



# *Warsaw First United Methodist Church*

*Connecting all people to God's love and purpose.*

November 28, 2021 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Scripture ~ Luke 21:8-9; 34-36 (New Living Translation)

He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them. And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately."

"Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."



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*Our Mission ... Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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**Thank you for joining us in person and in virtual worship today!**

Last week's attendance:

9:00 a.m. 141 in-person; 80 virtual / 11:00 a.m. 49 in-person; 227 virtual

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**Advent Study** with Pastor Bill Kaster—"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton begins Sunday mornings November 21 thru December 19. Join Pastor Bill at 10:10 a.m. at The Connection Café to examine the familiar stories of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men and explore their meaning for our own spiritual journeys. Call the church office (or indicate on the weekly welcome/comment card) to sign up and request a book.

**Together to the Manger ... And Beyond** Advent small group opportunity with Diane Quance. Begins November 30 — you may choose to participate **via Zoom on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. through January 4**. This study will follow the Advent Activity Calendar previously released. Please read the enclosed insert for the details. (Calendars are in each campus gathering areas.)

**Society of St. Andrew Advent 2021 devotional booklet** is available at each campus gathering area. This booklet contains scripture readings, reflections, and prayers through the Advent season.

#### **Youth Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

*Who:* FUMC Youth Group

*What:* Homemade Christmas Cookie Dough Fundraiser

*When:* December 5 and 12 after 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services

*Where:* Downtown (Atrium and outside Parlor) The Connection gym (1692 W. Lake St.)

*Price:* \$10 per dozen

*Options:* Peanut Butter, M&M®, and Sugar Cookies

**Ryan's Case for Smiles Fundraiser**— Bracelets created by MudLove® to help both Ryan's Case for Smiles and MudLove® There are a limited number of bracelets available in the office or you can special order before December 1 for Christmas delivery. (available only until Dec. 31) Shannon Jenks and her crew will be available following worship services beginning today. Two heart colors and assorted bracelet colors available. Your cost: \$14.98



## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mission Focus . . . Community Closet & Deb's Closet



FUMC's Community Closet (Downtown Campus) & Deb's Closet (Connection Campus) is the mission focus for the last three months of 2021. Personal care and household items that cannot be purchased with SNAP funds continue to be available curbside on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at alley Atrium door and in conjunction with Strengthening Families on Mondays at The Connection.

Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated! We have been assisting about 80 families consisting of well over 200 individuals on a regular basis. Donations may be made through designated mission giving as well as a "noisy offering" aka coin offerings. Please indicate "Closet" in memo section of checks made payable to FUMC or on a separate line of your giving envelope.

### *Ongoing prayers for...*

Our Church	Steve Holcomb
Pastor Brian and Family	Ronda Wagner
Our church family in long-term care facilities or home-bound.	Jim and Mary Nywening
Our students	Terry Hygema
Our Country and Our Military Personnel	Joyce Manning
All healthcare workers	EmaLou
Unspoken prayers	Cody
	Heather Waterson
	Dolores Long
	Nick and Leslie Tanner
Carol Rappe	Veronica West
Betty Ferguson	Jane Eaton
Betty Nyenhuis	The Westafer Family
Barbara Anderson	Jo Spangler
Clara Griner	John Williamson
Amy Sexton	Erick Sawyer
Bill Kaster	

**Prayer requests:** Contact the church office (574-267-6933) or Richard and Sue Balke (574-267-3787)

**Pastoral Care:** If you would like a pastoral visit in emergency, sickness, hospital, or just to talk, please contact the church office at 574-267-6933.

*After hours: Pastor Brian at (863) 257-0244 or Ann at (260) 341-0381*

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**This week's FUMC events ...**

- Nov. 29— 6:00-8:00p Strengthening Families—CC/gym, 2, 4, 7, 8  
6:30p Cub Scouts Troop 3731—Fellowship Hall, LL-2, LL-3, Rm 201  
7:00p Boy Scout Troop 730—Connection Room 6
- Nov. 30— 4:30p Stephen Ministry—Connection Café  
5:00p Prayer Group—Parlor  
**7:00p Servant Council via Zoom or church office**
- Dec. 1— 11:00a-1:00p Community Kitchen/Closet Drive-thru  
1:30p Wilcox Small Group—Parlor  
*6:00p AA District Meeting—LL-2*  
6:00p Ginn Handbells Rehearsal—Downtown 3rd floor alcove  
7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Downtown Sanctuary
- Dec. 2— 8:00a Bible Study w/Pastor Brian via Zoom  
8:00a Bible Study w/Richard Harrold in downtown Boardroom  
12:00p Kiwanis Meeting—Connection Gym  
5:30p Girl Scout Troop 0158—Connection Room 9  
7:00p Bible Study w/Pastor Brian via Zoom  
7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal—Connection
- Dec. 3— No events scheduled
- Dec. 4— No events scheduled
- Dec. 5— 9:00a Traditional Worship Downtown Sanctuary  
(or Radio 101.1 FM; live stream via WIOE.com; [www.warsawfumc.org/worship](http://www.warsawfumc.org/worship))  
10:00a First Families Programs: Children: Rm 203; Youth: Rm 303; Adults: Rm 302  
10:00a Fidelity Sunday School Class—LL-2  
**10:10a Advent Study w/Bill Kaster—Connection Café**  
*2:00p Kim Kelley's Girl Scouts cookie baking—Fellowship Hall Kitchen*  
11:00a Modern Worship—Connection Worship Center  
(or Facebook/[warsawfumc](https://www.facebook.com/warsawfumc))

*AA Support Group Meetings:*

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3*  
*Wednesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3*  
*Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3*  
*Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

*Sunday 7:30 p.m. Connection Room 9*

*Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:*

*Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Lower Level 2*  
*Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

**Pastor**—Brian Smith

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The People of God at Worship  
November 28, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Terry White

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE Pastor Brian Smith

CHORAL INTROIT No. 3046 (*Worship & Song* green book) *Come, O Redeemer, Come*

\*OPENING HYMN No. 3047 (*Worship & Song* green book) *God Almighty, We Are Waiting*

\*ADVENT READING Billy & Courtney Sale Family  
Congregational Prayer  
**God of hope and Lord of dazzling light inspire us today as we seek to grow in our experience of your life changing gift of the Messiah. Thank you for continuing to show up in our lives today. Amen**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Make Us Your Candle*  
~ By J. Martin

SCRIPTURE READING (on folder cover) Luke 21:8-9; 34-36 (NLT) Richard Harrold  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
\*Gloria Patri, Hymn No. 70  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathee Reed  
(Children ages 3 thru elementary dismissed to Children's Church)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Silent Reflection  
Pastoral Prayer  
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.**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

\*Doxology, Hymn No. 94 (together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MESSAGE

*God's Presence Brings Hope*

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE