



Christ caring for people through people

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers serve because no one should have to suffer alone. If you need a Stephen Minister please call the church office for assistance. 843-884-9761

## Seafarers "Christmas At Sea" boxes

Again this year the Seafarers will be distributing "Christmas At Sea" boxes to more than 4000 visiting seamen at the ports of Charleston. For many of these persons the Christmas box you pack will be the only present they receive this year. Empty boxes and packing instructions are available on the bench inside the entrance door next to the office. Please pack a box or two, be sure to enclose a personal note or card and make it a very Merry Christmas for seamen on ships around the world

## Operation Christmas Child

The OCC team would like to thank everyone for their help packing shoeboxes, donating items and monetary donations for shipping and handling. We are continuing to accept monetary donations.

Would you like to join our awesome team? We'd love to have you! Just let Linda Rhyne or Nancy Blocker (or any member of the team) know and we will contact you.



Realm is an interactive church portal that is used by staff and ministry groups for communication, as well as a way to set up online giving. Once you have become active in the ministry at Hibben United Methodist Church, you may request an invitation to sign up by emailing [office@hibbenumc.org](mailto:office@hibbenumc.org).

## Church Directory

We are in the early stages of having a new church directory made. In an effort to streamline the process we need to make sure that all members and active attendees are in our Realm database. If you are unsure about how to access Realm, or would like your information entered manually by the office.

Please contact Dalton in the church office. [office@hibbenumc.org](mailto:office@hibbenumc.org) or (843)884-9761

## Women's Ministry

Please join us for our Christmas Advent Dinner on December 5 at 6:00pm in the CLLC. Please bring a covered dish to share. We ask that you RSVP on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please note what dish you are bringing on the sign up sheet.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Chesnee Knotts or Heidi Mortimer (854) - 999-6477 or [chesnee.s.knotts@gmail.com](mailto:chesnee.s.knotts@gmail.com).

Also, please bring a canned or monetary donation for our outdoor Little Pantry. Protein and hearty items are always needed. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

## Thank You!

A big thank you to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday after worship. We had a great time! Special thanks to Johnny and Linda McAllister and to Martha Ann & Lee Stuckey and the Angel Team for decorating and serving: Elaine & John Woodward, Betty Riggs, Cindy Cassens, Nancy Blocker, Chesnee Knotts, Glenda Roquemore, Karen Clark, and Darlene Zimmerman and Libby Chinnes.

Thanks for turning out!



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Attendance & Giving -	
November 24, 2024	
10:30 Morning Worship	
In Person	212
Online - households	25
2024 General Budget: \$947,048.00	
Received thru 10/31/24	\$747,117.00
Expenses thru 10/31/24	\$745,604.00
Online Giving: <a href="http://hibbenumc.org/give">hibbenumc.org/give</a>	

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**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
9am - 4pm  
Friday  
9am - 2pm



December 1, 2024



**Prelude** **Jesús Toro**

**Gathering and Welcome** **Rev. Kathy Hudson**

*You are encouraged to sign the Pew Register, pass it to all seated in your row; and then, pass it back for review. If you are visiting, we would like to send you a card, text or email. It would be a pleasure to know you!*

**\*Musical Invitation and Dressing of the Altar**

*Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus*  
Bill Dickinson, Trumpet

**\*Call to Worship** **Rev. Kathy**

Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God’s peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the hand of our Creator.

**The days are surely coming!**

Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to see God’s power among us.

**The days are surely coming and are already here!**

Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kingdom on earth here and now. Will you join in?

**The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God’s call to build the kingdom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*Invocation** **Rev. Kathy**

**Lighting of The First Advent Candle** **The Moore Family:  
Beau, Amanda, Evie,  
Leighton and Barrett**

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.**

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days when God’s kingdom of love, justice, and mercy are realized. We light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

**Children's Moment** **Amanda Moore**

*At this time children are dismissed to children's church.*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Call** **Rev. Kathy**

**Offertory**

*Lift Up Ye' Heads*  
Bill Dickinson, Trumpet and Jesús Toro, Organ

**\*Hymn** **UMH 211**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
vs. 1-4

**\*Gospel Lesson** **Rev. David Lupo**

Luke 21:25-36 NRSV

*<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”*

**Anthem** **arr. S. DeCesare**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Bill Dickinson, Trumpet and Jesús Toro, Piano

**Sermon** **Rev. Kathy**

Surprise Me!

**\*Sending Hymn** **UMH 206**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Festival Doxology** **UMH 196**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
vs. 1

**\*Postlude** **Jesús Toro**

*The advent wreath is given in loving memory of Todd Joseph Carter by his parents, Debbie and Jamey Carter.*

## Breakfast with Santa

Come hang out with jolly old Saint Nick at our annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 7. The man himself will be taking your Christmas wishes from 9-11 in the CLLC. We will offer breakfast, free pictures, crafts, and mission opportunities. The event is free to all. If you would like to help support this outreach, please check out our Amazon wishlist. We hope to see you there – it’s always a fun kick-off to the holiday season!

## Worship Stewards

Rev. Kathy is looking for volunteers who are interested in reading, serving communion, or assisting in other parts of our service. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

# Children and Youth Activities

## Children's Ministry

Dec. 7, 9-11 Breakfast with Santa

## Youth News, Grade 6-12

Youth Group meets on Sundays from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the CLLC

If you would like to support our Youth Group by providing dinner, please contact Rev. Katie

## Praise & Prayer Request

Craig Rhyne Donice Hooper Esther Burlison Beth Fiddie Kristy Watson Madeleine Shuler Robert Rising	Betty Staples Barbara Boyd Guerry Taylor Luisa Rodriguez (Jesús' Mother) Frankie Collins Rudy Fox
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**If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the prayer team, email Terry Lupo at [terry@lupofamily.org](mailto:terry@lupofamily.org). All are welcome!**

## Little Free Pantry

Thank you for your continued support of Hibben's pantries. Our boxes are always in use. Please be on the lookout for the following items:

Peanut butter	Canned chicken
Grape jelly	Canned tuna
Chef Boyardee	Vienna sausages
Canned items with pop tops	

\*\*Please remember that **anyone** can stock the pantry.\*\*

## Gift Hope

For the month of December, we are hosting an alternative gift-buying event called “Gift Hope.” Individuals will get a chance to learn more about the work of various charitable organizations in our community and will have the opportunity to “shop” for items to help our local non-profits.

The online-only event will start on Giving Tuesday – Dec. 3, and run through Dec. 31. In order to give online, click the “Purchase Gifts” button at the top of the page. You’ll be asked to register for the event before being directed to the gifts page where you’ll complete your transaction. A tax-deductible receipt will be emailed to you.