

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 10th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 am-Confirmation
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School

YOUTH GROUP serving COOKIES!

9:00 am-Adult Bible Study w/Melva
10:00 am-Worship w/...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Monday, December 11th
10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class
4:00 pm-Food Distribution
5:30 pm-Finance meeting

Tuesday, December 12th
9:30 am-Staff meeting
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

Wednesday, December 13th
9:30 am-Project Group
3:30 pm-Zone 4-6
5:00 pm-Handbell practice
6:00 pm-Bible Study w/Kiboko
6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th
7:00 pm-Youth Meal
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th @FCA

Friday, December 15th
BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 17th
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am-Confirmation
9:00 am-Bible Study w/Melva
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
10:00 am-Worship w/
GOLDEN TONES HANDBELL CHOIR

Kathy Wadsley
Advent (coloring) Calendars
are available in the Narthex.



Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Bev Schmidt
Melva Bainbridge	Reid (Rude) Sears
Coleen Baughman	David Walker
Lance Bellinghausen	Margaret Weber
Donna Blom	Sherie Ellis
Virginia Carlson	Rob North
Marlon Gasner	Harold North
Drew Havens	Barb Seiler
Wally Johnson	Wayne Stark
John Nichols	Kathy Wadsley
Kim Piercy	Tyler Crandell
Deb Richardson	Those battling depression.
Karen Salmen	

Birthdays this week in December

Cheryl Baughman	11th
Ryan McVinua	11th
Brad Raveling	11th
Marilyn Fields	12th
Lynda Wilson	12th
Bev Nelson	13th
Kenny Popp	14th
Bill Baughman	15th

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Chautauqua Singers are performing:
A Ceremony of Candles
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Unity Church, Sac City 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Cookies and Warm Beverages Following Performance. Free will donations accepted.



We are soooo blessed to have so many children in our congregation!



New Church Directory is Here!

The printed version of our new Church Directory is here and will be available for you to pick up after the worship service in the Narthex. We have put labels on them so we know who has or hasn't been able to pick them up.

The Directory is also available on a mobile app. Follow the directions to download the app and create a login. (see to the right) If you have any questions, please talk to Lynn Snyder, 732-5458.



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STORM LAKE UNITED CHURCH



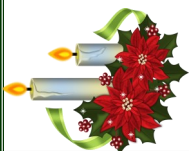
This nursery is staffed during Sunday morning worship services

2nd graders

and under

PLEASE

Requests for Christmas Gifts in Memory or Honor of a Loved One



If you wish to donate to our United Methodist Missions and Ministries (Apportionments), or purchase a Church World Service Blanket or Church World Service Tools of Hope, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church office along with your payment.

Silk poinsettias are available for you to make a donation in memory of or, in honor of, a loved one for \$10. The poinsettias will remain here at the church for use next year. CWS Blankets or Tools of Hope are available for \$5.00 each. You may donate any amount you would wish for the UMC Missions & Ministries. We ask that you please pay at the same time you place your order.

All donations received by **Thursday, December 21st** will be acknowledged in the bulletin on December 24th.

Number of Poinsettia requested # _____ x\$10= _____

UMC Missions & Ministries \$ _____ (Apportionments)

CWS Blankets # _____ x \$5= _____ Tools of Hope # _____ x \$5= _____

TOTAL _____

in loving memory of: _____

or in honor of _____



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
Best Gift

—MOMENT FOR MISSION—

Does anyone here give those cozy, comfy blankets at Christmas?

The Sherpa-lined ones that you cuddle up with on a cold evening?

The ones you would give to someone you love, like your grandparents or children?

What if I told you that a blanket is the best gift you could give this season?

Imagine being without shelter, a place without warmth, in the frigid winter air. You would be miserable, cold to the bone.

Now imagine what it feels like, in the midst of that bone-chilling cold, to be offered a blanket. That's the kind of action that warms you from the inside out; it means you can wrap up against the cold temperatures...or even use it to create a temporary shelter from the rain and other elements. It also means that someone cares - and that's the part that warms the soul.

You could give to Best Gift Blankets today and provide someone with shelter.

Today, you can show you care by supporting blankets for someone who needs one. You can provide an entire family with shelter and comfort. For \$10 a blanket, you could provide protection, you could provide warmth.

With a simple blanket, you can change someone's life.

Please, give a blanket today to share the warmth of love. You could give in honor of your loved one - give them a blanket and also give someone in need a blanket! Make someone's Christmas this year.



Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

- MATTHEW 2:11



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Best Gift

—MOMENT FOR MISSION—

Imagine for a moment that you are a parent who is struggling to support your family.

Unfortunately, this is a reality for billions of people all over the world. Let me tell you a short story that happens often.

Parents are struggling to make ends meet - growing vegetables on land they own but never manage to make ends meet as farmers.

They decide to go to a bigger city, work a labor job, and send money back to their children they left in care of their grandparents. It seems like they have plenty of money but after spending most of it paying for food and rent in the bigger city, there isn't much left over to send home.

The parents go back home to visit and it becomes clear to neighbors that they are struggling. That's where we come in.

Through Best Gift, these parents can link to better plans for their future. In the scenario I just read, congregations like ours offered parents an option to move back home and learn new vegetable gardening techniques. They received training, tools, vegetable seeds and community support...and now they have flourishing food gardens! They don't have to struggle through food shortages anymore, or the high cost of living that comes with city life. They can stay at home with their families and feel peace that they will have enough.

By giving to Best Gift, you are able to provide the environment and tools for families to learn how to home garden. You are able to provide the environment for success. You are able to provide a life changing garden for parents struggling to feed their children.

Donate to Best Gift today!

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STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COLOR: PURPLE

PRELUDE

"Pastorale"
"O Come, Little Children"

Deanna Larson, organist
J.S. Bach
D. Bish

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

UMH # 220

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

-Chorus-

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

-Verse 2-

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

-Chorus-

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

-Verse 3-

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

-Chorus-

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

-Verse 4-

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

-Chorus-

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...

Aaron Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON ISAIAH 40:1-10)**

- L: In the middle of dark times, our Lord cries out:
P: **"Comfort, comfort my people!"**
L: When it seems as though we cannot see the light at the end of the tunnel,
P: **Our Lord says to us, " Be at peace, for your time of difficulty has ended."**
L: Lord, we await the time of comfort and peace!
P: **Lord, we are thankful for your compassion and never-failing love for us. AMEN.**

Please join in the...

Aaron Johnson

***OPENING PRAYER**

As the voice cried out in the wilderness, God, you enter our lives and call to us to be open to hearing the cries of people who feel lost and alienated, who feel that no one cares or ever will care about them. We have been given that opportunity to reach out through the ministries and mission of our church bringing hope and peace to all. Get us ready to become pathways of peace and life-transforming love in your name. It is in the name of Jesus that we pray. AMEN.

Please be seated...

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH # 70

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen, Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.

Together, let us pray:

- L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**
L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)
Lord, in your mercy. P: **Hear our prayer**

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE

Aaron, Wendy, Jager, & Adalynn Johnson

Reader 1: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader 2: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

ALL: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BY THE CHILDREN

"IT'S TIME TO NAME THE BABY"

*ADVENT REFLECTION

*PASTORAL 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.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Joy to The World"

UMH # 246

Joy to the world the Lord is come
 Let earth receive her King
 Let every heart prepare Him room
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and nature sing
 And heaven and heaven and nature sing

-Verse 2-

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
 Let all their songs employ
 While fields and floods
 Rocks hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat repeat the sounding joy
 (continued...)

-Verse 3-

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

-Verse 4-

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

POSTLUDE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Deanna Larson, organist
K. Chapman