



Leap of Faith

DECEMBER 2021



Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy

Advent is a season of preparation to receive the Christ child into our hearts anew. Each Sunday has a special word to focus our attention on.

Hope is the opposite of despair. Christ came to bring hope to lift us up. He is there for us in any situation. All we need to do is to reach out to Him.

Peace is the opposite of stress. Christ came to bring order out of chaos. We can depend on Him to counsel and comfort us in any situation.

Love is the greatest gift that Christ has given us. He left His throne in glory to be born in a lowly manger, and He came to give His life for us so that we might live forever with Him in Heaven.

Joy flows out of gratitude for each of these gifts Christ has given to the world. Our joy causes us to want to share the good news with others.

Remember these special gifts that were given to all on that very first Christmas, and have a blessed Advent!

Amen Pastor Laura

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.
Contact stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com for service information.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Wednesday December 1st at 6PM on Zoom. If you would like to join us please get with Courtney Papa

CONSISTORY MEETING

Will be on Wednesday, December 1st directly after the congregational meeting.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Courtney Papa (Pres)	Jean Quillin
George Adamson (Treas)	Edward Quillin
Mary Ellen Harris (VP)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	Wayne Knudson

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Laura Doty and Cindy Robinett for all the special Christmas music!

DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

- December 05 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – George Adamson
- 12 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
- 19 Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Wayne Knudson
- 24 Laura Doty, Pastor
Christmas Eve Service - TBA
- 26 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!



IMPORTANT DATES FOR DECEMBER

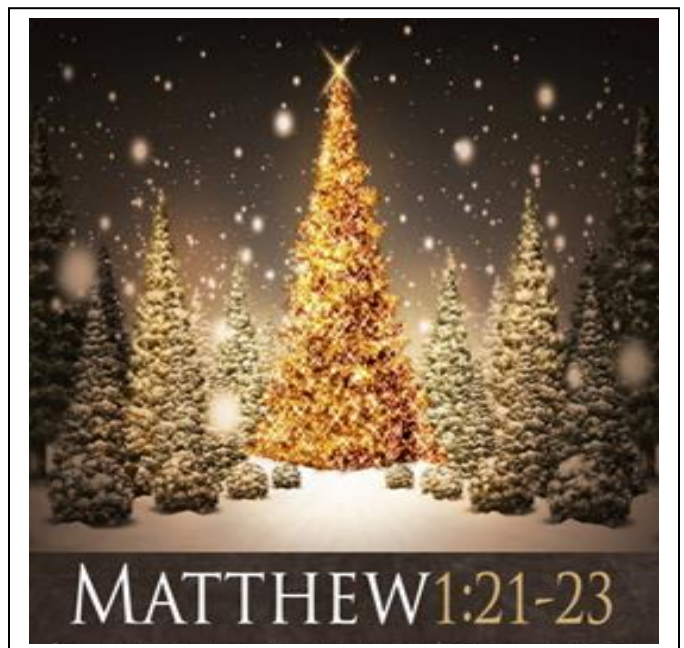
- 05 – Second Sunday of Advent – **PEACE**
- 07 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12 – Third Sunday of Advent – **LOVE**
- 29 – Fourth Sunday of Advent - **JOY**
- 21 – Winter Begins
- 24 – Christmas Eve – **The CHRIST CANDLE**
- 25 – Christmas Day
- 31 – New Year's Eve

Why should you join in a Bible Study?

First, Bible Study is a good way to help us grow in our faith. There are people in other countries who realize how important Bible Study is and some of them risk their own safety as well as the safety of others to go to a Bible Study.

Second, our Consistory thought it was important and we put it in the contract that leading Bible Study was to be part of our pastor's job. We also said that we would help and support our pastor in their work. Pastor Laura is preparing a Bible Study.

Everyone is invited to join us on Zoom starting Dec. 8 at 6pm. If this date and time doesn't work for you, we are also planning to have the lesson part on our church's Facebook page. If you need more information you can contact Pastor Laura Doty or Mary Ellen Harris.



Advent Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021 ART -- PRAYER	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021 ART -- PRAYER	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021 ART -- PRAYER	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Christmas Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Nativity of the Lord - Proper I December 24 & 25, 2021 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid- Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 9:2- 7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Nativity of the Lord - Proper II December 24 & 25, 2021 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid- Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Nativity of the Lord - Proper III December 24 & 25, 2021 <i>Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid- Day</i> ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day December 26, 2021 ART -- PRAYER	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52



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