

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known**

**Sunday, November 29, 2015**

**9:00am Worship**

**(\*)Please Stand as Able**

**Bold Print All Say In Unison**

**GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP**

How can we participate in the coming reign of Christ? That is the challenge of Advent. God promises a new order, the birth of a world in which justice and righteousness rule. The promise is irrevocable—the birth will come. Whether we are among those who will be reborn with that world depends upon our commitment and allegiance, in each moment of our lives, to the one true God rather than the false gods we so often honor. God shows us the way in the life and words of Jesus, and gives us companions—our sisters and brothers in Christ. But ultimately, each of us must actively prepare if we are to be part of what is being born at Christmas.

**GREETING**

**Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad**

**PRELUDE**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People, *Freu dich* *sher*,

arr. Lee Dengler

Nancy Dickinson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Have you seen it?....the Spark of Hope which God  
is placing among us.

**P: All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores, darkness and fear.**

L: Look again.....the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

**P: We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.**

L: A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Light.

**P: May God bring that light to us today! AMEN.**

**\*PRAYER**

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for **THE BIG DAY**. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. **AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**

**"People Look East"**

**UMH #202**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - Lighting the Advent Candle**

L: Today we light one candle - the Candle called HOPE, as a  
reminder that God's promises are true.

Children:: We place our hope in God.

Children: We place our lives in God's care.

**ALL: Come, all is ready. Let the light of this one candle, called  
HOPE, bring brightness to your spirits.**

[The first Advent Candle is lighted]

**\*HYMN**

**"O Come O Come Emmanuel"**

**UMH #211**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BAPTISM AND WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP**

**Ruth Olson**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We try to find some way to cover it up, but it remains. And in our anxiety, we act out our fear in ways which are not helpful and, far too often, go against the ways you have taught us to live. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event, and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to you for Hope. Let us see the many ways in which you are present to us..... guiding, healing, loving, encouraging us. Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to your light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

"The days are coming", says the prophet Isaiah, "when all God's promises will be fulfilled." These promises of hope, peace, joy, and love are for you. Receive the hope that God offers to you today.

**\*HYMN**

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**UMH #206**

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 21:25-36**

**MESSAGE**

**OFFERING**

**Special Music** Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice, David Ashley White

**Doxology**

**"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**UMH#95**

**\*HYMN**

**"Soon and Very Soon"**

**UMH #706**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Lift Up Your Heads, *Graham Kendrick*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a coffee, goodies and  
friendship— located downstairs below the Sanctuary.*

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here!  
Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder)  
located at the end of the pew along the center aisle.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service  
and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a  
great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608-931-6804

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The UMW Cookie Walk is Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bake  
cookies to sell and then stop by and buy some! The cookie walk  
starts at 9:00 AM and continues until we are sold out.



UMW Christmas Luncheon will be on December 12 – Noon at  
THE DEPOT. Menu is Ham & Spinach Quiche, fruit, drink &  
Dessert. The cost including tax & tip is \$13.00. Please bring a  
\$5.00 grab bag gift to exchange. The sign-up sheet will be in  
the narthex. Any questions please call Sherrie Cottrell.

***First Sunday in Advent...  
A Time of Hope***



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EDGERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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