

Schuylerville UMC Welcomes You



December 1, 2024

Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Today we enter into the season of Advent!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Gathering

+CALL TO WORSHIP (Response is in bold print)

Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God's peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

The days are surely coming!

Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God's reign among us.

The days are surely coming and are already here!

Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts, to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

+HYMN

#234 UMH "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Verses 1-3

ADVENT WREATH CANDLELIGHTING (Please be seated)

Blessing of Wreath, Reading

Lighting – Bell Choir and Congregation – "Christ Be Our Light"

MORNING PRAYER

O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. (1) In Jesus name, who taught us to pray saying, "Our Father. . ."

LORD'S PRAYER

+APOSTLES CREED #881UMH

+GLORIA PATRI #71

CHILDREN'S TIME (Video)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Nancy

JOYS / CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER

The Word

+HYMN #196 UMH "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the preparing, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURES -NIV

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 and Psalm 25: 1-10 **Reader**

GOSPEL Luke 21: 25-36 **Pastor Nancy**

This the word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Get Ready!” Pastor Nancy
SILENT REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is an open table and all are welcome.

(As you come to receive communion, please place your offering in the plate at the front pew. We thank you for your generosity. Lord, please bless the offerings we bring and bless us to your service. Amen.)

The Sending

+**HYMN # 213 UMH – Verses 3 and 4**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

+ **BENEDICTION:** Beloved, go from this place blessed with a hope that takes root and grows, preparing us to notice, listen, and join in with God’s kin-dom work among us.

Amen.

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+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

+ **POSTLUDE**

+ **Please rise in body or spirit as you are able**

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal **TFWS** - The Faith We Sing

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WELCOME

We welcome you to our congregation, may you find a home among us.

Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we

follow the Spirit’s lead in our daily lives, may we find ourselves

discovering a deeper relationship with Jesus, the Light of the World!

**We welcome all visitors and invite you to sign our guest*

book, which is located at the ushers stand in the

entryway!

Schuylerville UMC & Quaker Springs UMC

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are ordering poinsettias from Dehns Flowers to adorn the sanctuary at Christmas. Plants come in red, white, or pink and are \$14 each. Please see Tara, Nellie, or Tena.

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Advent begins – Worship 11am followed by food and fellowship! We shall celebrate communion on this day as we begin a new church year.

Monday, Dec. 2nd: Pastors Sabbath

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd: **2:00 pm** Advent Study: “The Christmas Letters” @ SUMC

Thursday, Dec. 5th: Men’s Life Group 7pm @ SUMC

Dec. 8th: Second Sunday of Advent – Worship 11am

Community Events

TODAY: Christmas Concert **3pm** at Old Saratoga Reformed Church

Friday, Dec. 6th: Lighting Ceremony of the Memory Trees 6pm @ Town of Saratoga Building – across from Stewarts. A reception follows in Schuyler Room.

Saturday, Dec. 7th – Quaker Springs UMC – Christmas Festival 9am to 3pm Come and join us! Finn the horse, and his owner will be there with their new book, wreaths, and many Christmas items for sale, many goodies!!

SCHOOL CONCERTS IN DECEMBER: The high school band & chorus concert is Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM.

The middle school band and chorus concert is Wednesday December 18 at 7 PM.

A Sharing from Discipleship Ministries

Advent is not something we endure; it is something we become, something that we are. We are people who live in anticipation, who live in hope. It is the essence of our being.

Beloved, this is a time that reminds us to draw near to the ONE whom we adore, our Savior Jesus! Amen.

Have a blessed week, Pastor Nancy

Ministry/Mission

***THE WAY Thrift Store**: Volunteers are needed! Join the team! Contact- Tena, Sue, or Nellie! Strong folks are needed to help with unpacking donation bin on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30, any portion of time, is greatly appreciated.

***Prayer Shawl Ministry**- We have beautiful shawls that have been made with loving prayer for those in need of comfort and care.

***SAFER DONATIONS**: Soup, pasta, pasta sauce, **paper products**, and non-perishable can goods (peanut butter, vegetables etc.). Thank you for your donations!

Things to know about...

***Our Church website**: schuylervilleumc.org

Weekly worship bulletin is on our website each week!

***Upper Room**- **Nov/Dec** are available in entryway – please bring a copy to a neighbor, friend or shut-in to encourage them!!

* **Pastoral Care**:- Contact Pastor Nancy - give her a call or make an appointment to visit or share in a time of spiritual companionship, her cell number is 607-435-6091.

***Keeping Connected**: UNYAC website! **Adirondack/Albany Districts Newsletter**; and UM News sites.

“Prayer enlarges the heart”

Please join us in the ministry of prayer daily!! Prayers of Thanksgiving for our ministry together! God is blessing us daily.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS-HURRICANE RECOVERY STILL NEEDED-Donations can be made online to:

UMCOR US Disaster Response with Advance #901670

Or in donation basket in entry of sanctuary next to our thankful journal. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors!

***Resources Used**: Call to worship: *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*; Morning Prayer: (1) Vanderbilt Divinity; Prayer for Illumination: ~Written by Rev. Andy James, adapted