

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



First Sunday of Advent

"Faith Brings Joy"

November 29, 2015

LARGE PRINT



WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Usher: Gene Eichelberger

Liturgist: Gale Boller

Organist: Eula Gowan **Choir Director:** Marilyn Williams

† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

GATHERING TOGETHER AND SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

Bringing in the light, Prelude, Welcome, Passing of the Peace

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Sourcebook*

L: Behold, we are people who dwell in darkness.

P: **Our understanding is dim, a mere shadow of truth.**

L: In a land of deep darkness we await light from our God.

P: **In faith we see but a faint reflection of God's glory.**

L: Illumine our darkness by the light of your Christ.

P: **Then we shall see and be radiant.**

L: When the true Light which enlightens everyone has come into our world.

ALL: Amen. let it be so!

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

ALL: Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive Your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Release us from bondage and irritations that deplete our energy. Prepare us now to receive Your living Word with Faith through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **Opening Hymn:** "O Come All Ye Faithful" #89 (R)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Janice Cary

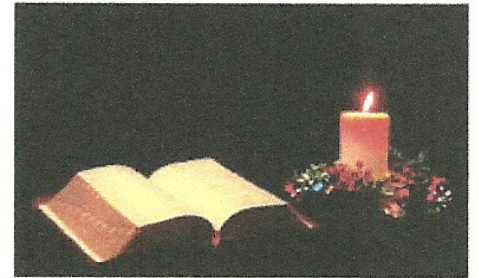
ALL: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.

The beginning of Advent. We are here because God's promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. We are blessed with the gift of *Faith*, and we thank Him for that gift. God's promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. We have *Faith* that God will keep the promise to come again in glory. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURES

OT = Old Testament
NT = New Testament



Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 119: 121-128*
Epistle Reading: *James 2: 17-23*

Special Scripture Reading: *Romans 5: 1-5*
Sermon: *"Faith Brings Joy"*

Pastor Jeff

Hymn of Response: *"Amazing Grace"*

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PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer *debts and debtors*

Sung Prayer Response:

ALL: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, and Grant Us Thy Peace.
Amen.

† **UCC Affirmation of Faith:** *"Statement of Faith"*

Back of Red Hymnal

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music



WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, this First Sunday of Advent! If you are visiting us this morning, please fill out one of our pew cards, and place it in the collection plate as it passes by. We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You

We welcome Mr. Earl Haller from the Gideons who will share a short message with us at the end of our service this morning. A Special Mission offering will also be taken, to help share the word of God through the purchase of Bibles.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED HEAD USHER(S) for next Sunday, Dec. 6, also for the 13 and 20. Please let the Church office know if you can serve on any of these dates as soon as possible. Thank You! 882-5501

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary, and online at www.BoonvilleEucc.yolasite.com

YOGA - Tues & Thurs at 8:45am in the Lay Center.

CHOIR PRACTICE This Wed. Dec. 2 at 5:15pm in the Ed. Bldg. They will sing next Sunday, Dec. 6.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Next Sunday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.

YOU ARE INVITED:

Next Saturday, Dec. 5 there will be lots of excitement here at EUCC and the Boonville Area. We hope you'll make plans to join us at EUCC....Bring some friends along, and enjoy some Christmas music, cookies, hot chocolate etc.... See Insert for more details about the upcoming events. A full calendar of events are

available on the table in back of the church. See Donovan Davis for more info.

The Presbyterian Church, 417 Vine St. invites you to come and enjoy a nice hot cup of soup, sandwiches and desserts from 11:00am - 2:00pm before the parade, which begins at 2:00pm. Your donations support Toys for Tots. Carry outs available!

The Children's Community Christmas Pageant will be presented at Thespian Hall at 7:00pm.

SPECIAL THANKS to Kurt Grathwohl and Betty Brueckner and all those who helped decorated the Ed. Building and the Sanctuary for our Christmas Holiday Celebration.

REMINDERS: We will not be having a Children's Christmas Program this year, but we will have a Carry-In Dinner immediately following church on Dec. 20. Mark your calendars, invite friends or family....bring a covered dish to share and come and Fellowship with your Church Family.



God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Dec. 6, 13, 20
Need Head Ushers

December Council Rep

Janice Cary

Dec. 6 - Hope

Second Sunday of Advent

Candlelighter - Nancy Casanova

Liturgist - Brian Hagen

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 6 - 12

Sunday, Dec. 6

9am - Adult SS

10:30am WORSHIP

Choir Sings

2-5pm - Cast party for Children's
Theatre Grp. in Ed. Bldg.

Monday, Dec. 7 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Wed. Dec. 9 - Office Open

8am - Men's Fellowship

Thurs. Dec. 10 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 11 - Office Open

1:15pm - Women's Fellowship

Please call Cacky Neckermann to start the Prayer Circle at 882-5184. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Harper Coleman, Stacey Wooldridge, Diane Dilse, Monte Booker, Ruth Henry, Ruth Zeller and Anna Mae Sieckman. *Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed. Thanks*

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

- * All those who may be struggling with illnesses, losses, financial difficulties, etc.
 - * All those who are home or nursing home bound.
 - * Those serving in the armed forces and their families.
 - * For Raj, his family and their continued ministry.
 - * The Earth, our leaders and everyone in our Country and throughout the world.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries Nov. 29 - Dec. 5

Birthdays - Nov. 30 - Danny Farris, Sidney Schneider & Lisa Hirlinger; **Dec. 2** - Beth Cary; **Dec. 3** - Mark Clark & Sallie Hirst; **Dec. 5** - Richard Fredrich

Anniversary: Nov. 29 - David & Jeanne Holte

FOR THE RECORD

Nov. 22 \$ 3234.89
\$2530.00 Gerding Memorial

Attn: 48

Lift - PAID IN FULL





UPCOMING EVENT

On Saturday, December 5th EUCC will host the “kick off” of the holiday season. The sanctuary will be open for Christmas music and choral groups from 9:30am to 10:30am - this will be the starting point for the HOLIDAY TOUR OF HOMES. The tour of homes will run from 10:30 until 1pm, followed by the parade downtown.

Our sanctuary will be decorated for the season but we are in need of Christmas table decorations for the Education Building. The Boonville Women’s Club will be selling their holiday cookies from the ED Building from 9am to 1pm. Anyone wishing to donate cookies are gratefully appreciated. The Women’s Club has volunteered to help serve if our church would like to provide coffee, hot chocolate or cider for the community. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of beverages.

We will need two volunteers to make the beverages from 9am to 10am. It would be wonderful to have hosts and hostesses as greeters at the sanctuary or serving hot beverages. Wear your best Christmas sweaters and Santa Hats and join the fun.

Tickets to the Christmas Tour of Homes will be on sale in the Ed Building so put a group together and enjoy the show. A full calendar for all activities on December 5th will be available at church on the Sunday before.

To volunteer please contact Donavan Davis @ 321.217.7171.