

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, December 2

MONDAY, December 3

- **NO** Choir Practice

TUESDAY, December 4

- 10:30 AM - Bible Study (Pastor's Office)
- 6:30 PM - Women's Prayer Group (Upstairs Chapel)
- 7:15 PM - Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY, December 6

- 2:30 PM - Bible Study (Friendship Apts.)
- 6:30 PM - Bible Study (Upstairs Classroom)
- 7:00 PM - Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, December 9 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 AM - Early Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Service
- 5:30 PM - Annual Advent Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

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**November 25, 2018**

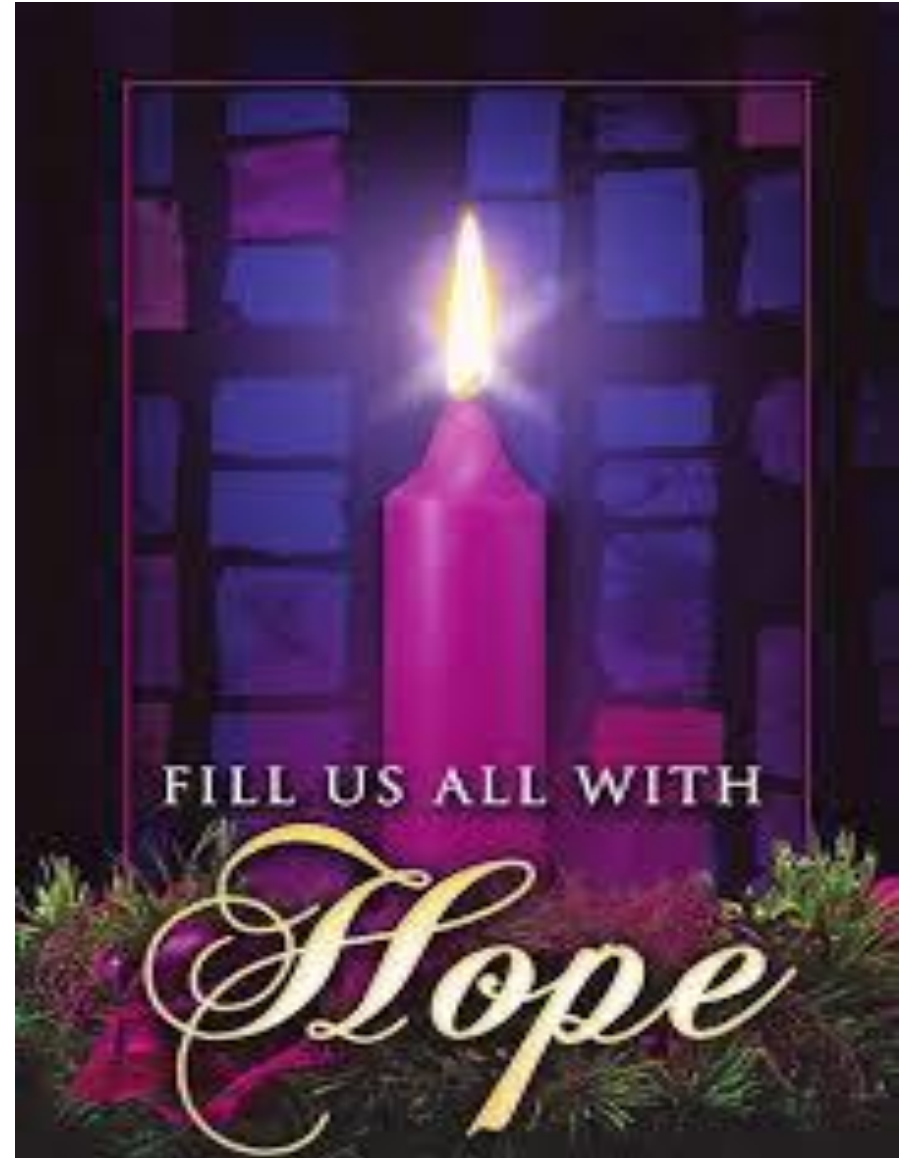
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|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 8:30 AM Early Service .....    | 34     | Current Exp .....       | \$ 3,206.50   |
| 11:00 AM Worship Service ..... | 72     | Connectional Appt. .... | <u>315.00</u> |
| Sunday School att .....        | 44     |                         | \$ 3,521.50   |
|                                |        |                         |               |
| Weekly Avg. ....               | 103    | Sunday School Avg ..... | 37            |
|                                |        |                         |               |
| Bldg. & Repair .....           | 580.00 | Renovation .....        | 140.00        |
| Gideon's .....                 | 230.00 | Thanksgiving Offering   | 116.00        |
| Discretionary Fund .....       | 40.70  |                         |               |

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*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

- **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are in the pew racks and will be collected during the opening hymn.
- The **NURSERY** is available upstairs in the Educational Building for parents who feel the need to take their children there.
- **ACTIVITY BAGS** are available in the Overflow Area for those children who wish to remain in the service.
- **EVERYONE** – Please sign the attendance pads at the end of each pew and pass to your neighbor. If the **LAST** person at the end of the row would **PLEASE** pass it back to where it originally started, it will be greatly appreciated.
- **VISITORS** – We hope you will join us again!



***First United Methodist Church***  
*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

***December 2, 2018***  
***8:30a.m & 11:00a.m.***

# First Sunday of Advent

❖ Congregation please stand, if able ~ ❖ Denotes for 8:30am service

## ◇ Welcome and Announcements

### ◇ Happy Birthday

◇ ❖ Opening Praise      “Fairest Lord, Jesus”      # 189

### ◇ Lighting the Advent Wreath      **Week 1: Hope**

Advent season reminds us that we live by hope.

**Hope in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.**

The promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation

**The expected one who will establish justice for all who are in need.**

The liberator who will free us from our estrangement.

**For the Messiah will bring a new day for all God’s people.**

We await the day of salvation, of justice and of liberation.

We await the new day where all people will proclaim God’s goodness and will know the redemption of all creation.

*(Light the first purple candle)*

Let us pray:

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may know that your kingdom is near and we may be alert and abounding in love for one another. Amen.**

◇ Chorus      “Come Thou Almighty King” (v. 1)      # 61

Anthem      “Soon and Very Soon”

Children’s Message      Rev. Beverly A. Spore

◇ First Scripture Reading      Isaiah 9:2-7 (CEB)

### ◇ Morning Prayer

◇ Second Scripture Reading      Exodus 3:1-12

◇ Message      Rev. Beverly A. Spore  
“God Sends a Redeemer: Moses”

◇ Service of Holy Communion      # 12

### ◇ Invitation and Confession

### ◇ Passing the Peace of Christ

### ◇ Offering

◇ ❖ Doxology

◇ ❖ The Great Thanksgiving

◇ ❖ The Lord’s Prayer

### ◇ Sharing of the Bread and Cup

◇ ❖ Closing Hymn      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”      # 211

### ◇ ❖ Benediction

◇ ❖ Community Blessing      “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”      # 204

### Postlude

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The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kristina Armbruster’s birthday (December 1<sup>st</sup>). Happy Birthday! Love, Mom & Dad (Suzanne & Jim Swarts).

Readers for today:      8:30 a.m. Charlie & Chris Steele  
11:00 a.m. Gloria Womer