

Ardmore United Methodist Church

Newsletter

Advent 2014

A Word From the Pastor...

As the days grow darker, we need to “rekindle the flame of the gift within us” to light our way and to provide light to those who still live in darkness. Join us throughout Advent for numerous opportunities for remembering our call and exploring how we are now called to incarnate the light of Christ in the world.

Take time to step away from the demands of the season and renew your spirit as you prepare and anticipate the coming of the light.

Advent, like Lent, is the season before the big Holy day (Christmas & Easter). It has traditionally been the season of Hope, Expectation and Preparation.

So, beyond all the preparations we make for our family celebrations of Christmas, what spiritual preparations can we make this year? What can we do as people of faith to cultivate a spirit of expectancy and hope? One of the new Advent hymns called “People Look East”, encourages us to look “east” toward Bethlehem, toward the birth of Christ.

To everyone in the Ardmore community, I wish you a Hope and Spirit filled Christmas!

Joy and Blessings to all,
Pastor Tim

December 21st
11:00
Worship Service

A Christmas Cantata
“Rejoice Believers”
Music & Words by
John Coates & Tom Lawson

Sung by
Our Choir and Soloists
Narrated by Brenda Del Rosario

Services of Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

Children’s Service - 4:00 p.m.

This year, our children’s service will be a wonderful blend of music and a “Children’s Christmas Pageant”. As families arrive, they are invited to take their children to the parlor, or someone will guide them to that location. There, they will be costumed for the pageant that will take place shortly thereafter. In the Sanctuary, we will be blessed with special music featuring Heather Phillips, singing “O Holy Night”, and carol arrangements by flutist, Dana Kaufhold. Following the music, the pageant will commence in the sanctuary with the children who are present and costumed. We hope you will join us for a lovely presentation of the Christmas Nativity in music and drama. Like the traditional service, we will conclude with the candle lighting as we usher in the Light of Christ! We especially hope all of our families will participate, even our infants! Come and share in this joy! .



Candlelight Service - 7:30 p.m.

Our Candlelight Service this year will begin with an extended prelude featuring Elin Frazier playing *Flügelhorn* at 7:15. The service will then start at 7:30 - a traditional candlelight service of Lessons and Carols with Christmas Meditation, and Sean Plumb singing “O Holy Night”. We will conclude with the candle lighting as we usher in the Light of Christ. Please know that visitors and extended family are warmly invited to attend our service. Join us as we welcome Christ into our hearts and lives again this year.



UMW Pecan Sale

UMW will be selling Schermer’s Pecans in the Parlor after services each Sunday during the holiday season. We offer a wide variety from which to choose - all wrapped in holiday gift bags. Please be sure to visit us in the Parlor after services!

College Student Care Packages

Exam time can be stressful for college students. We like to help alleviate some of that stress and let our kids know that their friends from church are thinking of them by sending a care package of home-baked cookies!

Thank you to Noni Nelson, who has organized this project for the past several years. Noni reports that she sent out several packages to our kids and would like to thank all those who baked and help pack!



Our Annual Christmas Celebration was a huge success!!

A great time was had by all! Many thanks to everyone that helped make this celebration possible: In particular - Dave Hopkins , Caroline Sandy and Yanori Aigeldinger - who helped cook and organize the event, and to the Haverford School Noteables for their wonderful performance!!



Christmas Flowers...

If you would like to honor a loved one and at the same time beautify our Christmas Eve altar with poinsettias, please fill out the enclosed order form and return to the church office by 12/21/14.



Wishing Everyone a
Happy, Healthy Advent/
Christmas Season!