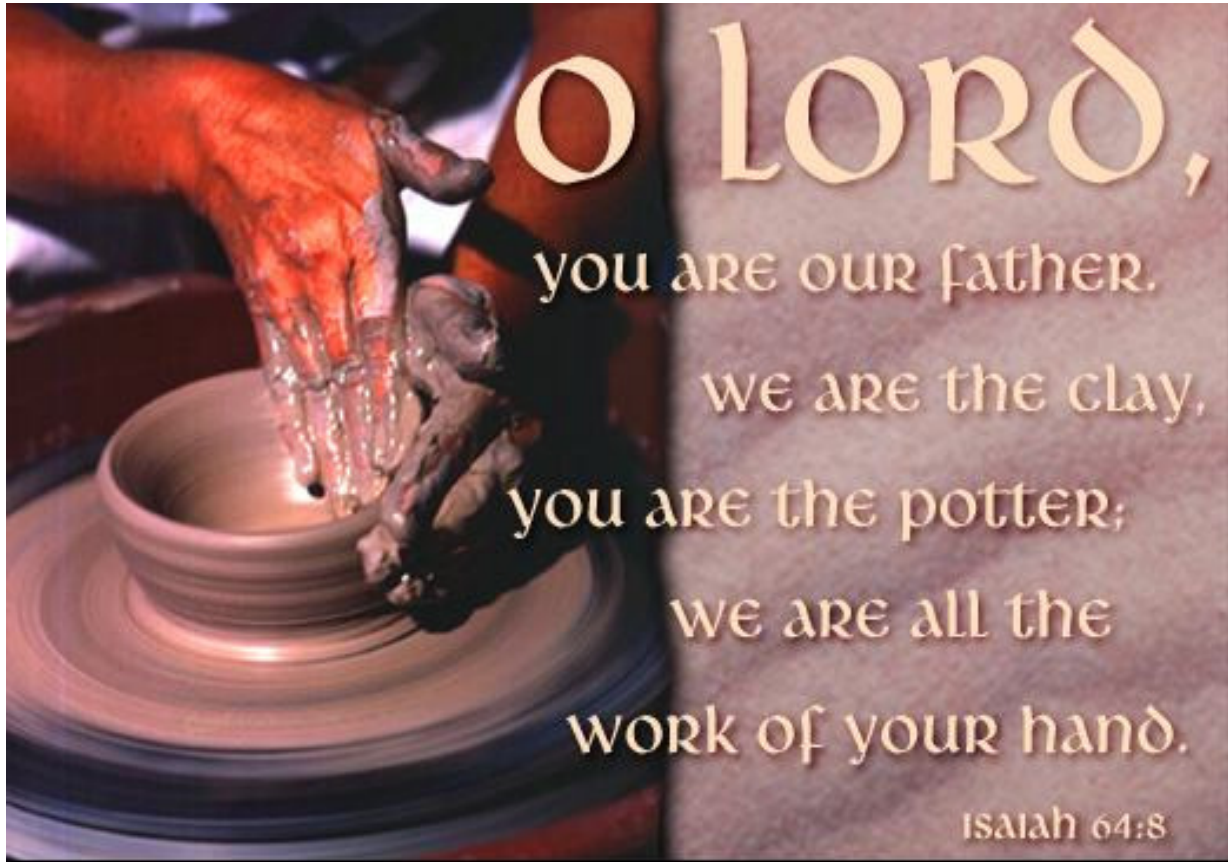


We are alive in Christ:

we love God,

we care for one another, and

we help people here and around the world.



Sunday, November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent
11:10 a.m.

Entrance

**Stand if you are able*

Prelude

*Entrance of the Light (Please rise as the acolytes bring the light into the sanctuary.)

Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Thompson Family

Advent Song

2090

Light the Advent Candle (stanza 1)

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Hymn of Praise

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Opening Prayer

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Children's Moment

Message

When God Seems Distant

Pastor Buff Coe

*Hymn of Response

2086

Open Our Eyes (sing two times)

A Time of Prayer

Thanksgiving

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(sung to the tune "Veni Emmanuel")

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth

3008

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Response

Chancel Choir

*Recessional

The acolytes today Lauren Burke & Olivia Cannizzaro
An outline of today's message is available in the narthex.

Christmas Season Schedule

December 11 ~ Children's Program

December 18 ~ Christmas Cantata

December 24 ~ 7 pm ~ Contemporary Service & 11 pm ~ Traditional Service

December 25 ~ one service @ 10 am

January 1 ~ one service @ 10am

The church office will be closed December 23, 26, 30 and January 2 for the holidays.

This week's prayer focus:

Father in heaven, please prepare our hearts and minds for the gift of the Christ child.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SUNDAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 P.M. ~ CHURCH COUNCIL
6:30 P.M. ~ UMW LITTLE WOMEN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 A.M. ~ NEWSLTER ASSEMBLY
6:00 P.M. ~ WOW PLANNING MEETING
6:30 P.M. ~ CUB SCOUT DEN MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. ~ SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE
11:00 A.M. ~ UMW EXECUTIVE TEAM
6:30 P.M. ~ FRIENDLY FORUM BOOK DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

BAZAAR SET-UP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 A.M. ~ BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

BAZAAR FINAL SALES
2:00 P.M. ~ PRISCILLA CIRCLE @ ALICE DIBBLE'S HOME

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

NO SEW WHAT NOW GOD
6:30 P.M. ~ CUB SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 P.M. ~ TRUSTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 P.M. ~ UMW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 A.M. ~ KNITTING FOR MISSIONS
3:00 P.M. ~ KID'S HOPE CHRISTMAS PARTY
6:45 P.M. ~ FRIENDLY FORUM BOOK DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 P.M. ~ VENDER BLENDER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00 P.M. ~ BOY SCOUT—COURT OF HONOR
5:00 P.M. ~ PROGRESSIVE DINNER STARTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY ~ 8:30 A.M. ~ P.I.T. CREW

SUNDAY ~ 8:50 A.M. ~ CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

SUNDAY ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY ~ 11:10 A.M. ~ TRADITIONAL SERVICE

SUNDAY ~ 12:15 P.M. ~ HS ~ RAW

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY ~

9:00 A.M. ~ HEART & HANDS PRESCHOOL

MONDAY ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ BOY SCOUTS

MONDAY ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ OPEN VOLLEYBALL

TUESDAY ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ SEW WHAT NOW GOD?

TUESDAY ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ DISCIPLE I

WEDNESDAY ~ 9:30 A.M. ~ PLAY GYM

WEDNESDAY ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ DISCIPLE II

WEDNESDAY ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ BELL CHOIR

WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ CHANCEL CHOIR

THURSDAY ~ 6:30 A.M. ~ EMMAUS BREAKFAST @ YOGIS

THURSDAY ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ HELIX (MS YOUTH)

THURSDAY ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ INVITATION TO JOHN

FRIDAY ~ 9:30 A.M. ~ GOT KIDS? COFFEE @
BOUNDARY WATERS

Mission Moment ~ Plus 10 Families:

11/27 Michael & Lori Tichvon

12/4 Fred & JoDee Nelson

Christmas Food Baskets ~ Working with the SCCS the cost for each basket is \$30. Adopt as many local Vicksburg families as you would like. Put the money in the offering or leave it in the church office ~ just memo Christmas Baskets.

Door Greeters & Welcome Center Greeters are needed for the Christmas Eve services (7 pm and 11 pm) also for the Christmas morning service at 10 am. Please contact Vera Walker (327-4869) if you are interested.

For Hope & Healing . . .

Garrit Baas (asked by the Grubers)
 Donald Bladen (asked by Diana Pomeroy)
 Steve Brown (asked by Larry Kohler)
 Dannica
 Alice Dibble
 Maxine Fuller
 Joe Gruber
 Kellie Hiemstra
 Velda Hoehne
 Rodger Hughey
 Lucille Miller
 George Neighbors (Mary Conlan's brother)
 Merle Neighbors (Mary Conlan's brother)
 Fred Nelson
 Ann (Kathy Phillips' niece)
 Peggy Portingo (Vera Walker's sister)
 Diane Reece (Vera Walker's sister)
 Mellisa Roe (Justin & Sara Carrier's friend)
 Mike Skwark (Lori Ensing's brother-in-law)
 Dave Varmeulen
 Audrey Weitz (asked by Aurelia Reed)
 Mel Zimmerman

Our Service men and women...

Josh Bailey
 Matthew Blythe
 Mike Boyd
 Dustin Colgate
 Melissa Davis
 Dr. Bob Dinsmore
 Alec Emmert
 Jeremy Hart
 Patrick Hillenbrand
 Houston Hunt
 Jeff Kudary
 Nick Lee
 Loren Mayberry
 Patrick Mooney
 Rob Peterson
 Phillip Philbrick
 Scott Sale
 Tyler Smith
 Richie Steinacker
 Dan Taylor
 Alex Torres
 Andrew Torres
 Steve Wilson

For Cheer or Hello...

Carol Berkey
 Genevieve Bowyer
 David Bretz
 Joan Bretz
 Virginia Caswell
 Sue Coffey
 Maud & Jake DeHaan
 Madeline Dorbin
 Ann Felker
 Virlie Gill
 Barb Griner
 Louise Haas
 June Hill
 Mildred Kohler
 Virginia Maslanik
 Pat McClelland
 Lucile Miller
 Beverly Nimmo
 Robert & Carmen Parsons
 George Parsons
 Char Rice
 Amber Shirah
 Alice Stephenson
 Al Thomas
 Mina Willett

For the Family of Lost Loved Ones...

Judson Cain
 Irene Mejeur (Sharon Wagner's mother)
 Marvin Smith (Lisa Coe's father)
 Judy Wright (Susan Moberly-Hayes' cousin)

Attendance: November 20
Contemporary ~ 46 Traditional ~ 124

Prayer Group meets Tuesday ~ 9:30 am
 Marian Zimmerman's home
 Please join us for a wonderful time of prayer,
 coffee and devotions.

The Bazaar is just around the corner, December 3rd. Now is the time to start bringing in all your hand made items with a price marked. They can be left in the "Sewing Closet". Bring lots of items. This is a big fundraiser!

Church Women United is NOT doing their cookies drive this year. For meeting on December 2, 1pm @ Lutheran Church of the Savior on East G, the ingathering is underwear for the women's prison. New white panties or socks and new or cleaned, used bras are all acceptable. These can be left in the Mission area marked CWU. If you plan on attending, bring a small dessert for a dessert exchange.



This Week's Birthdays ~Eloise Emmert, Brian Pierson, Doug DeLong, Jack Buckallew, Joe Gruber, Gwen Breece, Lloyd Appell, Grace Rayman, Dorris Bowman, Myrna Forsythe
This Week's Anniversaries—Mike & Donietta Hamilton, Jeff & Cathy Johnson