

December 2024

Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

Dec 1	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11AM
	Presentation of the Budget to the Congregation	
Dec 8	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 pm
	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
Dec 9	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 pm
	Hope Resales Meeting	6:00 PM
Dec 10	Ad Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Dec 15	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 pm
Dec 22	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Christmas Cantata during worship	
	Lasagna Dinner following the service	
Dec 24	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 pm
	Christmas Eve Service	11 PM
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!	
Dec 29	No Adult Sunday School	
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Advent Study w/ Pastor Pam	6:30 pm

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Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online 11:00 am

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Hope Resales Hours

Wednesday 10AM—1PM

Thursday 4PM—7PM

Friday & Saturday 10AM-1PM

After Dec 19 the store will be closed on Thursday nights. We will reopen on Thursdays in March.

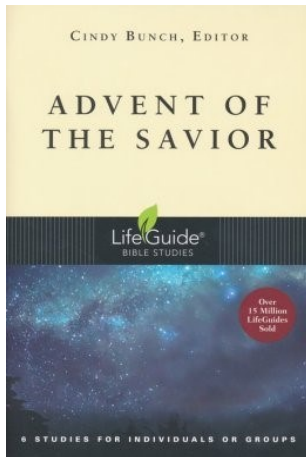




Pastor Pam is offering an Advent Bible study on Sunday evenings at

6:30 p.m. Beginning on Dec. 1 and running 6 weeks through Epiphany.

We will be using the book Advent of the Savior as our guide. If you would like to join us please contact the church office by calling 585-765-9313, or e mail us at lyndonvilleumc@gmail.com.

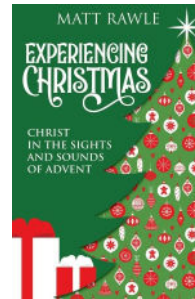


There's still time to join in!

Lasagna Christmas Dinner
after worship on
December 22.

Please see Laurie Bradley if you can supply salad or a lasagna.

What's happening in Adult Sunday School?



On Dec 1 we began a 4 week Advent Study...



In January we will begin a study using Max Lucado's book What Happens Next— A Traveler's Guide Through the End of this Age



Contact the church office if you would like to participate 585-765-9313 or lyndonvilleumc@gmail.com

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:45 am in the church library.

Please note: We will not meet on December 29.

December Birthdays

- 6 Chris Botsford
- 9 Rick Boyle
- 12 Ken Strickland
- 14 Janel Miles
- 16 Jennifer Bradley Kahmsuk & Cathy Parsell
- 20 Jeanne Whipple Goetze
- 21 Joe Miles & Bob Durow
- 23 Matthew Gawne
- 27 Liz Miles
- 29 Pat Large





Letter from the Pastor
Pastor Pam Klotzbach

December 2024



Dear friends and strangers I'd like to meet,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ in the month we celebrate His birth. Maybe 'celebrate' is the wrong word. Perhaps I should say 'we historically remember his birth'. But why? He was just a baby. No miracles, no sermons, no prayers. Just a typical newborn baby boy. Yet...they worshipped him.

What a year it has been, and it is not even over yet! If you are like me at all, there are times we look back over this past year in wonder and amazement. It often leaves me shaking my head a bit and even saying out loud from time to time, "I never saw that coming"! Nevertheless, the year 2024 will soon be in our past, and it can't come a moment too soon.

I know this year has been months of difficulty on so many levels for so many people. We are sensitive to the grief and loss that many of you are experiencing. Most of us have never seen anything like this. The violent hurricanes have interrupted many lives. This has been hard for all of us as we hear from family and friends in the midst of them and see the devastation on the screens.

However, these challenging times have also provided us with the opportunity to exercise our faith. We have witnessed acts of profound kindness and creative ingenuity that remind us of the better angels within us. We have helped and taken care of each other. We are watching many churches, including ours, prove themselves to be incredibly adaptable, flexible, and resilient.

Even then, I understand it is sometimes difficult to see the good when we feel so overwhelmed by despair; but Christmas reminds us of something critical to keep in our minds, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). My friends, there are many more reasons to be grateful and filled with hope because of our faith. God has and will continue to help us to see all of this through.

Therefore, I want to remind us that we are a Christmas people and that Jesus is incarnated in every act of love and kindness we extend to one another. God can reach us beyond all the barriers the world can create and revive us by giving us strength in times of great distress. So, we can do this, and we will overcome because we are the Church, the body of the risen Christ!

I invite you to stay connected and don't underestimate the value of your presence (online or in-person), service, prayers, witness, and giving/pledging. We need each other more than ever before. Please reach out to each other and encourage one another, particularly as we may find it difficult to be filled with hope. Ask for help if you need it.

I am privileged to be your pastor, and I feel incredibly blessed and honored to be with you. My prayers are with you always. May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Pastor Pam



The days are getting' chilly and the nights colder yet... Edith and Wilbur, the LUMC church mice just moved back indoors from their "summer" nest out in the playground under the slide.

While they were movin' in there was a whole buncha people in the church dinin' room. Wilbur and Edith were happy to see that because they were eatin' and ya know what that means!!! Treats and eats! Once the people cleared out they went out to gather their sweet manna... Wilbur really liked the banana bread morsels while Edith preferred the pumpkin cookie crumbs. They collected up enough to last until Thanksgiving an Edith would even be able to make her famous snickernoodle casserole which is cousin DeeDee's favorite. An if that isn't enough... the people are hostin' a community Thanksgiving service on the 26th... and they're servin' refreshments! Edith's hopin' for more pumpkin cookies... hint, hint. One of the reasons Wilbur and Edith decided to make their home in a United Methodist church is because they knew there would be a lot of food opportunities!

Edith overheard the people talkin' about it bein' time to set up the Crismassy store. Wilbur and Edith just love to watch all a the people shoppin' for holiday bargains. One time while Wilbur was checkin' out the ornaments someone walked up to the table he was on and he had to sit really still so the woman wouldn't see him. He was lookin' pretty spiffy wearin' his flannel Crismassy shirt and a Santa hat. The woman saw him, but when she turned to ask the store clerk how much he cost, he skedaddled real quick. The woman thought she might be seein' things... 'cause she couldn't find that cute mouse ornament again... then she thought maybe she needed to cut back on her coffee.

Sittin' under the stove in the church kitchen, cause the pilot keeps 'em warm, Edith and Wilbur were reflectin' on just how blessed they are and how much they have to be thankin' God for. The church people are entertainin' and they eat good, the worship services are interestin', the Chriss-massy store is part of the Thrifty store and the people do some real good things with the proceeds. Life is pretty good for Edith an Wilbur and they would like to wish alla the church people a very Happy Chrismassy, and a crumby New Year!

Thank
you 

Dear Lyndonville friends!

Thank you so much for your gifts for Pastor Appreciation Month. The beautiful bouquet lasted for quite some time and the gift certificates will carry me through some time.

God bless,

Pastor Pam

December Prayer Words

The idea is to discover new intricacies of God and God's Word by researching and studying one word a week. Dig in to the Bible, a dictionary, a concordance and pray—ask God to reveal Himself to you through the word of the week and His Word.

Advent—(While no specific verse uses the word advent, many scriptures point to it.) Isaiah 40:3-5 Quote: "Advent is patience. It's how God has made us a people of promise, in a world of impatience. Stanley Hauerwas

Joy—Psalm 47 Quote: "Joy is never tomorrow, it is always now" Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Peace — John 16:33 : Quote: "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." Eleanor Roosevelt

Love—1Corinthians 2:9 Quote: "I feel there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." Vincent Van Gogh

Glory— Romans 15:7 Quote: "Simplicity is the glory of expression." Walt Whitman





Jingle Bells and Pleasing Smells...

I was thinking the other day how much I love the smell of a freshly cut Christmas tree. I haven't put up a real tree in almost 15 years and I miss that aroma... but alas...not enough to put up a real tree.

This got me thinking about the great smells of Christmas... along with pine... gingerbread... mulled wine... cinnamon... warm cookies... oranges... and for me... the clean, cold smell of a fresh snowfall while out walking in it. And these are just a few... I'm sure you each have some of your own to add to the list. When you smell them they trigger a thought, or a feeling... or a hunger, or thirst.

There are several places in scripture that speak of a "pleasing aroma." These are typically found in the Old Testament with reference to a sacrificial offering, maybe burning of incense or more likely an animal sacrifice. These were said to make a sweet-smelling offering to God. Paul also uses the analogy of a "pleasant aroma" to express his appreciation for gifts and services received in the work of spreading the gospel. Google describes a "sweet smelling aroma to God" as a biblical metaphor used to describe a person's life, actions, and worship that are so pleasing to God that it is likened to a delightful fragrance. (A little stuffy, but we can work with it.)

A friend of mine once shared with me her impromptu devotional of the day. She said that as she was brewing her morning coffee, she inhaled deeply the aroma of the coffee and exclaimed how much she liked the smell of fresh coffee. She continued on saying that it made her think about in Revelation where the prayers of the saints are described as a sweet-smelling aroma that pleases God. She then wrote that she thought she should pray more...

The sense of smell is directly linked to the part of the brain that controls memory and emotions so it's not surprising that we remember with great fondness certain fragrances, especially the ones that make Christmas feel like Christmas for us. It is equally unsurprising that we attempt to artificially manufacture our Christmas nostalgia. You know this is true... think of all the ways we try to fill our homes with the smells of Christmas... candles, potpourri, simmer pots, diffusers, essentials oils... soaps, and wax melts. There's nothing wrong with these... but to me it seems a bit like hanging an evergreen scented stick on an artificial tree... close but not quite real.

My Christmas wish for us this year is that we will fully engage with the sights and sounds and smells of the season. That we will inhale deeply the feelings and emotions of Christmas as we experience them. That we will live in the moment, offering ourselves and our worship as a "sweet smelling aroma to God" full of gratitude for the gift of Jesus. And that we will pray more.

Faithfully,

Anne



Praying the Psalms

When you want:

Acceptance: 139
Answers: 4, 17
Confidence: 46, 71
Courage: 11, 42
Fellowship with God: 5, 16, 25, 27, 37, 133
Forgiveness: 32, 38, 40, 51, 69, 86, 103, 130
Friendship: 16
Godliness: 15, 25
Guidance: 1, 5, 15, 19, 25, 32, 48
Healing: 6, 41
Hope: 16, 17, 18, 23, 27
Humility: 19, 147
Illumination: 19
Integrity: 24, 25
Joy: 9, 16, 28, 126
Justice: 2, 7, 14, 26, 37, 49, 58, 82
Knowledge: 2, 8, 18, 19, 25, 29, 97, 103
Leadership: 72
Miracles: 60, 111
Money: 15, 16, 17, 49
Peace: 3, 4
Perspective: 2, 11
Prayer: 5, 17, 27, 61
Protection: 3, 4, 7, 16, 17, 18, 23, 27, 31, 91, 121, 125
Provision: 23
Rest: 23, 27
Salvation: 26, 37, 49, 126
Stability: 11, 33, 46
Vindication: 9, 14, 28, 35, 109
Wisdom: 1, 16, 19, 64, 111



When you are facing:

Atheists: 10, 14, 19, 52, 53, 115
Competition: 133
Criticism: 35, 56, 120
Danger: 11
Death: 6, 71, 90
Decisions: 1, 119
Discrimination: 54
Doubts: 34, 37, 94
Evil People: 10, 35, 36, 49, 52, 109, 140
Enemies: 3, 25, 35, 41, 56, 59
Heresy: 14
Hypocrisy: 26, 28, 40, 50
Illness: 6, 139
Lies: 5, 12, 120
Old Age: 71, 92
Persecution: 1, 3, 7, 56
Poverty: 9, 10, 12
Punishment: 6, 38, 39
Slander/Insults: 7, 15, 35, 43, 120
Slaughter: 6, 46, 83
Sorrow: 23, 34
Success: 18, 112, 127, 128
Temptation: 38, 141
Troubles: 34, 55, 86, 102, 142
Verbal Cruelty: 35, 120

When you feel:

Afraid: 3, 4, 27, 46, 49, 56, 91, 118
Alone: 9, 10, 12, 13, 27, 40, 43
Burned Out: 6, 63
Cheated: 41
Confused: 10, 12, 73
Depressed: 27, 34, 42, 43, 88, 143
Distressed: 13, 25, 31, 40, 107
Elated: 19, 96
Guilty: 19, 32, 38, 51
Hateful: 11
Impatient: 13, 27, 37, 40
Insecure: 3, 5, 12, 91
Insulted: 41, 70
Jealous: 37
Like Quitting: 29, 43, 145
Lost: 23, 139
Overwhelmed: 25, 69, 145
Penitent/Sorry: 32, 51, 66
Proud: 14, 30, 49
Purposeless: 14, 25, 39, 49, 90
Sad: 13
Self Confident: 24
Tense: 4
Thankful: 118, 136, 138
Threatened: 3, 11, 17
Tired/Weak: 6, 13, 18, 28, 29, 40, 86
Trapped: 7, 17, 42, 88, 142
Unimportant: 8, 90, 139
Vengeful: 3, 7, 109
Worried: 37
Worshipful: 8, 19, 27, 29, 150





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Youth Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM Advent Study 6:30 pm	2	3 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon	4	5 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon	6 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	7 Christmas in Lyndonville Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
8 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Youth Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM Advent Study 6:30 pm	9 Hope Resales 6:00 p.m.	10 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon Ad Council 6:00 pm	11 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	12 Hope Resales 4PM-7PM	13 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	14 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
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22 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Youth Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM Lasagna Dinner Advent Study 6:30 pm	23	24 <i>Office Hours</i> A/R Christmas Eve Service 11:00 pm	25 MERRY  CHRISTMAS	26 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon	27 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	28 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
29 No Adult Sunday School Youth Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM Advent Study 6:30 pm	30	31 <i>Office Hours</i> 8-noon				

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