

ADVENT CALENDAR

This year the staff designed an Advent calendar that will explore the different names for Jesus that are found in Scripture. The names of Jesus reveal the different aspects of his character. Advent begins on 11/29. The calendars are available in the narthex and by the exit doors on your way out.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Infant Nursery & Toddler at 9:30 & 11:00 in room 101 & 102, Preschool - K at 9:30 in room 205, 1st-3rd at 9:30 in room 203, 4th-5th in room 202. Middle & High School at 9:30 in room 201. We are requiring infant - preschool participants to have a temperature check at the door, and also requiring all adult staff and volunteers in these classrooms to wear masks. K-5th grade Sunday School will not require temperature checks or masks. We do ask families to follow the regular Sunday School "Sick Policy". If your child is feeling ill or running a fever, we ask that they not attend Sunday School.

SMITHFIELD RESCUE MISSION

Missions Team is collecting holiday food items for Smithfield Rescue Mission. Items will be delivered by Christmas. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex in the marked bins on Sunday mornings or at the church office M-F 12:30-4:30 PM.

- Full frozen turkeys - place in Lord's Shelter freezer
- Frozen spiral hams
- Boxes of stuffing (such as Stove Top or another brand)
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Gravy (packets or jars)
- Canned vegetables (green beans, yams, corn, etc.)

WELCOME

CALLING PEOPLE HIGHER



FIRST TIME HERE?

We are delighted that you are here today. To help you overcome some of the uncertainty and confusion that comes with visiting a new place, you can find information for our first-time guests at the Welcome Center in the lobby of each worship area.

RESOURCES

CONNECT

GIVE

REGISTER



*It's easy through our website
and the churchlife app.*

Give Online

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/online-giving>

Prayer Requests

<https://www.mountzion-umc.org/prayer-ministry>

November 22, 2020 – 11:00
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Indicates when the congregation is asked to stand, if able*

WELCOME

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“My Lighthouse”

*OPENING PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Give Thanks ”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

David and Linda Allen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/OFFERING

“Thank You” Ava Andrews and Annabelle Brewster

INTERCESSORY/UNISON PRAYER

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Amen

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH 133

SERMON Joseph, A Man of Trust

*WORSHIP IN SONG

“Trust and Obey” UMH 467

BLESSING

NEW SERMON SERIES ● REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS

It’s the perfect time to ReDiscover Christmas in a new light. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of the true light of the world, Jesus Christ. But this season isn’t Christmas as usual. We’ve been through what is perhaps the most difficult year we can remember, and we know there are challenges looming ahead. The good news is—Jesus came to earth that first Christmas in one of the darkest times in history...and he’s still the light in our night now! Only through Jesus can we find hope in our uncertainties, peace in our struggles, joy in our discouragements, and love in our differences. Next Week - Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties

WHY CHRISTMAS? ● 12/5 • 5-7 PM

A DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY EXPERIENCE

Experience lights, a live nativity, and Christmas trees, as well as an opportunity to explore the “why” of Christmas, all from the comfort of your vehicle. You will receive a take-home bag with treats and an Advent Devotional Kit that will help you explore the “why” of Christmas all month long. It’s all free, and everyone is welcome.

ELEVATE YOUTH ● 12/13 • 1:30-8:30 PM

Youth will travel to experience Christmas at Camp Rockfish. It will be a fun afternoon filled with appetizers, s’mores, hayride, archery, crafts and Christmas dinner. Cost will be \$20.00. Register online at mountzion-umc.org under Upcoming Events by 11/24.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP ● 8 AM • Room 103

Join us as we resume gathering together in person for prayer. We hope you will bring yourself a cup of something hot to drink and join us as we go to the Lord in prayer. This group is open to everyone.

PEOPLE OF GOD

Joseph, A Man of Trust

Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. Genesis 39:3 (NLT)

The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The LORD was with him and caused everything he did to succeed. Genesis 39:23 (NLT)

From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. Genesis 39:5 (NLT)

But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God." Genesis 39:8-9 (NLT)

You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. Psalm 139:3 (NLT)

He was thirty years old when he began serving in the court of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And when Joseph left Pharaoh's presence, he inspected the entire land of Egypt. Genesis 41:46 (NLT)

"Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. Genesis 45:4-5 (NLT)

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