



Plattville United Methodist Church  
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December 2019

From the Pastor's Pen:

Advent: The Journey to Christmas

While the rest of secular society is already caught up in the frantic rush of shopping, decorations, parties, and other distractions, the church takes pause during Advent to contemplate the wonder of God's undeserved mercy and love in Jesus Christ. Christians approach the Advent season much as expectant parents approach the months before a child is born. There are feelings of exhilaration, uneasiness, longing, and awe as the day of arrival approaches. Just as parents do everything they can to get ready and put things into good order, God's people prepare themselves at home and at church for the coming of the Lord by exercising the disciplines of Advent: confession and repentance, fervent prayer, immersion in Scripture, fasting, and the singing of the seasonal hymns and anthems.

Advent (from Latin, *adventus*, meaning "coming towards") is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. Advent and Christmas both focus of the past--the coming of Jesus as an infant born into poverty in Bethlehem, and the future--the coming of Christ in glory to fulfill God's loving purposes for humanity. This past and future orientation is reflected in the readings appointed in the church for each Sunday of Advent in December.

Pastor Terry



## CALENDAR

### December

- 15 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service  
Children's Program
- 21 3 pm Christmas Caroling
- 22 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service
- 24 9 pm Christmas Eve Service
- 29 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service – Praise Band  
Food Pantry Collection



### January

- 5 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service
- 8 7 pm Movie Nite
- 12 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service  
11 am Annual Planning meeting  
7 pm KC PADS
- 19 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service
- 26 9 am Sunday School  
10 am Worship Service – Praise Band  
Food Pantry Collection

## THANK YOU

In November we collected \$ 89 for the Kendall County Food Pantry  
November's collection for Pets for Vets was \$40

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts for the requests on the Giving Tree, they will be greatly appreciated.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **December**

- 10 Caden Vickery
- 12 Tammy Eaton
- 13 Layla Southcombe
- 26 Vicki Murley
- 27 Carrie Anderson



### **January**

- |    |                  |    |                         |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 8  | Sarah Steinlicht | 19 | Daniel Nodal            |
| 10 | Jeff Eaton       | 20 | Emily Leifheit          |
| 11 | Richard Munson   | 20 | Tayton Hardcopf         |
| 13 | Brian Reed       | 26 | Dorothy Cooper          |
| 14 | Brian Newell     | 26 | Pastor Terry McLaughlin |
| 15 | Olivia Vickery   | 26 | Richard McCord          |
| 18 | Richard Stovall  | 31 | Rob Eaton               |
| 18 | Ilissa DeLange   |    |                         |

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Christmas Tradition – Beginning Dec 1<sup>st</sup> (sorry I'm late), Read one chapter of The Book of Luke in the Bible each day. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we Celebrate!

Children's Christmas program will be during worship on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come support the kid and join us for cookies following worship.

Christmas Caroling will be December 21<sup>st</sup>, meet at church at 3 pm. We will visit Hillside Nursing center, Cedarhurst and Pastor Terry and Clara. Everyone is invited to join us; a good singing voice is not required.



**Joy to the World!**



Congratulations Rob & Hannah Eaton on the birth of Arlo Carsten, born November 8<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents Jeff & Tammy Eaton and Aunt Rachel will be glad to show you another picture or two.

## NEEDS

Please remember to return your Reverse Advent collection - groceries for Kendall County Food Pantry after Christmas. Our donation will be used to restock the pantry after the holidays.

KC PADS meal will be served January 12<sup>th</sup>, please let Debbie Stadel if you are able to donate toward the meal.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Clara McLaughlin  
Dorothy Cooper  
Cameron & wife  
Hadley  
family of Mike Moran  
prayers for our country

Aletha Collins  
Pastor Terry  
Jeanette MacNichole  
Diane Johnson  
family of John Ashton  
farming community

Bonnie Gunterman  
Dan Thur  
family of Frank Reed  
family of Dick Naden  
those suffering with cancer  
military personnel

