

We will be offering several opportunities to participate in our 3-week Advent study this year. We will be using Dr. Lacey Warner's book "All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas". The first session begins Wednesday, November 30th or Sunday, December 4th. On Wednesday, you can choose a 6 pm or a 6:30 pm start time. Books are available in the church office and are \$10/each.

Each year the Salvation Army brightens Christmas for needy children in our area through the Angel Tree Program. If you would like to sponsor a child, choose an Angel tag from the tree or the basket on the table located outside the parlor. Use the info on the tag to select gifts for your child. Return new, unwrapped gifts to the church in the bags provided not later than Sunday, December 4th.

Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett	Rick Gray
Cathy Hanks	David Holder
Eric Robertson	Don O'Dell
Charlie Martin	Carolyn O'Dell
Art Hartzog	Arthur Cummings
Rita Petoskey	Mary Cummings
Nancy White	HJ Fleming
Jerry Reitzel	Ron Clay
Dale Fisher	Linda Seifert



Invite. Grow. Send.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children's Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

November 27, 2022

11:00 AM Worship Service

1st Sunday of Advent

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Robert Lau

Anthem

“O Come to Us, Emmanuel”

Joseph Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 10: 1-5

*Passing of the Peace

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH 211

Sermon

“Do Not be Afraid”

Rev. Brad Gray

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH 881

*Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

UMH 203

*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

*Benediction

Advent Candle Lighting

1 John 4: 7-10
The Moore Family

*Postlude

“Preparation for the King”

arr. James Mansfield

Responsive Prayer

O God, your light continues to shine in the darkness. May the light of Christ illuminate the path that leads us to love. For it is your perfect love that casts out all fear. Come Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 54: 1-8

Offering

**Please stand if able*

Offertory

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

David Cherwien

Kristine Lee, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Children’s Time

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Andy Cannon

Hymn of Preparation

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sara B. Brown by her daughter, Jan Fleming.