

HARK!



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2012

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BETHEL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PREPARING

Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m.

Help us usher in the season with greens and decorations as we prepare the church for Advent and Christmas.

SUNDAY WORSHIP DURING ADVENT

10 a.m. | Church School during worship

11 a.m. | Fellowship

DEC. 2: SIGN OF THINGS TO COME

1st Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-36.

Rev. Kristen Curlee preaching

Just as the budding leaves on a tree in the spring tell us that summer is right around the corner, so too do the signs of wonder that appear through the season of advent tell us that God's kingdom is about here.

DEC. 9: MAKE READY

2nd Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

Rev. Carolyn Richar preaching

"Prepare God's arrival! Make the rod smooth and straight! Every ditch will be filled in and every bump smoothed out. The detours will be straightened out and all the ruts paved over. Everyone will be there to see the parade of God's salvation." Prepare ye the way!

DEC. 16: LOOK FORWARD

3rd Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:7-18

Rev. Kristen Curlee preaching

God calls us to reflect on the ways in which we have experienced God's abundance when all we could see was scarcity – scarcity of time, energy and resources. God restores hope.

DEC. 23: MOVING WITH MARY'S SONG

4th Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary comes bursting with God's news for all to hear. We stand waiting, readying to hear God's news and accept the gift that comes for us.



ADVENT STUDY GROUP

December 5, 7:15 p.m.
December 12, 7:15 p.m.
December 19, 7:15 p.m.

We will gather in the library for a time of study, prayer and reflection. This season we'll explore the practice and power of waiting.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

November 25, after worship at 11:30 am

Following worship we will enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship as we prepare for Advent. Crafts and activities will be available for all ages. Come and make an Advent wreath, paint Christmas ornaments, make Christmas cards and more.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

November 25, after worship
December 2, after worship
December 9, after worship

Start your Christmas shopping early. After worship, you will be able to give a gift of hope through Heifer International, the Vision of God Clinic, or Rappaport Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Gift cards are available.

CHRISTMAS EVE: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

December 24, 7 p.m.

We gather for lessons and carols as we welcome Christ into the world once again. A child is born, God's gift to all the world. Fellowship with cookies and cider immediately follows the service.



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Every Member of Bethel Are the Ministers
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BETHEL UCC SCHEDULE

Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m.

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