

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.
People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
Leader: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God’s people.
People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
Leader: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God’s justice and mercy turning the world upside down.
People: We wait in the hope and we know where we belong.

OPENING PRAYER

God of justice and peace, from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. As we enter this season of darkness and light, help us see through the darkness all around us, that we belong with you. Amen.

🎵 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | *Hymnal Page 211*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

🎵 When Will the Little King Come? | *Shawnee UMC Women*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Isaiah 64:1-9 | *Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God!*

IN THE HEART OF GOD - Rev. Dr. Lori Reiber

OFFERING

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, help us stay awake, and pay attention to your work all around us. Bless these gifts that we give, and bless us in our giving. May they help us join in the work of bringing your dream for all of creation to earth. Amen.

🎵 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | *Hymnal Page 196*

PASTORAL PRAYER | LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

🎵 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates | *Hymnal Page 213 vs 1,2,3*

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

10am Children’s Christmas Program in the Sanctuary

7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Centrum

11pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

10am ONLY Worship Service in the Sanctuary

SERVE WITH US AT OUR NEXT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY on Sat., Dec. 16 at Shawnee UMC! Please arrive at 7:15am to help unload the truck and sort the food. We will be both inside and outside that morning. All ages are welcome to help! To help spread “Season’s Greetings” We are collecting Hot Chocolate Packets & Seasonings to hand out. We are asking the hot chocolate be boxes of 8-10 packets and any kind of seasonings (Seasoning Salt, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, etc!) so we can “spice” up our boxes we hand out! Let us know you plan to help by signing up on the church app or by contacting the church office.

IT’S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL TRADITION TO BLESS OUR SHUT-INS WITH A CHRISTMAS BASKET! Would you be willing to make and take a Christmas basket to one of our shut-ins? Please see the display in the Commons for an example of what your basket could look like, a list of suggested items, and a sign-up for whose basket you'd like to make and take. Please deliver your baskets to the appropriate person anytime between December 4-22! See Lori Wright with any questions.

ANGEL TREE STILL HAS PLENTY OF TAGS AVAILABLE Choose an angel off of the tree, sign the tag out, buy the gift (approx. \$30) & it will be delivered to the child of an incarcerated parent. Gifts need to be back in the church no later than December 17.
ALSO, WE NEED YOU! We will be delivering our gifts on Saturday, Dec., 23 We will meet at the church at 9am, have breakfast & then deliver the gifts after that. This is a great activity for all ages and family types! Please sign up on the app or contact the office if you can help!

IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP TO RING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL! Our SUMC day to ring the bell will be Saturday, December 9 from 10am-7pm at Hobby Lobby and Kewpee on Allentown Rd. Just a few left!! Please sign up for your 1 hour time slot on the board in the Commons!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Now available for purchase. Please fill out the “Get Involved” form on our app, a form at the Welcome Desk or call the office. Please place the money in the offering plate or the lock box in the office. They are \$16 each. Orders due by Fri, December 15!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS to our shut-in congregation members, you can find an updated list at the welcome desk!

SHAWNEE WEEKDAY’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is this Thursday, Dec 7. Would you be willing to donate some cookies/Brownies/Rice Krispee treats for their refreshments afterwards? Please have the goodies to church by this Tuesday if you would like to donate some yummy treats!

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW PICTURES on the wall in our foyer of the kids receiving an education at the Borde school in Haiti! For three decades now, Shawnee UMC has been invested in this school & we have continued to financially support them since. Please be in prayer during this school year for the students, staff, and Pastor Obed at the Borde school in Haiti!

CAN YOU HELP? We are needing more people to usher one time a month at the 11am service. Contact the church office if you're willing to help!

OUR SAMARITAN HOUSE goCO will meet twice during the month of January. On Tuesday, January 9, we'll have a time of planning and fellowship at The Grind (320 S Cable Rd) at 11:30am. Our serving event will be Tuesday, January 23 @ 5:30pm where we will serve dinner to the ladies & children at The Samaritan House. All women are welcome to join at either event! We will not meet in December.

SUMC FAMILY & YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

QUEST Sunday School for 5th grade & up. We will begin at the 11am worship service for the music & then head to the Youth Room after the songs for a discussion of the Scripture, snacks, activities and fellowship. All youth are welcome but High Schoolers are encouraged to serve in worship, the tech team, Roots Kids Ministry or elsewhere.

YOUTH GROUP 5 -12 grade will meet every Sunday from 4:30-6pm in the Solid Rock Café for fun, fellowship, games & Bible study. Middle School & High School will separate for a time of discussion about real life Biblical application.

REMIND MS & HS youth and their families are invited to sign up on the Remind app to get up to date information, links to event sign-ups, and more. Sign up by texting the following code to 81010.
High School: @ygsumctumc Middle School: @mssumctumc

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, "CHRISTMAS HOPE". We will have rehearsals on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 10:30-11:00am. We will share the Christmas story with the church on December 24th at the combined morning worship service. On Saturday, December 23rd there will be a mandatory dress rehearsal from 11:00-12:15. Please let Miss Lisa know if your child is able to attend.



UPCOMING CALENDAR

Dec 9 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Dec 16 - Mobile Food Pantry

Dec 17 - Angel Tree Gifts Due

Dec 23 - Angel Tree Delivery

Dec 24 - Family Christmas Program- 1 SERVICE ONLY @ 10am in Sanctuary

Dec 24 - Contemporary Christmas Eve services @ 7pm in Centrum

Dec 24 - Traditional Christmas Eve services @11pm in Sanctuary

Dec 23 - Jan 1 - Office Closed

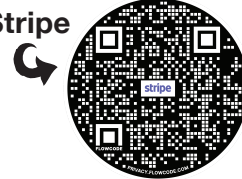
Dec 31 - 1 SERVICE ONLY @ 10am in Sanctuary

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our text notifications?

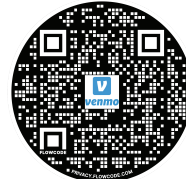
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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
TUESDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
WEDNESDAY	8:30am-11:30am
THURSDAY	8:30am-3:30pm
FRIDAY	8:30am-3:30pm

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December 3, 2023 | 9:30am Service

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