	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent		PRESENTATION OF TITH	IES AND OFFERINGS	
10:00 AM		December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	OFFERTORY		
	for you in return for all the joy we have day we pray most earnestly that we may th. 1		*OFFERING RESPONSE: *PRAYER OF DEDICATIO	"Doxology"	
PRELUDE		Debbe Picerno	*PRATER OF DEDICATIC	)IN	
OPENING LED BY THE CHO	DIR		ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CALL TO WORSHIP			CHILDREN'S SERMON		
-	Ith anticipation and hope. ne who will bring light to the darknes that God's love extends to all people.	s.	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPL	LE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	ł
<b>P: We wait and hope for the O</b> L: Advent is a time to renew our			FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSO	DN	Micah 5:2-4
	ne who will bring righteousness.		ANTHEM "T	hose Who Wait Upon the Lord"	Choir
P: We wait and hope for the Or			SECOND SCRIPTURE LES	SSON	Galatians 4:1-7
*OPENING PRAYER *HYMN	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	No. 245	SERMON	"At the Right Time"	Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION			INVITATION TO THE LO		
Holy Father, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as			*HYMN	"Behold the Lamb"	
though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the					
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Sunday:	10 AM	<u>'HIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u> Worship & Communion	
U U	11 AM	Concert Practice	
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting	
·	5:30 PM	Deacon Meeting	
	6:30 PM	Trustee Meeting	
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation	
	6:30 PM	Choir	

**CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE-** If you are a new member or regular attender and would like to participate in our Christmas card exchange please sign up in the Library to have your name added to our Christmas card quilts.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER-** Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM followed by a Christmas Concert around 6:15 PM. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex for an approximate head count and side dishes.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS-** Available on the table outside the sanctuary for pickup.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES-** Available for pickup today on the table outside the sanctuary. There are extra sets available for those who would like them, just write your name next to a number on the list please.

**CHRISTMAS EVE READERS & CANDLE LIGHTING-** There is a signup sheet for those that would like to read at our 7 PM Christmas Eve Service and volunteers to light the advent candles in worship.

**NEW MEMBERS**- If you are planning on joining the church, new covenant partners will be recognized in worship on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you plan on officially joining.

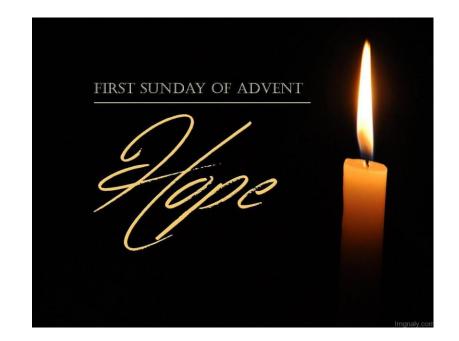
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES-** We will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 7 PM this year. We hope you will join us!

**CLUB 35-** Will be having their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 PM. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura for more details.

**FISHBONE DINNER-**

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