Office Hours

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Pastor Liz Lahaie hours by appointment

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, 22	**9:00 AM**	**Sunday School**
	10:15 AM	**Worship Service**
Monday, 23 - Friday, 27		***OFFICE CLOSED***
Tuesday, 24	4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
	11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, 25	8:00 PM	AA Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, 29	**10:15 AM**	**Hymn Sing**
Tuesday, 31	***OFFICE CLOSED***	***NEW YEAR'S EVE***
Wednesday, 1	***OFFICE CLOSED***	***NEW YEAR'S DAY***

4 P.M. FAMILY WORSHIP CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

11 P.M. TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE with COMMUNION

We hope you can join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS
There are still openings for reserving your special day(s) for altar flowers. Please check out the chart in the Narthex.

WESTCHESTER NEIGHBORS FOOD PANTRY
We are entering the last couple weeks of 2019! This month we are collecting canned chicken noodle soup. As always, thanks for your generosity!

QUARTERLY MISSION: FRONTLINE BIBLES
There's only 2 more Sundays (including today) to donate to our last quarterly church-wide mission collection for *Life Recovery* Bibles for Frontline Foundation. Help us bring hope to those dealing with addiction.

ADVENT ADULT BIBLE STUDY POSTPONED UNTIL 1/5
With all of the busyness surrounding the Christmas season, it was decided to postpone our *Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph* until ***Sunday, January 5th*** during coffee hour. Through Joseph's example, we will learn how to exchange doubt for courage as we accept and glorify God's will.

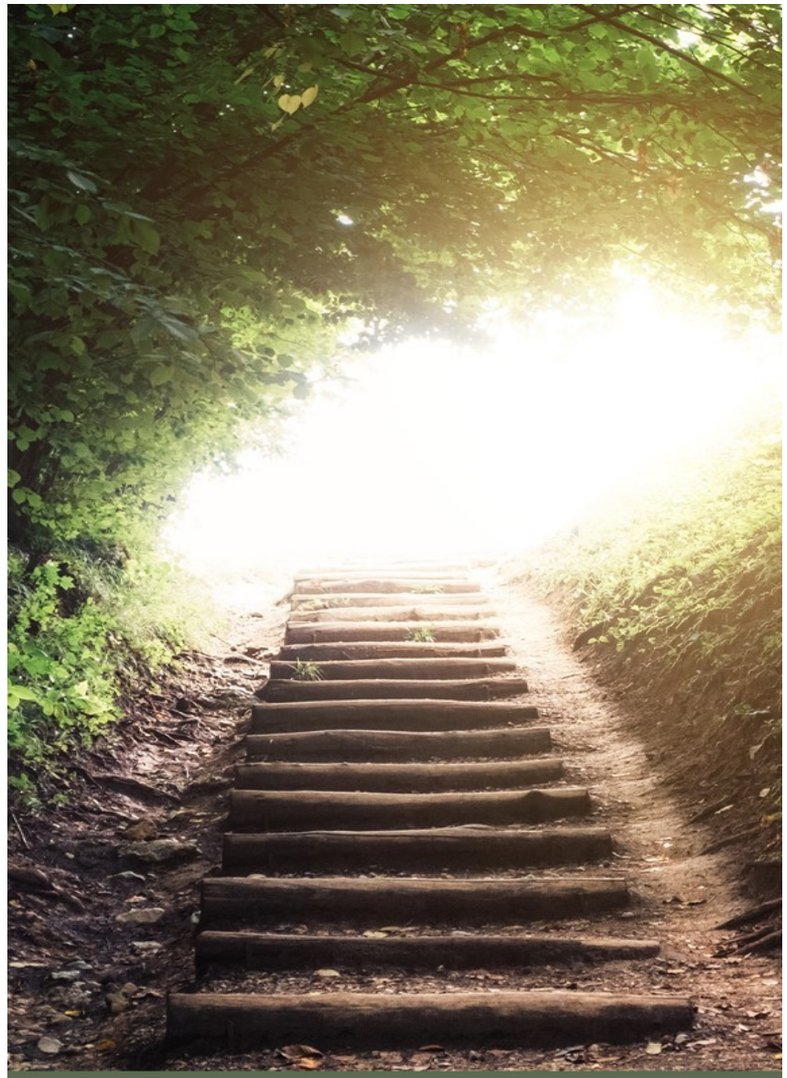
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT "THE GATHERING"
We will be having a new monthly fellowship time called "The Gathering" coming early 2020. The Gathering will be open to anyone and will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. *All are welcome, no matter the age!!*

To find out more about this special get together, please come to an informational meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 6 p.m.

NEED 11 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE ADVENT CANDLE FAMILY
Thanks to all who said they would serve as our candle lighting families throughout the season of Advent! ***We are still in need of someone to help out in the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service.***

HAPPENING AROUND PUMC EARLY NEXT YEAR!

- Return of the PUMC choir! Look for more info soon.
- A monthly "PRAY" group begins Tuesday, February 4th
- Youth group (6th grade and up) will begin Sunday, February 2nd at 3 p.m. Watch for more information.



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Sunday, December 22, 2019

PRELUDE *Joyce Craig*
"Carol of the Bells" Ukrainian Carol arr. by Michael G Sinshack

WELCOME TO WORSHIP *Sandy Allmon*
Brief Announcements

PASSING THE PEACE: *"Greet those around you" All*
(The collection supports Frontline Life Recovery Bibles.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Sandy Allmon*
L: Christmas is a time of anticipation.
C: We can hardly wait.
L: Christmas is a time of giving.
C: We are ready to receive.
L: Christmas is a time of hope and promise.
C: We are looking for it.
L: Could it be? Is it here? Let us come and see;
ALL: Let us open ourselves to the wonder of it all.

***OPENING HYMN** *UMH #219*
"What Child is This?"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH *See Insert*
Judy Reales and Cooper & Jordan Schultz

EPISTLE READING *Sandy Allmon*
Romans 1:1 - 7
followed by "*GLORIA PATRI*" *UMH #70*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

SERMON: Matthew 1:18 - 25 *Pastor Liz Lahaie*
"Trust"

TIME OF PRAYER
*****Congregational Prayer (In Unison) *Sandy Allmon*
Lord, we confess that we are rushing headlong into Christmas. It's only two days away and we still have so much to do. Our preparations are far from complete, and we are exhausted. We wish this whole thing were over so that we could rest. Forgive our shortcomings and our short-sightedness. You have poured upon us blessing after blessing, daily reminding us of Your love and presence; yet we have chosen to jump onto this "greased slide" into Christmas. Give us patience. Slow us down. Remind us of the ways in which You are present with us – not in the wrapped packages, the abundance of food, but in the love and compassion that is brought to all. Forgive us, we pray. Make us truly ready to receive Your love and the gift of the Christ Child. In Jesus' name. AMEN.
Receiving Joys & Concerns *Pastor Liz Lahaie*
Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Liz Lahaie*

WORSHIP OF GIVING: *Tithes, Offerings & Gifts All*
*"Trust in You"*** *Screen*
*followed by "The Doxology"** *Screen*

***CLOSING HYMN** *UMH #251*
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

- Closing Words & Benediction -

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *All*

POSTLUDE *Joyce Craig*
"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. by Marty Gold

** Indicates **STANDING** if you are able.*
*** Video presentation*

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POSITIVE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

The light of God's love shines upon each of us in the gift of God's love, Jesus Christ. This is given for you. Rejoice! You are loved by God, now and forever.

PRAYER NEEDS

***Joys*:**
Sandy Allmon is thankful for successful cataract surgery.
Aleta Ailes - **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**veryday
Marcia Wood - attended Valpo U's Vespers service
Joyce Craig is thankful to be here and accepted
Deb Bowen - thankful for those in military
Roxanne Micinski - loves the pastor's "Sunshine"!
Jim Frieske - thankful for his current health
Jeanette Russell's family is in town from California.
Jerry Ward is feeling better following heart attack.
CHS Christmas Concert - over 410 kids participated
Kara Lahaie's friend turned to her for help.
Scott Allmon - thankful that Karla is feeling better.

***Recent Prayer Requests*:**
Josh Lahaie (tonsillectomy on 12/23)
Kara Lahaie - recovering from surgery on 12/20)
Dwayne Duvall - prayer for a speedy recovery after surgery
Bruce & Cheryl Bartholomew (friends of Chuck & Sandy)
Prayers needed for the church family & each other.
D.S. Paul Arnold & his wife - love & prayers needed
Karla's friend Amy - diagnosed with leukemia
John & Sharon Nelson's daughter moving to New Mexico.
Anna Kalbe - prayer for Christi
JoAnn Burton (Judy's mom) - not eating very much
Sally (Bob Kremke's sister-in-law) - entering hospice
Jason Fike (Charlotte) - in between jobs
Darlene Crane (Leon & Deanna's daughter) - MS

***Continue Prayers for*:**
Brenda Brueckheimer, ***Gary Rich*** *(uncle of Mark Lucas)*, ***Kitty Chaplin***, ***Rachel*** (Marcia's niece), ***Darlene*** (Marylou's friend), ***Matthew*** (Judy Hoffman's son-in-law), ***Arin Scott*** (Deanna's cousin's daughter) - all are battling cancer

***Pray for the Family of*:**
† Tammie Edwards *(Deanna's cousin)* ***†***

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Judy Reales and Cooper & Jordan Schultz

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We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and trust, as our circle is complete.

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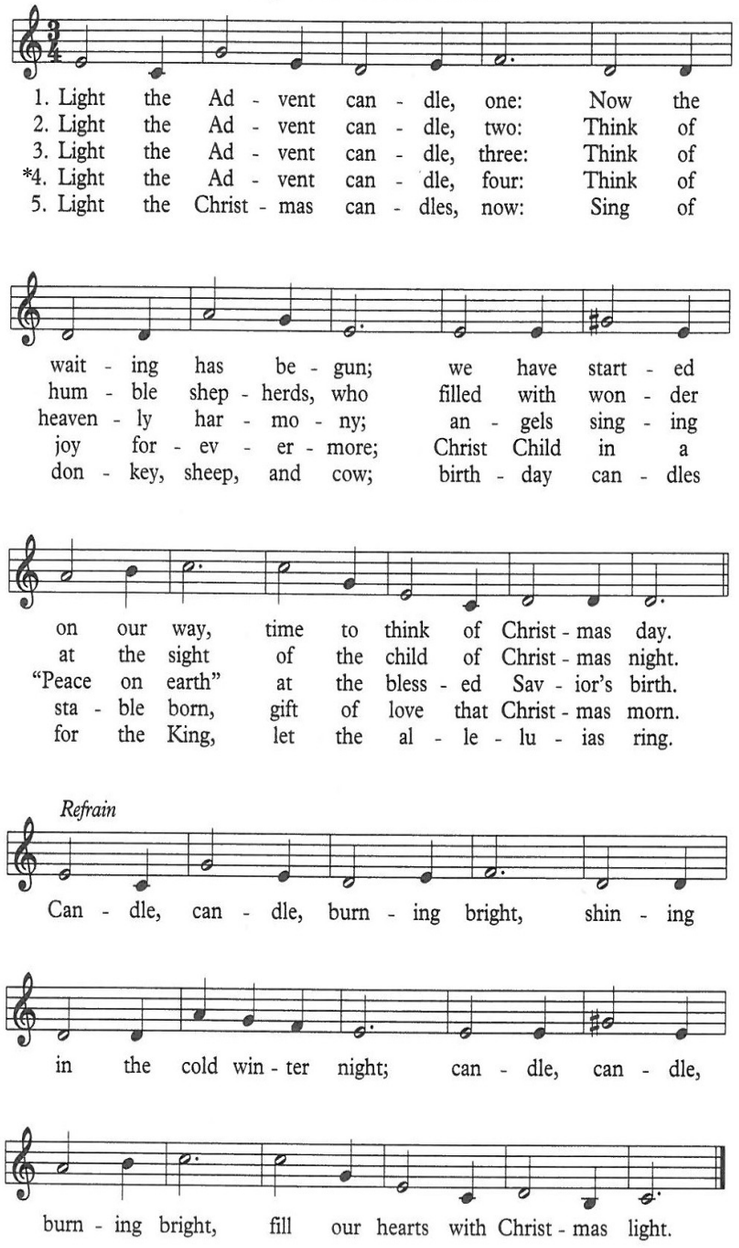

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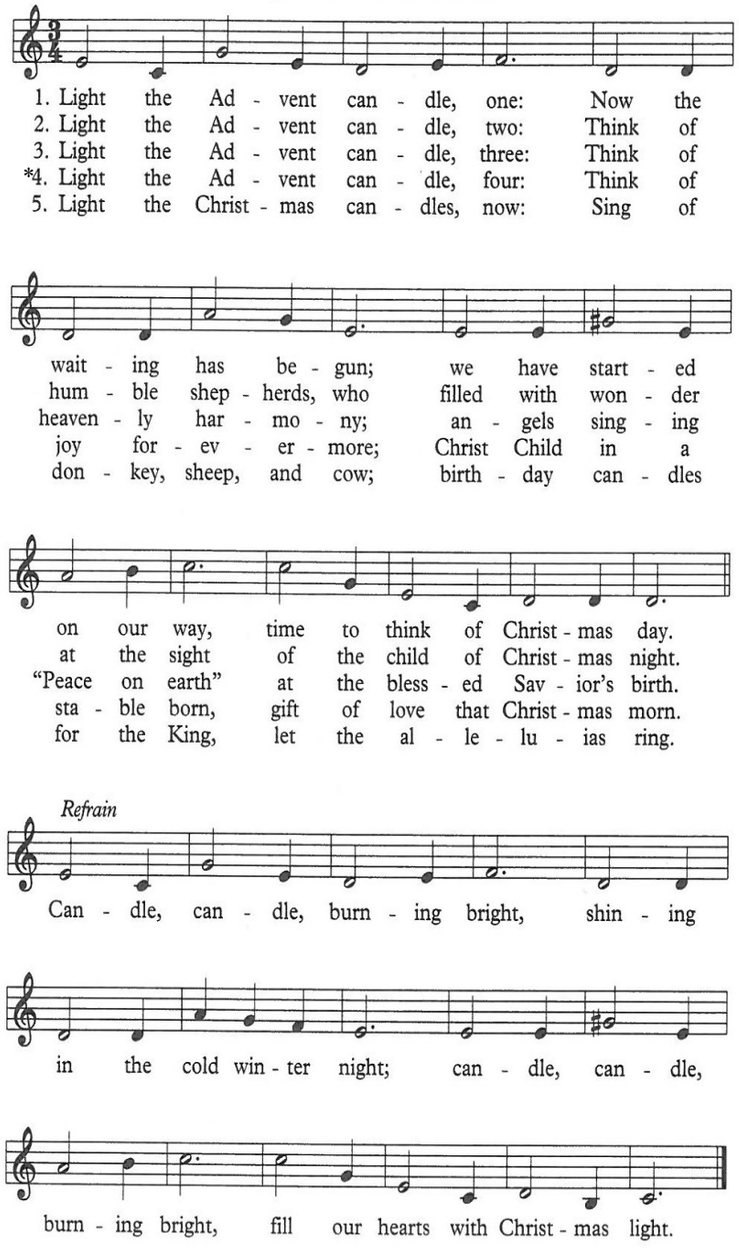
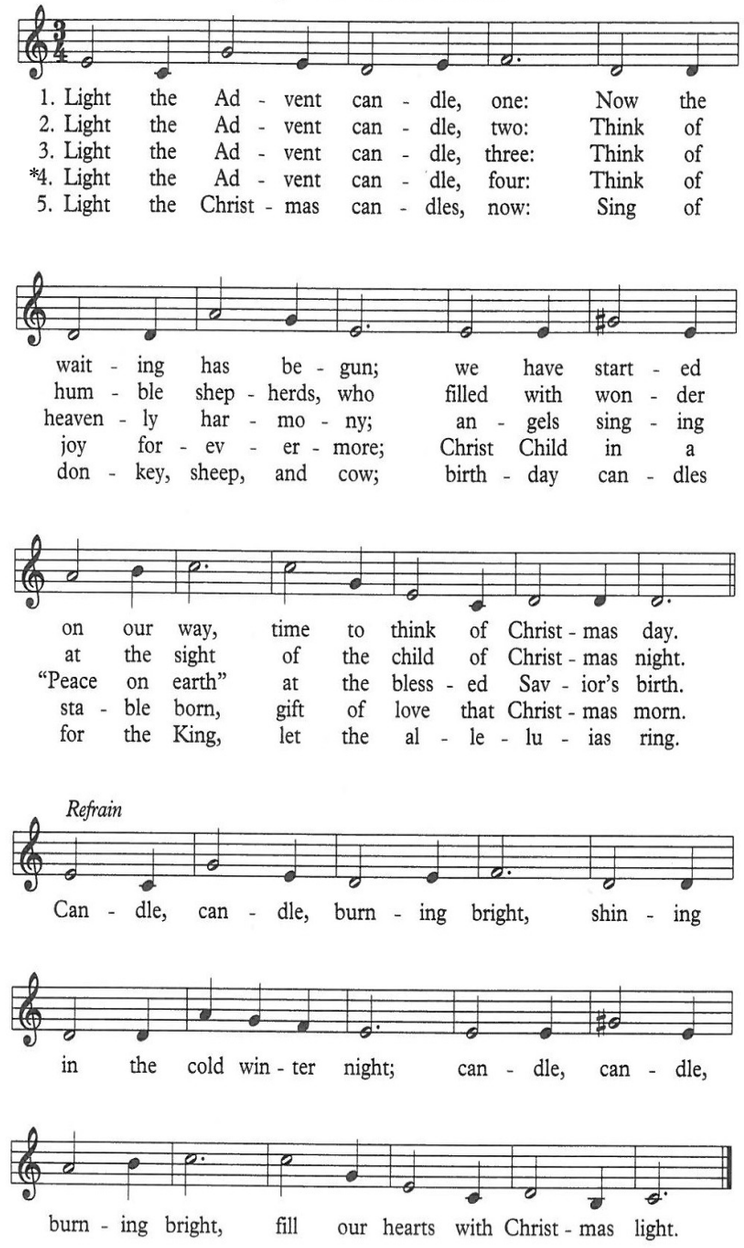
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