

Calendar

Sunday, November 26

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:35 a.m. Worship with Dr. Keva Green
- 12:00 p.m. Sanctuary Decorating

Tuesday, November 28

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:00 p.m. Advent Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. JAM (Jesus and Me)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Practice

Sunday, December 3

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:35 a.m. Worship with Dr. Keva Green
- 3:00 p.m. Charge Conference

Birthdays and Anniversaries November 26-December 2

- 28 Brayden Dillard
- 29 Chris Boyer
- 1 Bob Spearman
- 2 Joshua Wellman



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Announcements

Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 27 – Hosea 12:6

Tuesday, November 28 – Isaiah 30:18

Wednesday, November 29 – Colossians 2:6-7

Thursday, November 30 – John 10:10

Friday, December 1 – Isaiah 43:19

Saturday, December 2 – Psalm 139:13-16

Advent Bible Study: The Advent Bible Study will begin on Wed., Nov. 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Connie Johnson's home, 214 Pioneer Trail. Light refreshments will be served. Please be on time because some folks have to be at choir practice at 7:00.

Church Decorating for Christmas Season:

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for the Christmas season today after the worship service.

New Facility Manager: Please welcome our new facility manager Caleb Browning! We pray for Caleb as he starts his journey as an employee at FUMC Henrietta.

Administrative Council Meeting:

The Administrative Council will be meeting Tuesday Nov. 28th. All church members are invited to attend.

Charge Conference: Charge Conference will be Sunday December 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Expectation

Ephesians 3:14-19

Henrietta First United Methodist Church

Dr. Keva Green, Pastor

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETINGS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Karen Spearman, Liturgist

Leader: This is a time of waiting and expectation.

People: We wait for the coming of Christ.

Leader: This is a time of hoping and looking forward.

People: Our hope is in Christ alone.

Leader: This is a time of preparing our hearts.

People: Lord, we love you and give our hearts to you.

All: Praise and glory be yours, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

FWS #2025

As the Dear

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jennifer Fleming

CALL TO PRAYER

FWS #2200

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

THE PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Oh God, how can we ever truly thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us? We know that these tithes and offerings are just a tiny portion of the honor that is due you. You have caused this world to shine with the illumination of the true Light, your only-begotten Son. It is through his life and death and resurrection that we are eternally blessed. So we give you all the glory and honor and praise. In your Holy Name. Amen.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Shane Crafton

Leader: In ancient times the cedar was revered as the tree of royalty. It also signified immortality and was used for purification. We place these cedar branches as a sign of Christ, who reigns as King forever, and whose coming, in justice and righteousness, will purify our hearts.

HYMN

UMH #196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Order of Worship

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Brandt Ellsworth

Leader: Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. The prophet Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. So we hang these wreaths of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, to signify the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.

HYMN

UMH #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 2)

Pastor: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Barbara Wynn

Leader: In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries the blood of the Savior, and the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we hang the holly and ivy, let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

HYMN

UMH #626

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1)

Pastor: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Pastor: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Kayla Edgett

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light the Christmas tree, with its symbols of Christ as ruler, prophet, and priest. During this Advent, wherever you see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

HYMN

UMH #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Dr. Keva Green

Expectation

*CLOSING HYMN

FWS # 2095

Star-Child

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE** UMH #238

Gloria...

**Please stand as you are able*