



## Church worship services

**Service times for in-person and online worship**

9:30 a.m. Praise Service and 11 a.m. Traditional Service

**Upcoming Messages** for the Advent series, Halo

- December 11 We Can Always Share God's Story
- December 18 God Is Always Ready to Rescue

Christmas week offers *Blue Christmas* on December 21, and two Christmas Eve services at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Christmas Day there will be one service at 10 a.m. Communion will be served.

## Preparing for worship

**Scriptures for the coming week:**

Monday, December 12	Psalms 80:1-7
Tuesday, December 13	Psalms 91:14-15
Wednesday, December 14	Matthew 2:9-11
Thursday, December 15	Matthew 2:12-15
Friday, December 16	Matthew 2:16-18

## Youth Group updates

**Next Generation Minister:** Kelly Weinberger, *Better Together*

**Children's Minister:** Vada Postlethwait

**Nursery Director:** Jill Pedersen



### Kids Can Do Alert:

Because Christmas Day is a Sunday and the service will be somewhat different, **Kids Can Do** will be on **December 18**, which is the special music during the Praise Service and the Cantata during the Traditional Service. The money collected is for the **MVCAA**. Make sure to bring that loose change and extra bills

as we teach the kids about giving to our ministries.

### Sunday evening Youth Group:

**Big Idea:** We can always share God's story.

**Scriptures:** Luke 2:8-18, Matthew 11:2-5 & 1 Peter 3:15

## Children's Church Lessons:



**Bible Verse**  
Look! I bring you good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people.  
\* Luke 2:10

Christmas Morning \* Dec. 25th  
Angles Visit the Shepherds  
Luke 2:8-20



2nd Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 4th  
An Angel Visits Mary  
Luke 1:26-38

3rd Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 11th  
An Angel Visits Joseph  
Matthew 7:24-27

4th Sunday of Advent  
Dec. 18th  
Jesus is Born  
Luke 2:1-7

## Let There Be Christmas

A Christmas Cantata by Joseph M. Martin

Sunday, December 18

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent will be UMCburg's musical worship. The Praise Team will be providing additional music featuring special guests at the 9:30 Praise Service while the Chancel Choir will provide the Christmas Cantata during the 11:00 Traditional Service. Two different ways to worship through music, so you may consider joining us for both services.



## Summary of Advent Worship

### Here is the challenge:

Can you worship each Sunday of Advent and join us for a quiet Christmas Day for worship and communion?



**December 11:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Lighting of the Advent Candle during worship
- Chancel Choir's Cantata during worship
- Halo Bible Study at 6 p.m.

**December 18:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Lighting of the Advent Candle during worship
- Kids Can Do—MVCAA is the disciple gift
- Halo Bible Study at 6 p.m.

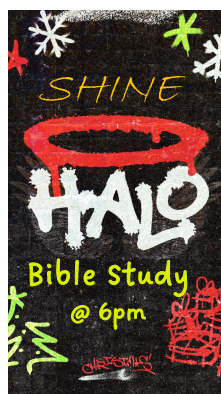
**December 21:** Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m.

**December 24:** Christmas Eve

- 4 p.m. Praise Service
- 7 p.m. Traditional Service

**December 25:** Christmas Service

- 10 a.m. one combined service
- Lighting the Christ candle
- Communion



### 1st Sunday – Nov. 27

**Topic:** God's timing is always right  
**Activity:** Hope ornament

### 2nd Sunday – Dec. 4

**Topic:** Jesus is always good news  
**Activity:** Angel ornament

### 3rd Sunday – Dec. 11

**Topic:** We can always share God's story  
**Activity:** Angel cookies

### 4th Sunday – Dec. 18

**Topic:** God is always ready to rescue  
**Activity:** Christmas cards

## UMCburg's ministry for the MVCAA continues essential life-changing work

Knowing the stories of the MVCAA's work to understand the importance of supporting this organization through the month's disciple gift. The staff has provided some stories of that have developed over the past year. As you consider your gift, consider this example of MVCAA work:

"In January, the agency helped an elderly gentleman who had lived in Warrensburg before, was a good tenant and never late on rent.

His wife lived with him but was taken out west somewhere by family members due to mental issues. Later, he went to live with his daughter out of state for about five years. A few months ago, he showed up in this area with no place to stay.

It is said a group of firemen in the other state pooled their monies together and put him on a bus to get him here. The only information he had in his wallet lead to this area, with his old address from when he lived at the apartment complex before.

We worked in partnership with a Care Connections worker to help him get into an apartment. We used family support funds to assist with his rent and deposit."

## Safety Team announces continued work

Over the last two years the security committee has been making strides to ensure all our congregants and visitors have a safe place to worship.

The next phase will begin on December 18 during the worship service. Currently the Gay Street sanctuary doors are locked after service begins, so the Playground doors will also be locked once the service begins. The only door to enter once the service starts will be the North Atrium Doors.

As part of that initiative we are now seeking to establish a safety team. The team would consist of church members who are physically capable, qualified to serve, and willing to respond to the safety needs of the church on Sundays.


The incidents can range from assisting congregants with a medical event to evacuations during a fire or Active Shooter. Above all we are seeking people lovers with a drive to help others. Through diligence this team can help prevent incidents.

If you feel called to serve as a team member or leader on the safety team for Sunday service please reach out to Gabrielle Benedict, John Culp, Thomas Mellinger, or Peter Norton. -from Gabrielle Benedict, Safety Team Leader

**SCAM ALERT**

Recently, scam emails and texts have been going out under the name of church staff requesting a purchase of gift cards. These are invalid. Remember, no one on the church staff will ever text, email or call you to buy gift cards or make any financial transaction for the church or a third party. If you ever have a question, contact the church office immediately.

**December's Disciple Gift**



**Engaging communities and coordinating resources to improve the lives of people experiencing poverty is our mission..**

## Mill's update on UMM's Jamaica Mission



Friday, December 9, Steve Mills will begin the first day of work on the Methodist Clinic in Falmouth, JA. He said the team hopes to prepare the clinic in order for UMCburg's medical and construction team to resume a mission trip during the week of March 6.

Mark your calendar for a "cook-off" fundraising meal and dessert auction for missions that will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the FLC. Sign up in the atrium to donate a pot of chili, "ham & beans" or a dessert. Questions, contact Steve Mills at [steve@umcбург.org](mailto:steve@umcбург.org).

Also schedule yourself to attend the United Methodist Men meeting on December 19, 6 pm at The Rock. Steve Mills will share about his recent work with a medical mission team in Falmouth, JA.

Steve said they are actively recruiting volunteers for the construction and medical mission to Falmouth for March 4-11, 2023. Each person will be responsible for purchase of their own airline ticket and raising \$600 toward expenses in Jamaica.

The fundraising dinner is January 11, is to help with supplies and medicines for the repairs and operation of the free clinic in Jamaica. More information will be shared at the UMM meeting on December 19. You may also contact Steve Mills @ 660-441-8309.

## Blessing Box available; help keep it stocked. . .

Located off College Street beside the church's buses, please be aware when it empties. Supplies that can be shared are prepared foods, hand warmers, personal hygiene items, socks, etc.

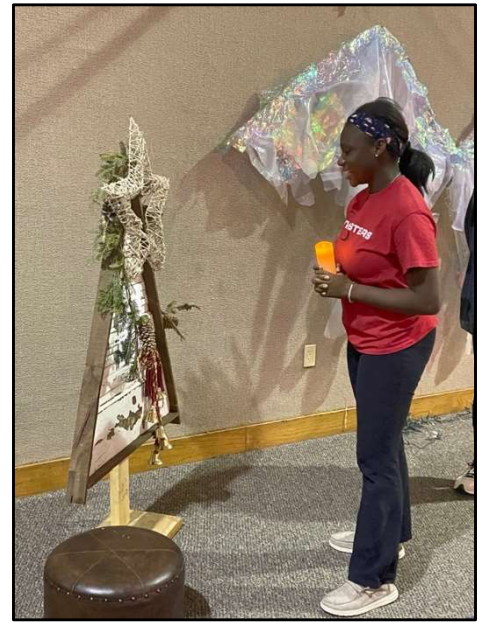






## Picturing UMCburg's Church Family at Christmastime

*These are just a few snapshots of life in our church during the Advent season. We grow together in faith in so many ways.*



**Music:** Keaton Denney sings Ave Maria, the Praise Team joined by the Rock students for a special feature.  
**Halo:** Bible study Sunday evenings.  
**The Chosen:** A video event filled with photo ops still in the FLC for anybody and everybody to use anytime they drop in.



*Come and worship*

