

THE COMMUNICATOR

November 30, 2025



**Sunday, November 30, 2025
9:00 a.m. Traditional Experience
First Sunday of Advent**

Prelude – Mary Did You Know? - Dr. Kim

Welcome/Announcements

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus – UMH 196 vs. all

Greeting – Alice Chester

Advent Reading – Griffin Family

Isaiah 2:1-5 – Julie Scherer

Children's Message – Julie Scherer

With Empty Hearts We Wait – Mixed Ensemble

Romans 8: 22-27 – Julie Scherer

Scrooge – Revisited - Pastor Marie Smith

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Emmanuel, Emmanuel – UMH 204

Offering

Offertory: Wexford Carol

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH 94

People, Look East – UMH 202 vs.1-3

Benediction

Postlude – Carol of the Bells - Dr. Kim

**Sunday, November 30, 2025
10:30 am Contemporary Service
First Sunday of Advent**

Welcome - Levi Graf

Advent Candle Lighting

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Same God
Forever Reign**

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song

**Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 8; 22-27**

Scrooge - Revisited – Pastor Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

God With Us

Benediction

Prayer List for Nov. 26, 2025

Doug Sweazy	Judy Skidmore
Tom Cooke	Alison Davis
Neal Wolfe	Brandon Fessler
Marci Pheister	
Pete Cherrington	
Melissa Matz	
Jo Shappard	

**Friends of Ruby Clay with her passing.
Solt Family – Passing of Carolyn Solt
Fouts Family – Passing of Esther Fouts
Liggett Family – Passing of Joann Liggett**

Movies that Shape Up Scrooge: Revisited

Rev Marie Smith

November 30, 2025

Please use these sermon notes as a jumping off point for your own spiritual journey. We know everyone is on their own pathway. We hope you will find this useful. Please see Pastor Marie if you have questions or if you want to take the next step in your faith journey.

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 8: 22-27

Jesus was born into a world full of pain and grief.

People are searching for Hope.

Ebenezer is alone, content in his miserly ways.

Isaiah 2: 3 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

The prophet is saying, are you willing to take the risk?

Hebrews 11: 1 "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Hope in Jesus, who came to dispel the gloom and bring light into the world.

Action Steps:

1. Faith, hope, and trust- what do you need to work on this Advent Season?
2. Pick up an Advent Devotional or use this online resource. throughtheword.org
3. Join us for one of the many Advent activities we have going on this season.
4. Pray for someone to invite to Worship this season.



Christmas Angels Announcement



All wrapped and tagged gifts need to be returned to the church no later than Thursday, Dec. 4th.

Thank you. *Melissa Barnhart*



EVENTS SCHEDULE 2025

SUN 11/23
NOVEMBER
YOUTH GROUP 6-8PM ADVENT JOY KIT WRAPPING PARTY

SUN 12/07
DECEMBER
YOUTH DELIVERING ADVENT JOY KITS TO NURSING HOMES/CHRISTMAS CAROLING

SUN TBA
YOUTH DATE TBA CHRISTMAS PARTY GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR AUTOMATED TEXTS, PLEASE TEXT YOUR NAME TO 740-731-2064



Hope House of Pickaway County Presents:

***Christmas Favorites:
Music & Treats***

A concert showcasing your
favorite Christmas music
performed by church musicians
from the Presbyterian,
Methodist, and Catholic
churches with a holiday baked
goods auction featuring local
bakers

Friday, December 5, 2025

7:00pm

**Community UM Church
120 N. Pickaway St.**

**A love offering will be taken
to benefit Hope House at the concert.**



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Rev. Marie Smith, Senior Pastor

Nov. 19, 2025

Dear Community United Methodist Church Friends,

Grace and Peace to you this beautiful Thanksgiving Season. This season we are discovering a Wonder-full life. As we look at our histories, our patterns, Jesus' example and now our opportunities to be generous, we can see how Wonder-filled life can be. I am asking each of us in the church to take a step of faith live into the kingdom of God.

If you are just starting out in giving, I invite you to take a step of faith and begin to make a plan to give regularly. Make a commitment. We have some ways for you to do this. You can sign up for E-giving (online), or you can have your giving directly taken out of your account (direct deposit-ACH). You can also get a box of envelopes that have 52, 26, or 12 envelopes to help hold you accountable if you prefer that method. See the office for more information, and make a plan for regular giving; start somewhere.

For those who give occasionally. I invite you to step up your giving. You can do this a couple of ways. You can just take a leap of faith and commitment to it, saying you are going to "go for it", and tithe your income. Or you can make a plan, decide you are going to give a set amount each week, or month and then use the tools we have provided to help you commit to doing that. (E-giving-Online, Direct Debit-ACH) I promise you will see God's faithfulness in the midst of your giving.

For many of you pledging is a habit. You have pledged to the church your whole lives; and I want to thank you for your witness and faithfulness. I ask you to evaluate your giving, are you giving joyously? Are you giving a way that honors God and God's kingdom? Can you share with others how you are giving? Turn in your card and Celebrate what God has done.

Please turn in your commitment/Pledge cards by December 14, 2025. If you want information on any of the ways you can give, please see a finance team member, the pastor, or call the office.

Blessings and Grace,

Pastor Marie

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The people of the United Methodist Church™



2025 The Christmas Poinsettia Request Form

If you wish to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia or multiples please complete this form and **return it by Monday, Dec. 15th to the Church Office.** Please include \$13.00 for each poinsettia that you would like to order. Flowers will be available for pick up after the Christmas Eve service.

Payment is needed at the time of your request.

Given By _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Church Office Use: Date Received: _____

Check # _____ Amount Rec'd _____

Cash _____ Amount Rec'd _____

flowers ordered _____