



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

Operation Christmas Child

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.

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.

Navigating GriefLand

Join Rev. Kathy for an 8 week grief support and education group. They will be meeting on Wednesdays at 5pm in the conference room. Meetings will begin on January 8. Please let Rev. Kathy know if you have questions.



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.

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 or (843)884-9761

Christmas Eve

Please Join Us!

Please join us as we celebrate the reason for the season. Christmas Eve services will be as Follows:
3:00pm - Early Traditional

5:00pm - Family Service

7:30pm - Candlelight Traditional

All are welcome at every service. We hope to see all of you and that you will invite your friends and neighbors!



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to find all the links from this bulletin.

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

Attendance & Giving - December 15, 2024

10:30 Morning Worship	
In Person	278
Online - households	25

2024 General Budget: \$947,048.00

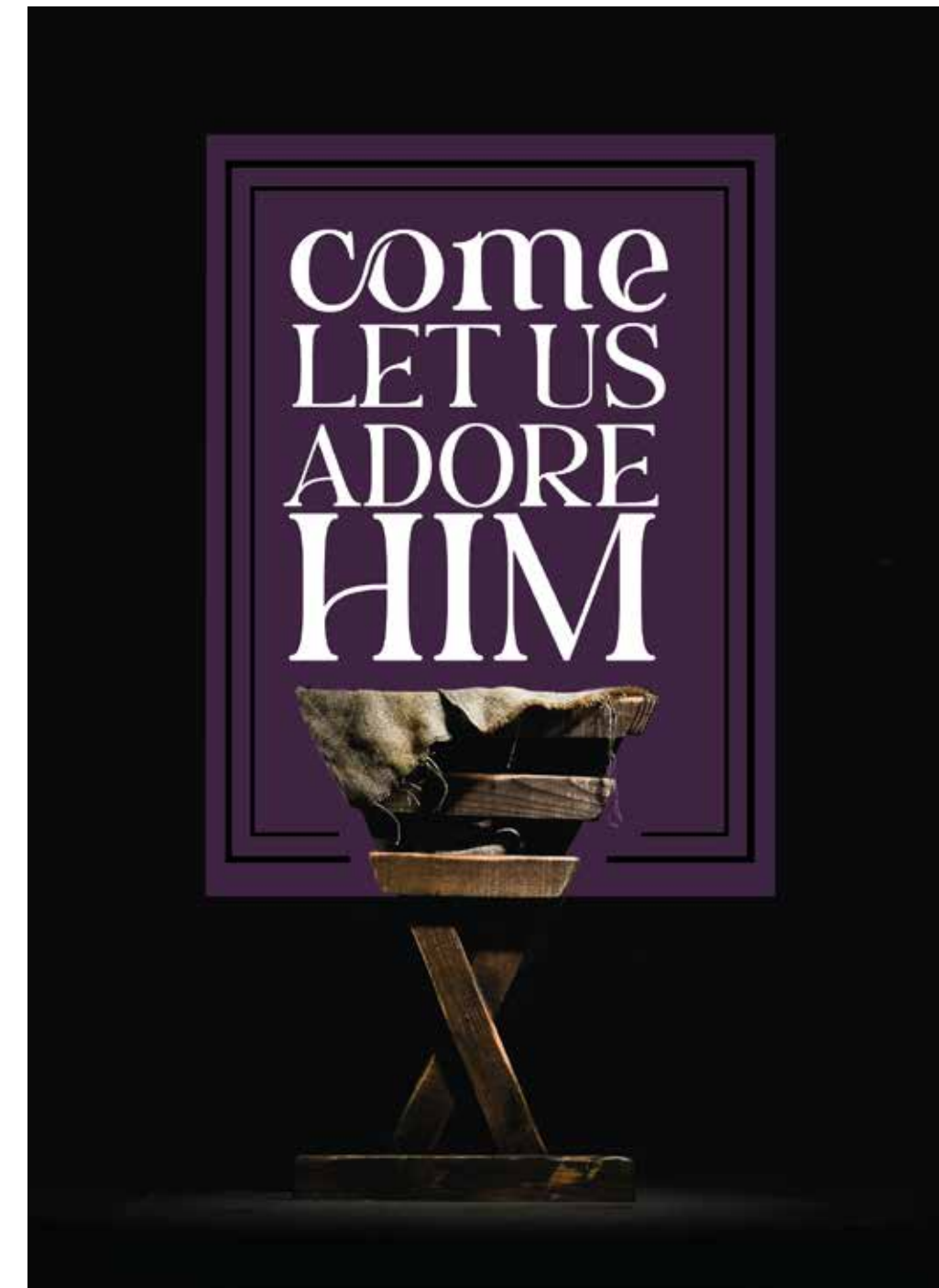
Received thru 11/30/24 \$806,860.00

Expenses thru 11/30/24 \$834,180.00

Online Giving: hibbenumc.org/give



December 22, 2024



DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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** **Hibben Ringers**

Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus

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

Children of God, the arrival of the Promised One is almost here!

We wait as people of God’s promise.

The message of the prophets and the expectation residing in Mary’s womb call to us today.

We listen as people of God’s promise.

Mary’s “yes” and Elizabeth’s faithfulness guide our path, showing us that we too have a role to play in bearing God’s good news into the world.

We follow as people of God’s promise.

This is the promise Mary, Elizabeth, and the prophets bore that we continue to carry even today—**God is with us! God is with us! We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

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

Lighting of The Fourth Advent Candle **The Marino Family:
Gasper, Rachel, Isabella,
Stella and Luca**

When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem ...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O HIBBEN, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God- bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

We light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

***Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Children's Moment **Amanda Moore**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer **Rev. Katie Brock Lesh**

Offering Call **Rev. Kathy**

Offertory **Arr. L. Larson**

Breath of Heaven
Aimie Morris

Gospel Reading **Rev. Katie**

Luke 1:39-45 NRSV

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

Anthem **arr. L. Larson**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Hibben Ringers

Sermon **Rev. Kathy**

***Hymn** **UMH 218**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
vs. 1,2 & 4

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** **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.

2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 Flower Calender is up in the hallway outside of the Narthex. Each week there will be the opportunity for two altar arrangemnts to be placed, you may place one or both of them. Cost is \$55 per arrangement.

UMH 238

Praise & Prayer Request

Craig Rhyne
Esther Burlison
Beth Fiddie
Kristy Watson
Madeleine Shuler
Robert Rising
The Family of Leroy Cummings

Betty Staples
Barbara Boyd
Guerry Taylor
Luisa Rodriguez (Jesús' Mother)
Frankie Collins
Rudy Fox

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the prayer team, email Terry Lupo at terry@lupofamily.org. All are welcome!

Prayer requests may also be sent to the church office.

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
Grape jelly
Chef Boyardee
Canned items with pop tops

Canned chicken
Canned tuna
Vienna sausages

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

Cold Shelter

Thank you so much to all of those who have helped with the start of our Cold Shelter season. We continue to provide a warm place for less fortunate members of our community any time the temperature drops below 34 degrees in Mount Pleasant. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with the cold shelter, please contact Rev. Katie or Polly Graham. There are many ways to help: providing meals, setup and clean up help, overnight stays, financial support and prayers.

End of Year Tithing

All tithing and charitable contributions must be received either in the office or in an envelope postmarked by December 31, 2024 in order for the donation to be eligible for the 2024 tax season deduction. The office will be closed the week after Christmas and will reopen on January 2, 2025.

Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet January 7 at 6pm. This meeting will be our 2025 planning meeting, so please bring something to take notes with. Join us as we plan on how we can support the community around us!