

Hilton United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 18, 2016, 10:00 am
"The Remembrance of Christmas Future: Death-Defying Acts"

WE GATHER

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Threshold Moment

* Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196

Passing the Peace

*Please turn to those around you and offer these words of Joy:
"Joy can be yours!"*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A Blessing of the Children

Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Jr. Church in the Youth Room

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 1:4

Luke 4: 18-19

Romans 8:4b-17

Response L: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us.
for the Word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God

* Carol "Joy to the World" vs 1 UMH # 246

Dramatic Reading

Carol "Joy to the World" vs 2 UMH # 246

The Word in Music "Prepare the Way" *Jeff Lowery/David King*

The Message: "The Hope of Christmas Future" Rev. Jennifer Green

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Music selection by the Choir and Bell Choir:
"Ring Out Your Truth"

*Lord what do you
want me to let go of
this Advent Season?*

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

Offering

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology #95

*Praise God who blesses everyone!
Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!
All praise the miracle begun!*

Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God

We give you thanks for all you have given us

and we offer our gifts

for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ.

Open us to even more ways to give

so that we might offer death-defying love to all. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

* Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH # 238

Benediction

Benediction Song

Postlude

* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome to worship. We pray you feel God's presence in this place.

- If you need hearing assistance, please see an usher for a hearing loop device.
- Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.
- Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall, which is located down the stairs near the entrances

PRAYER CONCERNS: Persecuted Christians around the world; **The Hand to Plow Process;** **Our Mission Outreach Children:** Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.
Residents of Care Facilities: Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Betty Schultz.
Ongoing Health Concerns: Bob Comstock; Ann Cook; Ron Davies; Alea Floyd; Troy Green; Andrew Hardy; Michele List; Lauren Slagle; John Sweeney; Chris Wanjon.
Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; GYSgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgr. Matthew Emerson; Airman Scott Eveleigh; Pvt Alex Joss-Forbes; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Maj. Jathan Payne; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

This Week Today: **Worship @ 10am**
Coffee hour and fellowship time
Adult Sunday School
Piano Recital 2pm Sanctuary
Longest Night Service 5:00pm Sanctuary

Monday: Prayer Group at 9:15am
Chums gather at 11:30am, Lunch at 12:00pm
Pack Christmas Baskets 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Prayer Shawl Group 12pm
Finance Team Meeting 7:00pm Library
GS Troop # 939 6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Friendly Quilters - 9am Fellowship Hall
GriefShare Group – 1pm – Multipurpose Room
Choir – 7p

Thursday: Bible Study – 1pm - Library
Lighthouse Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm

Friday: AA – FH 7pm

Saturday: **Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm @ 2 Ampor Beach Rd**
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 8:00pm @ Hilton UMC

Sunday: **Happy Birthday Jesus!**
Worship @ 10am
Merry Christmas!!!

Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz
Organist: Christy Sadecki
Custodian: Bill Schubert
Youth Coord.: Joe Neri
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Ed Earnhart
Greeters: Wayne & Sharon Miller
Guides: Ann Hurlimann
& Katie Paxton-Johnson
Nursery Ass't: Maya Johnson
Sound Booth: Dan Van Vleck
Coffeeshour: Nancy Manning
Acolyte: Sophie & Olivia Johnson
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee
Ministers: The Whole Congregation
Advent Candles: The Miller Family
Lay Liturgist: Sam Emerson

Christmas Gift Idea – Janet LaBorie has TOPS Gift cards in \$50 (1) \$25 (8) \$10 (18). A good gift for someone who has everything or you just don't know what to get them. Always good to have one in your pocket for the quick run to the store. She also has \$100 Gift cards for your weekly shopping trips.

The Clothes Closet is in need of Mittens and Gloves. Any Donations can be dropped off at Hilton Baptist Church between 8:00 & 1:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Grief Share Group meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm – always open for people to join.

The Church Office will be closed December 26-30. The answering machine will be checked daily. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Green on her cell phone (716) 560-52-04

December 18, 2016 The Fourth Sunday of Advent Hilton United Methodist Church

Our Mission: "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

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Following Christ ☆ Connecting Generations ☆ Transforming Communities

Don't Forget to Bring your paper chain rings back for Christmas Eve Service.

Also, don't forget to stop by the **Photo Booth** in the Fellowship Hall!

What's happening around Hilton UMC?

We have several ways for you to participate in missions and ministry:

- **Angel Tree Ministries** – Thank you to those who helped with this year's Angel Tree. Some deliverers are still needed. See Evelyn Seeger after service today if you can help.
- **Reverse Advent Calendar and activities** – Thank you to all who have been participating in our Reverse Advent Calendar. There is still time to join in. All items should be brought to church by next Sunday. Happy Giving for Advent!!!
- **Christmas Baskets and Food Shelf Assistance** – we need help packing Christmas boxes on Monday 12/19 at 7:00pm. We also need help delivering on Thursday 12/22. See Manuela Groth for more information.
- **Longest Night Service** – **TODAY** Sunday, December 18th at 5:00pm The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). Not feeling very jolly this Christmas? Missing a loved one? Come be in the healing presence of God at this special worship service, designed for those whose hearts are a little 'blue' this year.
- **Chums** – Senior gathering at luncheon – Monday, December 19th at 12:00pm
- **Children's Christmas Eve Service – 4:00pm**
2 Ampor Beach off Lighthouse Road – this will be outside, so dress warm
(Same place we had Easter sunrise service)
***Please park on Lighthouse Road only!!!
- **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 8:00pm** at Hilton UMC
- **Christmas Day Worship Service** at 10:00am
- **Pastor's Open House** – The Green Family are inviting everyone to stop by their home at 10 Rolling Meadow Drive for a Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 28th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Hilton United Methodist Women will be meeting, Tuesday, January 3rd in the Choir Room. Budget & planning for January thru June are on the agenda. All women of HUMC are invited to join us.