

## WHAT'S HAPPENING 11-29-2021

### **TUESDAY, November 30**

**10 am** Care Team  
**6:30 pm** Scouts

### **WEDNESDAY, December 1**

**1 pm** Bible Study

### **SUNDAY, December 5**

**10 am** Worship Service  
Children's Christmas  
Program Rehearsal

**Worship Servants for Sunday, December 5:** **MUSICIANS:** *Craig Schroeder/Beth Antias*; **SOUND:** *Joan Bosserd-Schroeder/Jim Kuch*; **RECORDING:** *Joan Bosserd-Schroeder/Andrew Turmo*; **SCREEN:** *Karen Morse*; **LITURGIST:** *Franco Antias*; **USHERS:** *Bonnie Newburn/Don Hilbert & Joe/Lynn Alberding*; **GREETERS:** *Ted/Kris Dietz*; **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *Melissa Turmo/Kevin Flynn*; **SAFETY RESPONSE TEAM:** *Jeff Iler/Mike Morse & Steve Rogers*; **NURSERY:** *Cheryl McCrorey/Jan Mom*. **Thank you all for your service to GLUMC!!**

**12/5 - PRAYER, CAROLING & REFRESHMENTS @ 4PM:** Join us on Sunday, 12/5, at 4pm for Afternoon Prayer in the sanctuary, followed by Christmas Caroling at 4:30! We will carpool to members' homes to spread some holiday cheer before returning to church for hot chocolate and refreshments (6pm-6:30-ish). Join us for some or all! See you on 12/5!

**MISSIONS TEAM:** All gifts for Open Doors must be returned by this Sunday, Dec. 5. Join us at 10 am, Thursday, Dec. 9, as we wrap gifts and send our love to the residents of Open Doors. Bring your scissors and some tape!

December's monthly mission is Heifer International. All animals or shares of animals purchased by Dec. 31 will be triple matched by the Heifer organization. A real impact can be made on many people's lives through this program. Find your favorite animal in the Ark and plan to make a difference.

Calling all bakers! On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 pm at church, we are going to bake brownies for the mobile home park. If you do not like to bake, you can help us wrap throws for them. All supplies will be provided - nothing is needed but some willing hands. Come join us for a fun time.

**ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!** Kids and Youth, join our retelling of the Christmas Story! There's a part for you - as a reader, an angel, a shepherd and more! This pageant is super simple and fun - no lines to memorize - just come be a part. Here's the schedule:

Dec. 5 - Rehearsal during Sunday School and after church -- should be done by 11:45 am. You'll learn your character and get your costume. If you can't make rehearsal and want to be part of the pageant, please call or text Melissa at 269-377-4682.

Dec. 12 - Pageant during church. Meet at church at 9:30 am.

**JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM ON CHRISTMAS EVE:** We're bringing back the Christmas Eve Children's Service! Please join us at 4:30 pm on Dec. 24 as we Journey to Bethlehem. This is a very interactive opportunity for children and their families to experience the night Jesus was born. Expect about 45 minutes of crafts, music, and a Christmas story. We're moving to Fellowship Hall to make more room to invite friends!

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC OFFERINGS & OPPORTUNITIES AT GULL LAKE UMC:** It's hard to believe there are only 5 Sundays until Christmas! It's time to renew our rich history of worship music in many forms to celebrate Jesus' birth together.

Key dates include:

Sunday Nov 28th - First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Dec 12th - Children's Sunday assisted by youth.

Sunday Dec 19th - Service in Song, filled with Christmas music from beginning to end.

Friday Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

Sunday Dec 26th - Casual worship with more of your favorite Christmas hymns.

So far, we have interest in Christmas Winds for our band students and adult players, reviving a Chime Choir, our youth guitar & uke band, a vocal quartet, harp & piano music from Martha Kuch & Kathy Hoorn, piano/organ for traditional hymns and more! Sharing Christmas music has always been a great entry point for our faith community to invite friends into worship and church life. I believe this year, it's even more critical we be invitational and get as many people engaged as possible, playing, singing, or listening!

Please contact me sooner than later if you'd like to join us so I can pull music and plan rehearsals! I'll also be reaching out over the next couple of weeks and will plan to be available by appointment to assist and coach as needed. Watch out for additional updates in the next few weeks!

Love in the Spirit!

Craig Schroeder, Music Director  
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**ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY CONNECTIONS:** Everyone is invited for a half-hour to help you turn your holiday preparations into Holy Days of Preparation. Sundays, 11/28-12/19, 11:10-11:40. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary. Join together for a half hour preparation for your busy weeks during Advent. We'll share a thoughtful message, scripture, sharing, and a take-home help for the coming busy week. You'll be blessed by our time and the message shared together.