

MEETINGS & EVENTS

(Please wear a mask at meetings and worship services and practice social distancing)

(Boys & Girls Club Mon.—Fri. 2PM-7PM)

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Tuesdays at 8:30AM

Mon., Dec. 14th, 6PM—Church Council Mtg. (Choir Room)

Tues., Dec. 15th, 12PM—Ruth Circle Christmas Party

(Choir Room) Bring Secret Sister gift and a dish to share!

Thurs., Dec. 17th, 7:30AM-UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit)

Thurs., Dec. 17th, 7:30 PM—Praise Team Practice (Choir Rm)

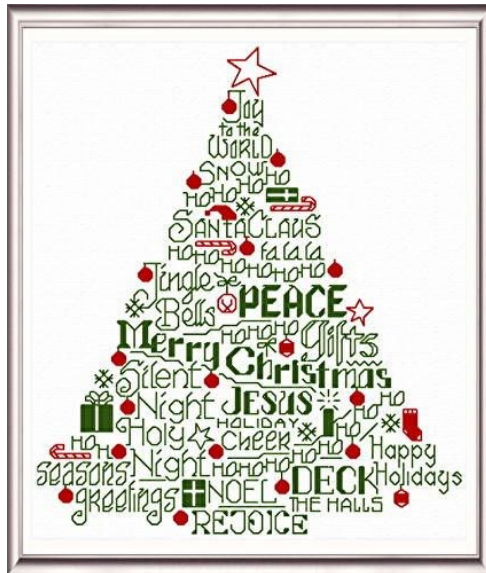
Sun., Dec. 20th, 4th Sunday of Advent...

9AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service

11AM Indoor Traditional Worship Service

(please call the office for reservations for 11AM service)

Thurs., Dec. 24th, 7:30 PM—Outdoor Christmas Eve Service



BIRTHDAYS

12/14 Lorna Brice +
12/16 Jack Rorabaugh +
12/17 Mary Merrow

+= over 80



ANNIVERSARIES

12/14 Richard & Lorna Brice
12/17 Jim & Kathy Oliver
12/18 Carol & Tom Nelson



Our 1st Drive-Thru Meal was a big success! Thank you to Arlene Tilison & her team of volunteers for making this happen. We served 40 meals. Watch the bulletin for the next one in January.



We hope you were able to share in the fun this year at our Christmas Under the Palms Arts & Crafts Show. We had more vendors than we had originally anticipated. Thank you to Nancy Hansen and all of the volunteers for making this happen in

2020



**Need an idea for Christmas gifts?
We still have some cook books
available @ \$15 each.
See Susie Lawson or stop in the office.**

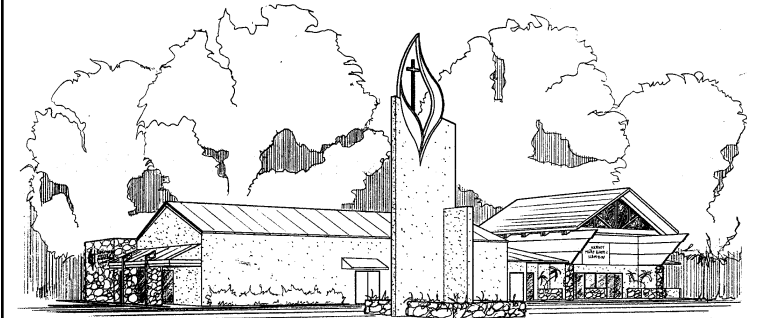
Women's Breakfast

Thursday, January 14th, 9AM

Golden Biscuit, NSB

Going forward, we will meet the
2nd Thursday of the month.

Edgewater
United Methodist Church
Rev. Donna J. Blythe, Pastor



Traditional Worship Service
December 13, 2020

Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors
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OFFICE HOURS:
9:00 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

December 13, 2020 —11:00 a.m.



✠Please stand if you are able.

It would be a blessing to us if you would:

Sign the attendance slip including prayer requests provided with your bulletin. Your presence is important to us.

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST TIME VISITORS

Pastor Donna

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *What Child is This?* **Patty Moody**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Ginger Clark**

L: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!

L: Tell the poor, gather the lowly.

P: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!

L: The trees of the fields and all nature are awaiting eagerly the redemption of the earth.

P: For the Lord, our God is coming to us!

L: Let us praise the God of our salvation. Let us hail God's Anointed One with shouts of Joy. Let us worship God!

✠**OPENING PRAYER** **Ginger Clark**

God of Life and Joy, on this third day of Advent we joyfully celebrate your certain promise of the world to come. Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Illuminate our waiting and watching, our praying, thinking and out acting with the light of the gospel so that we may produce the fruit of patience. We need the spirit of patience in our lives, the spiritual source of all joyful hope. In Christ we pray, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 57:14-19 (CEB)**
Pastor Donna

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming.

The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, "God will give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit." No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God promises to decorate us with love and with joy.

We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season—not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

✠**OPENING HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
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MORNING PRAYER

SOLO *Gesu Bambino* **Patty Moody**

OFFERING PRAYER
✠**DOXOLOGY**

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **Screen**

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE **Luke 1:1-4 & 26-56 (CEB)** **Pastor Donna**
I Believe in God: Ode to Joy

DUET *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*
Melissa Macnab & Patty Moody

✠**CLOSING HYMN** *There's A Song in the Air*
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BENEDICTION

PRAYER REQUESTS

MOURNING FOR THE FAMILY OF:

Katherine Filbert—passed away on Dec. 6, 2020 (Dot Myers neighbor)
Michael Warren—passed away on Dec. 3, 2020 after a long illness.

GENERAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK:

Jeanette Aguayo—fell and injured her leg, may need surgery.
Natalie & Family—uncle tested positive for Covid and dad also has symptoms. (dear friend of Melissa Macnab)
Garrett Spence—has ulcers and they found spots on his lungs.
(24 year old son-in-law of Beth Kelley;
grandson-in-law of Ed & Bev Brown)
Peyton Withrow—in Texas-health issues, depression & losing her faith in God. (Pat Tiffany's granddaughter)
Marti Wolfgang—has covid-19 and is very ill along with her husband, Dennie.(Gayle Marsh's college roommate)
Grace Wood—family will be traveling to Massachusetts for Christmas, please pray for safe travels.



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Donna Blythe
Music Director:	Melissa Macnab
Administrative Assistant:	Dot Myers
Treasurer:	Bob Snyder
Pianist:	Patty Moody
Audio/Visual Tech:	Andy Macnab
Custodian:	Fred Dean
Nursery Supervisor:	Karin Smuts

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY:

Cathy Elledge
"Celebrating the birth of Jesus"



Flower Arrangements by: B J'S FLOWERS and PLANTS