

Gathering in God's Presence

All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community. If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance

Announcements and Welcome

Greeting One Another

Prelude/Introit Christ Be Our Light Farrell (Congregation sing refrain) soloists: Kenadie Fish, Harmon Tunison

Christ, Be Our Light!
A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

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Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to day.

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We Welcome the Light:

It is Advent, and we proclaim that Christ is our light!
We seek to clear a way for Christ's light to shine in our hearts, and in our world.
Christ, be our light!
Keep us watchful, as those who wait for the morning.

*Opening Hymn People, Look East UM Hymnal #202

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Sacrament of Baptism & Receiving New Members (9 AM)
The Fish family – see insert

Young Disciples' Time (10:30) Please join in singing vs. 1 of Jesus Loves Me

*Proclaiming Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UM Hymnal #196

Message Sacred Time The Rev. Holly Nye

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:00) Star-Child Murray/Young
Harmon Tunison

(10:30) Advent Calls Frombach/Pethel
Chancel Choir

*Singing Our Praises Doxology UM Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song Come and Fill Our Hearts TFWS #2157

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Gathering at Christ's Table

Communion Music The Summons Bell/Trad. Scottish tune
Chancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*You are invited to stand if you are able or comfortable

Benediction

Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1 Fair Trade Sale
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:05 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
12 PM Pageant Rehearsal
Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, December 2
9 AM Early Birds
6 PM Brownies
6 PM Brownies
6:15 PM Daisy Scouts

Tuesday, December 3
6:30 PM SPRC
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 4
8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM AA Meeting
6 PM Pub Explorations in Theology

Thursday, December 5
9 AM Seekers Book Study
10:30 AM BHBL Women's Club Board Meeting
7 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, December 6
12 PM Lunch Bunch
6 PM Advent Night

Saturday, December 7
8 AM Men's Breakfast
10:30 AM Caregiver's Support Group

Sunday, December 8 Fair Trade Sale
9 AM Confirmation Class
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal
12 PM Pageant Rehearsal
2 PM Stampin' Up

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by Church Council

Mayan Hands & SERRV Fair Trade Sale Today and next Sunday, after both worship services. There will be Christmas ornaments, woven goods, jewelry, baskets, fair trade coffee and assorted chocolates for sale. All proceeds go to organizations that help those in need.

THANK YOU!! Many thanks to all who donated food items and/or helped with the 6th annual Thanksgiving “dinner” luncheon. We served 120 meals and it was a wonderful time of fellowship for the team and for all who shared in the meal. We encourage each of you to mark your calendars now for November 19, 2020. We as a church family have been blessed in so many ways! Libby Horn and Terry Pransy, for the Community Lunch Team.

Advent Night Friday, December 6. Potluck, music, decorating the Christmas Tree and lighting the Memorial Tree.

The Early Birds Study is held every Monday at 9 AM. An Advent study began November 25. The book is entitled *Light of the World*, by Amy-Jill Levine. **Seekers-Sisters in Christ** will also be starting the same Advent study, beginning on Thursday, December 5 at 9:00 AM. For questions, contact Mary Alice Nyhan at 399-6507.

Ushers Needed We have an urgent need for ushers at the second worship service. Please consider giving of your service if you are able. Once a month would be all that is required. There is a sign up sheet outside of Knight Hall, or you may talk with Metta (399-6815).

Community Tree Lighting and Concert On Tuesday, December 3, join in on the 6:30 PM tree lighting and Christmas caroling at The Ballston Library in Burnt Hills. At 6:45 PM, Santa will arrive on a fire truck and pass out candy canes. At 7:30 PM, a free concert by the Music Company Orchestra will be held in the BHBL High School auditorium.

Box Tops for Education Just a reminder for the Box Tops for Education “scanners”. When you are asked for the receiver of your “Box Top”, tap in *Red Bird Christian School*.

Thank you—Dorothy Hughes, Outreach Committee

Caroling Please join the caroling fun and holiday joy as BHUMC families bring the Spirit of Christmas to residents of the Glendale Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 17. We will meet at 6:00 PM inside the Glendale main lobby at 59 Hetcheltown Road. Invite your friends to come along. For questions, contact Jill Zygo at 518-859-3734.

Help us Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent This year our theme is going to be angels rather than creches. Please consider bringing in an angel from home to place on the sanctuary window sills. Advent begins Sunday, December 1, so please bring in your angels starting Thanksgiving week. Don't worry if you don't have an angel to share; we will have an opportunity to make angels at the evening Advent Celebration on December 6.

Memorial Christmas Tree You are invited to remember your deceased loved ones with "paper lights" representing the real lights on our Memorial Christmas Tree. Donations of \$1.00 per name are requested. Today is the last day that we will be collecting names and donations during the coffee hour after both services. Questions, see Cathy Bryson.

REMEMBER – Giving Tree gifts need to be returned by **December 8th**. It's important that the “ornament” is attached to the gift since this is the only way we have to identify who gets that gift. If you have any questions or problems, feel free to contact Mark or Audrey Witkofsky (399-2796). Thank you all for your generosity.

Heifer International It's that time again for chicks and ducks and of course, that ever-popular water buffalo! We'll be collecting donations during coffee hour in Knight Hall December 1, 8 and 15, for this worthy organization that provides livestock and training for struggling and hungry families in underserved and overlooked parts of our world. We were able to donate an “Ark” (\$5,000) last year, thanks to your generosity, and have received a commemorative plaque from Heifer International in special recognition. Thank you for your support, as always! Any questions, please call Joy Walsh at 384-0351.

2019 Ending the Epidemic Summit - Maintaining the Momentum, Expanding the Vision! The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute (NYSDOH AI) is hosting the fourth annual Ending the Epidemic Summit on December 3-4, 2019 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. The World AIDS Day Commissioner's Special Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held during the Summit, on Dec. 3rd at 2:30 PM. This year, the CNY-HIV Care Network nominated three pastors, including Pastor Doug, and University UMC in Syracuse for their years of effort in working with the Network and the HIV Community in Central NY. This nomination was chosen to be recognized by the NY State. Information about the Summit can be found at https://whova.com/web/ndai_201912/



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