



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

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.

Navigating GriefLand

Join Rev. Kathy Hudson for an 8-week grief support and education group beginning January 8th. This group will meet on Wednesdays at 5 pm in the church conference room. Those interested should contact the church office or Rev. Kathy to register.



Navigating GriefLand



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



Gift Hope

Did you forget someone on your Christmas gift list? There is still time to give the gift of hope by supporting one of our partnered charities in their honor. Open through 12/31. Find out more at the QR code below.



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

Attendance & Giving - December 22, 2024

10:30 Morning Worship	
In Person	172
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: hibbenumc.org/give

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9am - 2pm



Hibben United Methodist Church

December 29, 2024

COLOSSIANS 3:12



DECEMBER 29, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Prelude

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!

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Kathy

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

God has come to make a home among us!

Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.

***Hymn**

UMH 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

***A Litany of Hope and Home**

Rev. Kathy

Loving God, may we be found and may we find a place called home, a place where faith holds us and grace renews us, where forgiveness longs for us to be who you will us to be.

May we find a place called home where we are accepted as we are, where we are taken in and loved unconditionally, a place called home, where we belong and our souls fit, and our questions are allowed, and our anger is heard, and our needs are recognized, and our pain is held, and our names are known.

May this be that place, O God, this community this group of travelers and doubters, and companions on the way, this home where your place ---is our place and place isn't a building, but a way of being together in relationship held together by love.

Loving God, Homecoming God may we make this a home to all who still yet seek, a place of grace-filled sanctuary and gracious welcome. So be it. Amen

Epistle Reading

Rev. Katie Brock Lesh

Colossians 3: 12-17 NRSV

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Children's Moment

Amanda Moore

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Katie

Offering Call

Rev. Kathy

Offertory

Arr. J. Minahan White

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

***Doxology**

UMH 94

***Hymn**

UMH 242

Love Came Down at Christmas

***Gospel Reading**

Rev. Katie

Luke 2: 41-52 NRSV

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

Anthem

arr. J. Minahan White

In the Bleak Midwinter

Sermon

Rev. Kathy

Another "Home Alone" Story

***Hymn**

UMH 249

There's a Song in the Air

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Rev. James E. and Betty W. Alewine as they celebrate their first new year together in heaven, by Mike Alewine

Special thanks to Jessica Minahan White for providing music for our service today.

Praise & Prayer Request

Craig Rhyne

Betty Staples

Esther Burlison

Barbara Boyd

Beth Fiddie

Guerry Taylor

Kristy Watson

Luisa Rodriguez (Jesus' Mother)

Madeleine Shuler

Frankie Collins

Robert Rising

Rudy Fox

Laura Savage

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

Canned chicken

Grape jelly

Canned tuna

Chef Boyardee

Vienna sausages

Canned items with pop tops

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

2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 Flower Calendar is up in the hallway outside of the Narthex. Each week there will be the opportunity for two altar arrangements to be placed, you may place one or both of them.

Cost is \$55 per arrangement.

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!