

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the attendance sheet in the 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.*

PRELUDE
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OFFERING OUR WORSHI

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!
P: Blessed by the Lord God Israel,
L: For God is with us, smiling upon us with love.
P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
L: For Christ has saved us from our enemies, our sins, and our fears.
P: Blessed by the Lord God of Israel,
L: For God’s Spirit shines upon us, giving light for our darkness.
P: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!
L: Let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER
ADVENT READING The Phelps/Hellinger family
HYMN NO. 234 “O Come All Ye Faithful”
ANTHEM

OFFERTORY
OFFERING
*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER No. 895

RECEIVING GOD’S WORIP

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-15
SERMON “Why Me?” Pastor Chris Bell
HYMN NO. 218 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

Prayer List	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dennis AtkesonAiden Bell (The Bell's great-grandson)Mary Jane Bisel (Claudette Smith cousin)Thurley BittenbenderPam BoalsGary BradrickWanda Butler (Avalon Evans’s sister)Carl CriderShirley DeWittThelma DuffnerFaye English (friend of Reta KirshRuth HatfieldZayden JonesJane LawrenceMarilyn MetcalfeCarl Mowry (Roger Mowry's brother)Frank Nauman (friend of the Garver's)Bob Rohl (friend of Garver's)Mike Schreck (friend of Buzz Rupe)Mike SchaubMelinda ShaumRick TurpinKathy TaylorAmy (Joe & Connie Stuckert’s daughter)Jean Welsh	

This Week at Ontario UMC...

Today	9:15 am.....	Adult SS
	10:15 am	Worship followed by fellowship time
Tues., 12/24	5:00 pm.....	Youth Party at Pastor Chris' house
	Noon.....	Private Event Giffin Hall
Wed., 12/25	7:00 pm.....	Christmas Eve Service
	Church office closed. Merry Christmas	
Sat., 12/28	Recycle trailer in church parking lot	
Sun., 12/29	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 Mary Ann Stotts in honor of her church family.

Amid these busy days, we pause for worship and to remember the heart of this season. Welcome!

- On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, there will be a Bible Study called “The Epic of Eden, Understanding the Old Testament” by Sandra L. Richter. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome center. You can order your own book. If you have trouble finding a place to order, contact the church office and we will help you order a book
- Again this year, there is a place in Giffin Hall for you to leave Christmas cards for members attending services. Cards will not be mailed. After January 7th, cards will be disposed of.

Jesus, your earthly parents were ordinary people who accepted God’s call upon their lives. Help us do the same.

Last Week~~~	
Worship Attendance	143
Current Expense Giving	\$13,453.00
Special Funds	2,186.00
Building Fund	450.00
R & R	540.00

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Serving Today~~

Liturgist: Myra Myers

 Greeters: Wayne & Jenny Motley

 Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove
 Usher: Mary Ann Stotts, Carl Crider, Ken Starbuck
 Table Hosts:
 Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe
 Kingdom Kids: Joni Davis

Music Director: Bob Wagenhals
 Organist: Millie Keith
 Accompanist: Bernice Holeman
 Sound Board: Eric Grove



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