



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

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.



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.

Attendance & Giving - December 1, 2024

10:30 Morning Worship

In Person	146
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

Staff Contacts

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



December 8, 2024

COME
LET US
ADORE
HIM



DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND 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!

***Choral Invitation** **Joel Raney**

Come Thou Long- Expected Jesus
Chancel Choir

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

Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

We come to listen and receive.

Children of God, the prophets call from past generations, urging us to refine our hearts for the coming of God. Are you listening?

We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: the passion of God's word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing our mark in the world.

May God ignite our passion for God has come among us- we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

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

***Hymn** **UMH 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
vs. 1

Lighting of The Second Advent Candle **Patrick and Susan Wamsley**

The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

In a world driven by a drive to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

We light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

***Hymn** **UMH 234**

O Come All Ye Faithful
vs. 1-4

***Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Kathy

Luke 3:1-6 NRSV

³ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶ *and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'*"

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

Offering Call **Rev. Kathy**

Offertory **R.E. Schram and M. Cabaniss**

Overture

Children's Musical

Miracle at the Christmas Cafe

By R.E. Schram and M. Cabaniss

Senseless Census

Everlasting Light

Soloist: Evie Moore and Lindy Holloday

Not Just Another Night, Tonight

God Loves Us So Much

Soloist: Gwenna Morris

The Hope of All the World

Starring:

Layla Brower: Angel

Gracie Cook: Polly Porkchop

Ben Maksymowski: Herald/Henry, Innkeeper

Eliza Maksymowski, Angel

Barrett Moore: Diner Guest

Evie Moore: Diner Singer

Gwenna Morris: Shepherd

Luke Morris: Mac N. Cheese

Brinn Holladay: Shepherd

Lindy Holladay: Diner Singer

Grady Houston: Shepherd

Katelyn Rising: Izzy/Isaiah

Katherine Rising: Angel

Kelsey Rising: Diner Guest

***Sending Hymn**

UMH 431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

***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.

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

If you have a prayer request or are interested in joining the prayer team, email Terry Lupo at 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

Grape jelly

Chef Boyardee

Canned items with pop tops

Canned chicken

Canned tuna

Vienna sausages

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

Chancel Choir's Cantata: Have you Heard?

The Chancel Choir invites you to worship on Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 AM, featuring the Celtic-inspired Christmas Cantata, Have You Heard? by Joel Raney.

This vibrant cantata combines Irish-inspired melodies, traditional instrumentation, and moving narration to tell the story of Christ's birth. Its joyous music and heartfelt message will prepare your heart for the season of hope and celebration.

We are thankful for safe travels for all those who participated in singing this work at Carnegie Hall.

Join us as we come and adore Him, Christ the Lord!