

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:	Exercise Group (Fireside Room)	3:30pm
Saturdays:	Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	8:00am
Wednesdays:	Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)	9:30am and 6:00pm

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **December** we are collecting **shampoo**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- Nov. donations: Thanksgiving baskets= \$951. / envelopes= \$145
- **Loose coins** for *December* goes to: **Loaves and Fishes**



The flowers on the altar are in **Memory of her sister Carole Finnicum**, from Rosemary Davis

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Judy Bushman (organist) Pam Clodfelter (handbell choir director)

Head usher: Jeff Cedro

Children's sermon (online@9:45am)

8:00am

Liturgists: Bruce Kramer
Greeters: Jan Glover
Ushers: Debbie Kramer

*Advent Candle lighting

Today: Fitzanko family
(next week): Jan Glover, Jeff Cedro, Nancy Pitsch, Judy Bushman

10:00 am

Rick Palmer
Truedson family
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Schwingle family



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Wesley United Methodist Church

Joy

December 12th, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent

**Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church
December 12th, 2021**

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE *O Come, Little Children* by J.P.A. Schulz/arr. Edward Broughton
 Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine German carol/arr. Gilbert M. Martin
 O Come, Let Us Adore Him by J.F. Wade/arr. Randolph Johnston

INTROIT *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Gustav Holst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 60:2-3)
 We light this candle as a symbol of JOY Jesus Christ brought us. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.
 O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***LIGHTING THE 3rd CANDLE - JOY**

Leader: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
 Philippians 4:4-7
 We light this candle to symbolize Joy... Let us pray.

ALL: **Joyful God, we give you thanks for the ways you renew us with joy, and for the joy we can bring to each other. We ask that in this Advent time of preparation, we may glimpse your gladness, and hear your voice singing over us. Amen.**

† **OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH#211 vs.1,2,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† **RESPONSE** "Glory Be to the Father" #70

HANDBELLS (10:00) *Patapan* Bernard de La Monnoye/arr. Linda Lamb

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "An Angel Visits Mary and Joseph"

HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH#240 vs.1,3

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Luke 2:22-32
 This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Simeon"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:00) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
 Mary Nemes/Lon VanGilder Words translated by Baker / music by Praetorius

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being, spirit and soul and body, we rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** "Joy to the World" UMH#246 vs.1,4

† **BENEDICTION**

† **RECESSIONAL** "Joy to the World" Last half of v.4

POSTLUDE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* by Henry T. Smart

† *Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.*
Bold print indicates in unison