

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church: 700 E Spring St.

Boonville, Mo. 65233

Office: 416 7th St.

660-882-5501

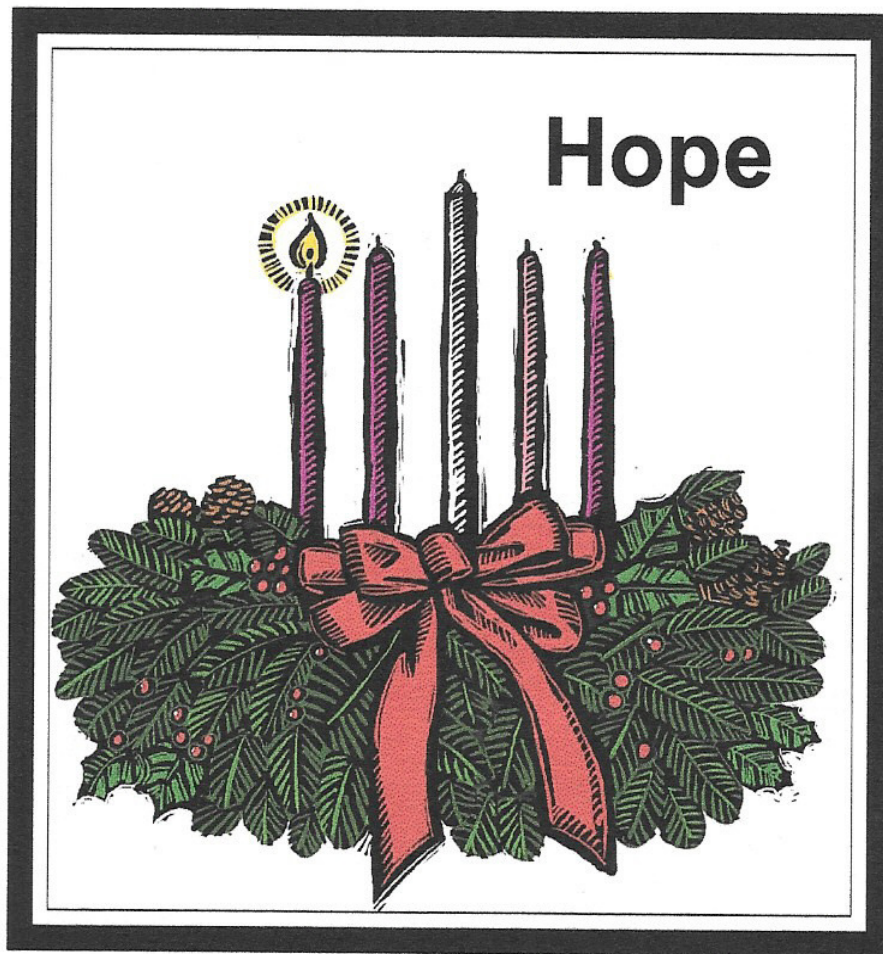
Office E-mail: eucc5501@gmail.com

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday from 10am - Noon & 1-5pm

Website: www.BoonvilleEUCC.yolasite.com ~ www.facebook.com/EUCCBoonville

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor

"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"



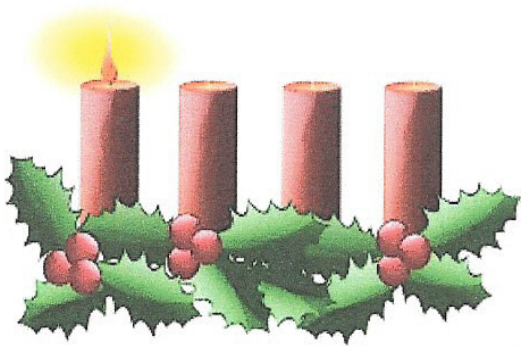
First Sunday of Advent

"Our Hope"

Communion Sunday

December 3, 2017

LARGE PRINT



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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers - Donavan Davis & Bonnie Baugh

Liturgist: Travis Overstreet

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 OUR PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

- L: Some have said that the walls that divide us are impenetrable and that the mountains of injustice are unmovable. Yet, we hear another voice --
- P: **A mighty voice from heaven, breaking the silence against the wicked forces of this world.**
- L: Behold, One is coming to whom all love, power and glory belong. No wall or mountain will be able to stand in His presence!
- P: **We have gathered as testimony of Christ coming.**
- L: Behold, God will answer you who are working and waiting for justice!
- P: **We have gathered to remain vigilant in the work against wickedness and injustice, as we anticipate Christ coming.**
- L: Christ is near! With new hope do we light this candle, singing new songs of Christ's revealed and revealing kingdom.
- P: **We have gathered to share our song of *HOPE* with one another.**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle of HOPE (1 purple)

Ken Hirlinger

ALL: Today our Advent wreath begins to shine as we light the first candle, the candle of *HOPE*. Because God knows us and loves us and sends a savior to lead us, we have confident *HOPE* for the future God is creating and can reflect the light of that good news to all we meet. May we always find our *HOPE* and help in your Son, Jesus. Amen.

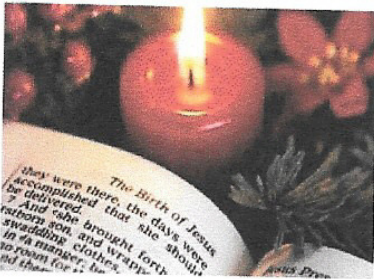
Opening Hymn:

"The First Noel"

100 (R)

INSTALLATION OF LAYLEADERS

Please See Insert



HEARING GOD'S WORD OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 64: 1-9*

pg. 694 OT

New Testament Reading: *Mark 13: 24-37*

pg. 50 NT

Choir Anthem: *"A Christmas Medley"*

Special Scripture Reading *Mark 1: 1-8*

Sermon: *"Our Hope"*

Pastor Glandon

Pastor Glandon

RESPONDING WITH OUR PRAYERS

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: *The Apostle's Creed*

Back of Red Hymnal

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Music

† DOXOLOGY

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all Creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: Still Speaking God, we are ever thankful for your voice, which breaks the silence against the wicked forces of this world. We honor those who have heard your voice, set to task, and remained faithful and vigilant in their service to the United Church of Christ. Accept these offerings as an act of loyalty and gratitude for their love for us and their commitment to your church. Multiply these gifts, we pray, that they who receive them will find within provision and comfort. May they know through these gifts that we, too, are keeping awake in the the *HOPE* of your coming. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Sourcebook*

ALL: God of blessings and love, when the time was right You sent Your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of Your wisdom. Forgive us for making this Holy Season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and fearless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For Your Kingdom is coming with the power of love, the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent reflection before God.

Assurance of God's Grace

Glory Be To the Father "*Gloria Patri*"

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

GOD SHARES WITH US

Invitation

HOLY COMMUNION

"Inner circle is Grape Juice, Outer circle is wine".



SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Gracious God, Thank You for setting us free to become what You intend: a people grounded in the love of Jesus and confident of Your abiding presence. With thanksgiving, we give ourselves to You, to one another and to the world in humble witness, generous service and joyful praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

† Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

86 (R)

† Benediction

Pastor Glandon

† Dismissal: Go now in peace, Never be afraid,
Go now in peace, In faith and in love.

Postlude



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! We invite all to His table to partake of His true Body and Blood under the bread and wine. In sharing the Lord's Table, we remember how He gave His life for our *Hope* and Healing. We're so glad you're here today. The Peace of the Lord Be With You!

INSTALLATION OF LAYLEADERS - We are blessed to have Sherry Snoddy, Donovan Davis and Betty Sieckmann who have received and accepted the call to serve EUCC.

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the ones who serve me. John 12:26

HANGING OF THE GREENS

SPECIAL THANKS To all those who came yesterday to help with the decorating of the Church and Ed. Bldg. We are so grateful for your willingness to serve!

DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE on the table in back of the Sanctuary, and online at our website at:
www.BoonvilleEucc.yolasite.com

YOGA Tuesday and Thursday at **8:30am in the Lay Center.**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet this Friday, Dec. 8 at 1:15pm in the Ed. Bldg. All women of the church are invited!

SATURDAY SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Next Saturday, Dec. 9 we will have a special Service in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm. Then we will go to the Ed. Bldg. for our Christmas Party. Please plan to bring your favorite snacks, and a woman or man gift for the white elephant exchange. We will also have kids activities set up for anyone who wants to bring their little people. Drinks will be provided! Hope to see everyone there!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION will be held at the Saturday Worship Service as well.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 2017

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

**IN HIS SERVICE FOR
DECEMBER**

Head Ushers for December

Donavan Davis &
Bonnie Baugh

December Council Rep

Barb Holtzclaw

Liturgists for December

Dec. 9 - Ken Hirlinger

Dec. 17 - Betty Sieckmann

Dec. 19 - TBA

Dec. 24 - Nancy Casanova
(10:30am Service only)

Dec. 31 - Russ Bradshaw

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 10 -16

Sunday, Dec. 10 -
NO Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 11 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 12- Office Closed
8:30am - Yoga

Wed. Dec. 13- Office OPEN
8am - Men's Fellowship
6pm - Church Council Mtg &
Christmas Dinner at John & Barb
Holtzclaws Home
Poinsettia Deliveries accepted
5:15pm Choir Prac.

Thurs. Dec. 14- Office Closed
8:30am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 15 - Office OPEN
LAST DAY for Poinsettia Deliveries to
Ed. Bldg.

Please call Carolyn Koerner to start the Prayer Circle
at 882-7967. Prayers to the prayer list may also be
added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please let the church office know if these names are
correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed.*

Thanks

Linda Leach, Jim Friedrich, Karen Reagan, Warren
"Bud" Smith (Jennifer's Uncle) Patty Oerly, Sue
Roweton, Vince Moehle, Mike Overstreet, George
Chamberlain and Kathi Reed. Warren & Marilyn
Morse.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Dec. 9 - Jim & Sherry
Snoddy

Dec. 17 - Betty Sieckmann

Dec. 19 - Paul Henry

Dec. 24 - Brueckner Family



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES Dec. 3-9

Birthdays: Dec. 2 - Beth Cary & Bonnie Baugh;
Dec. 3 - Mark Clark & Sallie Hirst; Dec. 6 - Barb
Holtzclaw, Bernita Bright & Christa Brueckner; Dec. 7
- Nancy Casanova; Dec. 8 - Alex Reynolds, Don
Williams, Joey Sieckman, Rachel Howell & Travis
Overstreet; Dec. 9 - Dan Clark
Anniversary: Dec. 7 - Don & Mary Neckermann

FOR THE RECORD

Nov. 26

\$1941.00

Attn: 54

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS

From UCC Book of Worship

P = Pres. of Council/ Barb Holtzclaw

C = Congregation

LL = Lay Leader(s)

P: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted the call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility for a particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God, in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

LL: We are.

P: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

LL: We do, relying on God's grace.

P: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able, please rise and witness to the commitment we now make.

C: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The Congregation may be seated.

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, You have called these people to serve You in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that Your church may prosper in the mission You place before it. May their examples prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your name.

ALL: Amen.

Please continue with the "Hearing God's Word" on page 3 in your Worship Bulletin.