

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.                      Third Sunday of Advent                      December 12, 2021

## GATHERING

*Please fill out the tear off **attendance card** on the announcements page and place in the offering plate when passed.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jennifer

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Rahm

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**

One: Again, I say "rejoice!"

**All: We come to worship and rejoice!**

One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**

One: The Lord is near!

**All: We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

## ADVENT WREATH: Candle of Joy

## RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211 v. 6

*"O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. "*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Scott Rahm

God who gives all gifts, in this season, we focus so much on giving gifts to one another. Help us, we pray, to remember what John the Baptist tells us is on your wish list: that we might bear fruit worthy of the repentance that is the very heart of this season: fruit of compassion, fruit of sharing, fruit by denying ourselves so that others who have little will have enough. In response to you, we give that our fruit might please you. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

Advent Reading based on Luke 3:7-18

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

## PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Scott Rahm

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Rev. Jennifer

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*A Son is Given*

Chancel Choir

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Today's liturgy is produced by [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)*

*Nursery for birth to age 4 available from 8:30am until 11am*

(\* If able, please stand

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## *\* HAPPENING THIS WEEK \**

### **Sunday, December 12**

8:45 AM Adult Sunday School	Various Locations
9:00 AM Praise Team Practice	Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 PM Girl Scouts	Farr Hall

### **Monday, December 13**

7:00 PM Boy Scouts	Tebbe Hall
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### **Tuesday, December 14**

11:30 AM XYZ Christmas Lunch	Golden Corral
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### **Wednesday, December 15**

10:00 AM Bible Bunch	Narthex
6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner	Farr Hall
6:30 PM Handbells	Handbell Room
6:30 PM Children's Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM Adult Choir	Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 16**

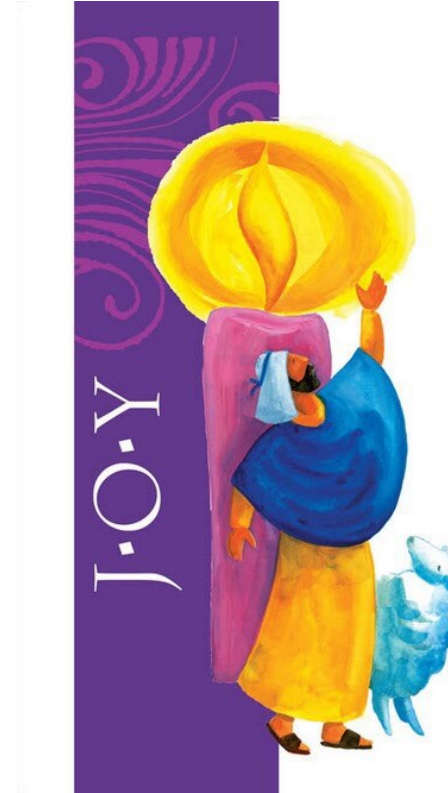
6:00 PM Krafty Kritters	Youth Room
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### **Friday, December 17**

6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	Farr Hall
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### **Saturday, December 18**

8:00 AM UMM	Farr Hall
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*Welcome to*  
**Asbury United Methodist Church**

*“Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ, Sharing Christ”*

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#### **THIS WEEK**

12/12 Marlana Schmitt  
12/14 Lynne Sicignano

#### **NEXT WEEK**

12/21 Larry Levit  
12/22 Larry Hinken  
12/23 Larry Peeples

#### **WEEK IN REVIEW**

for the week of December 5, 2021

**Worship:** 74 **Online:** 26 **Sunday School:** 14

Pledges & Tithes	\$10479.43*
Loose Offering	\$ 35.00
Sunday School	\$ 9.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$10523.43</b>

*\*includes one-time gift*

# *Advent*

*Come Home for Christmas* Advent is an invitation. For many, it is the invitation to get into that Christmas spirit, to count down the days to the grand celebration, and let the holiday transform everything around us.

But there is a deeper and more profound invitation being offered in the season of Advent. The invitation is to remember that we are heading for home. Or if we're not, if we've forgotten that there is a home toward which to head, it is the invitation to long for the home we call the kin-dom of God. It is where family resides, where peace resides, where justice abides, and hope will rise.

Advent reminds us that we shouldn't be complacent about the way things are – not that we want to become angrily attuned to every perceived failing in those around us or the world at large; but that we want to be those who look forward to something greater, something more that is just on the horizon. *Advent is the call to come home.*

#### **Today**

#### **December 12**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*  
Christmas Cantata, 10 am

#### **December 19**

*4th Sunday of Advent*  
Combined Choirs, 10 am

#### **December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship, 7 pm & 11pm  
Candlelight & Communion

Please register your attendance and put  
this card in the offering plate.  
December 12, 2021

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm a member/We're members
- I attend regularly, but am not a member
- I'm a first time guest



# Looking Ahead...

- December 19      Worship with Combined Choirs  
at 10am
- December 20      Grief Support at 10am  
Finance Committee at 7pm
- December 22      Bible Bunch & Christmas Fellowship  
at 10am  
No Evening Activities
- December 24      Christmas Eve Service  
at 7pm & 11pm
- December 25      Merry Christmas!
- December 26      Worship at 10am
- December 27-31    Church Office Closed

## Asbury United Methodist Church Announcements December 12, 2021

### Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the Chancel Choir's presentation of



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Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am—2pm

#### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Host: Women's Fellowship

Menu: Stewed Chicken, Vegetables, Salad,  
Dessert & Tea

*Signing up for dinner helps us determine how  
many to prepare for..*

#### XYZ's CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All Senior Adults are invited to the XYZ's Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange (\$10 value) on Tuesday, December 14, at 11:30am at the newly reopened Golden Coral at 582 Blanding Blvd. Please let Pauline Shields know if you plan to attend (904-406-0771 or 513-289-9562).

#### CARD EXCHANGE

We welcome everyone to participate in our Christmas Card exchange. Simply bring your cards and drop them in the baskets according to last name. Copies of our most recent church directory is available in the Narthex.