

“Empowered by God’s grace, as members of the Union Baptist Church, we gather together in community as the Body of Christ seeking to strengthen our faith and serve the world with love in response to God’s call.”

~ Mission Statement of Union Baptist Church ~

THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME!

*If you are our guest this morning we are glad you have joined us!
Please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack and drop it
in the offering plate, or return it to a worship leader.*

Please Note: *The offering plates will not be passed during the service.
Plates are available at both entrances/exits.*

Welcome Peter Eastman

Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Stars* EDWARDS

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candle Peter Eastman & Gayle Oko

Leader: Seven hundred fifty years before Jesus' birth, the prophet Isaiah foresaw a descendant of King David who would come and reign again over the Kingdom of God. Many other prophets saw the coming of a Messiah who would deliver his people, but Isaiah spoke not just of what he would do, but of his nature and character. He is our Wonderful Counselor, the ultimate source of wise counsel. He is our Mighty God, coming with God's presence and mighty power to the earth. He is our Prince of Peace, putting a forever end to war and conflict.

Imagine no more estrangement from God! As Messiah's reign covers the earth, he will sweep in a wave of peace throughout creation. Though he comes in time and space, he is eternal. He is forever, and his Kingdom will never fail.

There is much we would like to know about him. But what we do know is wonderful! His kingdom will be just towards even the weakest, the poorest, the most marginalized. Because the King is a good king, a righteous Lord. King Jesus is God himself!

People: We light this candle in celebration of the prophets who foretold Christ's coming. Teach us to see in new ways. May your light shine brightly within our hearts, minds, and spirits, lighting the way for seekers everywhere as we journey to Bethlehem.

*Hymn of Praise #48 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN' ROS

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer ("debts") Peter Eastman

*Gloria Patri
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.

Bringing of Gifts Prayer Offertory	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HAMILTON
*Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Holy Spirit evermore: Praise Triune God, whom we adore; Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Family Ministry Moment		Mark Larson
Special Music	<i>Dance and Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us</i> Chancel Choir	ARR. HOPSON
Call for Prayer Prayers of the People Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Brown
*Hymn of Preparation #298	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	IN BABILONE
Scripture (<i>Old Test. p. 390</i>)	Psalm 25:1-10	Bill Thorndike
Sermon	"A Day in the Life"	Dr. Brown
*Hymn of Dedication #1	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	STUTTGART
*Benediction		Dr. Brown
Postlude	<i>Variation on "Winchester New"</i>	WILLIAMS

**(For those who are able, please stand)*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Today's worship flowers are given by Peter Jenkins in remembrance of Evan Jenkins.

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Cantor: Bill Hathaway

Ushers: Mike Sauchuk & Janice Wilson

Greeter: Bill Adams

Today's Hymn
Dance and Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us

Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah.
Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.
Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Soon a Son will come through Jesse. His delight shall be the Lord.
He shall reign with truth and justice. Come, O Savior, come.
Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah.
Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.
Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Wolf and lamb shall rest together, calf and lion shall join as friends.
Peace shall come to all the nations, come, O Savior, come.
Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah.
Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah.
Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.
Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.

Handbell News!



Hear us ring! The Concert Bells are back at the **Downtown Mystic Holiday Stroll**, just like the good old days! Weather permitting, come catch us ringing in the holiday season outside of Bank Square Books just down the hill. The stroll will take place on **Tuesday, December 7th**, running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Along with the Holiday Stroll, the Concert Bells are getting out there to perform some music at the **Mystic River Homes Congregate** on **Thursday, December 9th!** If you are a resident or just interested in hearing us ring, you can find us there at 6p.m. spreading the joy.

Family Christmas Hike

Join Union Baptist Church for a Christmas Story journey. We will meet at Coogan Farm to hike the beautiful trails as we search for signs of Jesus's birth. What will we find along the way? The hike will end with hot chocolate and snacks for hungry travelers.



When: Saturday, December 4th 11:00-12:30

Where: Coogan Farm: 162 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355
(In Case of Rain - UBC Fellowship Hall)

Who: Families with kids any age!



Reservations required: Scan the QR code for the link to sign up.

Advent Craft Pick-Up

Families are invited to pickup ready-to-make craft bags in the church parking lot on Sunday, December 12th at 11:45 am. Crafts will be individually packaged with simple instructions so that families can do them together at home. And we hope you've been behaving...somebody in a red suit might make a surprise visit.

Please rsvp to office@ubcmystic.org by December 2nd so that we know how many bags to prepare.

UBC Adopt-a Family

In preparing for the season of hope and joy, Union Baptist Church has pledged to help an Always Home family fulfill their child's holiday wish list.

A little information about the family we "adopted" from Always Home for Christmas: We are "adopting" the same family that we helped last year. Mom, single mother, has requested Christmas assistance for her 8-year-old son. She was just getting back on her feet when she became ill for a period of time. Her son is a happy young man who is a third grader. He hopes that Santa will visit his home and bring the requested "toys".

Although we will only be collecting monetary donations to purchase gift cards for Santa's helper, a bike and video gaming equipment are on his Christmas list.

If you want to help make this young boy's Christmas special, donations are being collected via the church's online giving app (under the category Always Home Family), at church, and by mail (write Always Home Family). The cut-off date for collecting money will be December 12th.

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering (RMMO) 2021

Transformed by Generosity

Next Sunday, December 5th

During these unprecedented times, we have learned new ways to transform, exist and embody the kingdom with the same goal in mind—to reflect the gospel. Through the deep commitment and faith of the church, great efforts have been made to remain connected and build relationships within their congregations and community. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) acknowledges and appreciates the extraordinary commitment of such church leaders, congregants, and missionaries.

To honor this annual tradition, the theme for this year's offering is, "Transformed by Generosity", with supporting scripture from 2 Corinthians 3:18: *"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit"*.

This timely theme lifts up the true strength and perseverance of ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 or more years of service to the American Baptist family.

UBC will receive the RMMO next Sunday, December 5th.

More information can be found in today's insert. We hope you are inspired to give to those who continue to transform and embody the spirit of Christ.

Women's Fellowship Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 14th - 12 noon All Ladies of the Church are Invited!



The Women's Fellowship Christmas Tea will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Everyone attending is asked to bring 2 sandwiches cut in quarters and a plate of cookies to be shared by all. After we enjoy lunch we will put together Christmas goody gift bags for our homebound members. Please join us for this festive time! All Women of the church, whether a member or a friend, are invited to join.

It's Not ALL About Christmas!

The Social Justice Team has a growth opportunity for you that could help to reshape Union Baptist Church for the days ahead! Join us for Intercultural Diversity testing and training with Deidra Riggs, the wife of our ABCCONN Executive Minister, Harry Riggs. The cost is \$150 per person. Scholarships are available. Contact Dr. Brown for more information or to sign up.

*Christmas Dinner 2021
December 25th at 2pm*

Take-Out & Delivery Only

Although we are not be able to sit down with our neighbors and friends again this holiday, we will still prepare meals for pickup and delivery on Christmas Day. We greatly appreciate the help of our congregation in preparing for this meaningful mission.

If you'd like to contribute by either baking, volunteering or making a monetary donation, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail to Dawn Scanlon at: **83 Payer Lane, Mystic, CT 06355**. She will contact you and give you the details. If you have questions you may reach Dawn at 860-572-7158.

Monetary Donation: \$ _____

Indicate # you
Needed _____ Item _____ will provide

16 Pies _____

5 Cakes _____

8 Doz Cookies/Brownies.. _____
(2 Dozen each)

VOLUNTEERS/PARTICIPANTS: (Check items)

- Meal deliveries (2:30 to approx. 3:30 pm)
- Help as needed on Dec. 25th: set-up, serving, kitchen cleanup, breakdown (1:30 - 5 pm)
- Deliver leftovers to the WARM Shelter in Westerly (at approximately 4:00 pm)

Name: _____

Phone : _____

Return by Sunday, December 12th



Christmas 2021

If you would like to order poinsettias for the holiday season, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 12th**. The plants will be displayed in the Sanctuary beginning Sun., December 19th.

(Please fill in all blanks)

_____ Potted Poinsettia Plants (\$10 each)

\$ _____ Total enclosed

Make check payable to Union Baptist Church

NOTE: Poinsettias

Given by:

(your name)

In memory/celebration/appreciation of:

(Circle one)

Please pick up your poinsettias immediately following the service on December 26th. Potted plants left in the Sanctuary after the 26th will be delivered to a skilled nursing facility.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28

- 9:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Forum (ZOOM)
- 10:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (FH)
- 10:30 A.M. Worship (S/Facebook Live)

Monday, November 29

- 9:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (ZOOM)
- 10:00 A.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 6:45 P.M. Mystic River Chorale Rehearsal (S)
- 7:00 P.M. Al-Anon (MPR/ZOOM)

Tuesday, November 30

- 10:00 A.M. Mat Yoga (ZOOM)
- 11:00 A.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 7:00 P.M. Social Justice Team (see Rev. Brown)

Wednesday, December 1

- 7:30 A.M. Journeymen (FH)
- 9:15 A.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study (ZOOM)
- 12:00 P.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 5:00 P.M. AA (FH)

Thursday, December 2

Private Event (FH/Kit)

- 9:15 A.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 10:00 A.M. Chair Yoga (ZOOM)
- 4:30 P.M. AA (FH)
- 5:45 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal (HT)
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Bible Study (ZOOM)
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (FH)

Friday, December 3

- 9:15 A.M. Kindermusik w/Miss Molly (HT)
- 7:30 P.M. Women's AA (ZOOM)

Saturday, December 4

- 7:00 P.M. AA (FH)

Sunday, December 5

- 9:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Forum (ZOOM)
- 10:15 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (FH)
- 10:30 A.M. Worship/Communion (S/Facebook Live)
- 11:30 A.M. Bell Rehearsal (S)

FH Fellowship Hall
 HT Happy Time Room
 MH Morgan House
 O Office
 MPR Multi-purpose Room
 PS Pastor's Study
 S Sanctuary

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PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Fran Brayman
 Terri Candiloro
 Bobbie Harmon (Bill Thorndike's sister)
 Leonora Horton
 (Fran Patterson's sister/Lonnie's aunt)
 Dick Wheeler (Bob Wheeler's brother)

✝️📖 **Lectionary Readings** 📖✝️ **for Weekly Bible Studies**

Week of November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Thess. 3: 9-13 Luke 21:25-36

We thank you for your generosity in giving, in service, and in faith! Union Baptist Church finds its strength through our togetherness in ministry for the sake of Christ, and we thank you for all you give to bring life and vitality to our mission.

The new pledge year begins July 1, 2021. Extra pledge cards can be found in the foyer. If you need offering envelopes, information about online giving, or have questions, contact the church Treasurer, Carl Strand at 860-536-6844.

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