



MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In Matthew 24:42-44, the author uses a peculiar analogy to describe the first Advent of Jesus Christ: *"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

The use of the imagery of a thief breaking into a home is both unnerving and strange. But it's also peppered with a hint of mystery. Considering that you've probably heard the saying "The Lord works in mysterious ways," have we ever considered one of those "strange ways" to be that of His birth?

During the four Sundays of Advent and ending with our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, we are going to dive into this mystery of the birth of Christ in a worship series called "The Watch: An Emmanuel Story." Since the Advent/Christmas season is now both commercialized and monopolized, we often overlook the story and what its background is. Throughout the month, we will be reintroduced to the ones who make the "Emmanuel story" so special. We'll get reacquainted with figures such as John the Baptist, the Pharisees, Sadducees, Mary, Joseph, and the Wise Men in the sweetest, yet most mysterious narrative ever told.


We hope you'll join us for worship every Sunday at 10:15. Also, you won't want to miss the Lessons & Carols Concert on December 14th which will feature joint choirs from here at Minor and our friends from across the county at Maples Memorial UMC. The concert will take place here at Minor.

Lastly, we hope you'll join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm on December 24th in the sanctuary as we usher in a silent night and a holy night.

From our family to yours, we wish you a joyous Advent season, a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year!

In Christ's Name and in God's Service,
Rev. Sam









Bishop Lewis Logan's New Advent Book Benefits UMCOR

The Mississippi Conference's episcopal leader, Bishop Sharma D. Lewis Logan—along with three of her bishop colleagues—are the authors of *Advent in Four Words: An Advent Study by Four United Methodist Bishops*. Proceeds from the book go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which is the global humanitarian aid and development organization of The United Methodist Church.

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Sunday Morning Schedule:						
	1	2	3	4 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am	5	6
Joy Class 9:15 am Caring Peeps 9:15 am Stepping Stones Class 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am	★ Brad Randall	★ Julia Cavallo	Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm	★ Becky Holcomb ★ Anna Holland	Friday Night Community Group @ 7:00 pm	★ Pamela Baker ★ Betty Greenslade
 7 Second Sunday of Advent	8 ♥ Brad & Heather Clinkenbeard	9	10 Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm	11 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am ★ Nancy Johnson ★ Beth Spies	12	13 ★ Amanda Rainey
 14 Third Sunday of Advent	15 ★ Garrison Patrick	16 ★ Andy Nye ★ John Sayle	17 Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party 6:00 pm NO Adult Bible Study	18	19 ★ Brett Holland	20
LESSONS AND CAROLS @4:00 PM						
 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent	22	23 ★ Dreona Nelson ★ Dreyden Nelson	24 Christmas Eve Church Office Closed ★ Joyce Ingerson Candlelight Service 6:00 pm 	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	26	27
★ Terry Billett						
28 ★ Beverly Schingle	29 ★ Braylon Hall	30 ★ Theresa Pretti ★ Greg Vaughan	31 New Year's Eve Church Office Closed ★ Rosemary Jones ♥ Ben & Mysse Smith			