current Expense Giving	\$3,432.55
Special Funds	747.00
Building Fund	3,072.00
R & R	162.00

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Serving Today~~

Liturgist: Moe Bolen

Music Director: Bob Wagenhals

Organist: Millie Keith

Greeters: Marcie & Andrew Miller

Accompanist: Bernice Holeman

Sound Board: Jeff Davis

Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove

Usher: Megan Reiners, Tony Duncan

Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe



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