

December 11 - 8:30 am

WELCOME
PRELUDE

(please observe quiet time as we prepare for worship)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Gary & Bobbie Hoff
CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Gould

*HYMN NO. 246 *Joy to the World*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:1-6

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Andy Garitson

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

(Please put your completed communication card in the offering plate.)

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Offertory *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-56

*GLORIA PATRIA

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. Amen.

TODAY'S MESSAGE "The Journey: Mary & Elizabeth" Rev. Joel Harbarger

HOLY COMMUNION (see the separate insert)

*HYMN NO. 240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*BENEDICTION

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*Indicates Congregation to Stand if Able

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Children's Bell Choir

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SPECIAL MUSIC *On This Day* Chancel Choir

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Altar Flowers: the 2017 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex; cost is \$25.00/Sunday. Envelopes are available on the table below the sign-up sheet. A sign-up sheet and envelopes are available on the bulletin board in Atchley Hall for the 9:30 worship service. The cost is \$15.00/Sunday.

Advent Donation - This year's Advent donations will be used to support both Hope House and the Youth Missions Trip in 2017. All additional donations during the Advent and Christmas season are greatly appreciated and will be used in support of these two great causes.

Mitten Tree - We will have a "mitten tree" in the narthex. We would like to "decorate" it with scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens. We need all sizes - children thru adult. These items will be donated to needy children in our community.

Angel Tree - You can help make a child's Christmas a happy one. For many children in our community, the holidays are a sad reminder of the poverty their family struggles with every day. We will have an angel tree with names and wish gifts for needy children in the narthex. There are gifts priced from \$5 - \$60. Please take a tag, buy the gift and return the wrapped gift to church by **December 18th**. There are still some tags left on the tree! If you would like to make a monetary gift, please put "angel tree" in the memo line on your check. Please see **Holly Stevens** or **Ann Copeland** with any questions.

A Christmas invitation to all our MUMC Church family! The 3rd Annual BLAZE Christmas Dinner & Mission Auction is coming up, and WE INVITE YOU! Everyone, moms, dads, siblings, grandmas/grandpas, blood related or not...it's a family style gathering, and the whole church family is invited and welcome. **Wednesday Dec. 14th**, in Atchley Hall, dinner at 6:30, with some open-mic Christmas Karaoke entertainment, and the Christmas Auction will start at 7pm! DINNER WILL BE BOB EVANS! Because that night is a Bob Evans Dine & Donate for BLAZE Youth as well, we will be ordering Bob Evans catering for everyone who RSVP's, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BRING \$10 TO PAY FOR DINNER. Then immediately after dinner, hand-made/home-made items made by our students will be auctioned off and all funds will go to missions. It's a festive and fun night and we hope you will join us. Please RSVP to Brittany ASAP, no later than Monday Dec. 12th!

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	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts/Sm. FH
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