

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 11, 2022 | 10:00 AM | 3rd Sunday of Advent

Theme: *The Redemption of Scrooge*

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember again the wonderful works of God. Rejoice in the abundance of God's steadfast love.

God has blessed us beyond all deserving. How wonderful it is to recognize God's presence!

The glory of God fills the place where we are. Let us respond together to God's mighty power.

God promises to dwell with us now. We come to worship the one true God.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

The gospel of Christ has drawn us once more to seek the realm of heaven. Your ways, O God, surprise us, for your standards are not our own. We want quick results, while you work patiently for steady transformation. We dare to worship what we cannot see because Christ has demonstrated that your love is real. Love us now into becoming all we are meant to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Joan & Bill Arlequeeuw

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 5 & 6) UMH 211++

TIME OF SHARING

Rev. Dr. Eunice Vega-Perez

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

NT pp.21-22

SERMON

"The Life of Christmas Present"

ANTHEM

"He Brings Love"

by Jill Gallina

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

*CLOSING HYMN

"People, Look East"

UMH 202

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETER| Penny Werner **LITURGIST**| Laurie Oszczepinski

FELLOWSHIP| Reconciling Ministries Team

FLOWERS| Richard Bloomer and Steven Bloomer-Teague in memory of Emogene Bloomer

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations:

OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

PRAYER LIST: Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, The Family of Ros Williams, The Family of Nancy Farr, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, the Family of Robbie Schneider, the Family of Cesar Lecha, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Henry Repp, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

WE WELCOME ALL!

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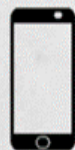
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UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every **Sunday at 9:30 AM**

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 11:30 AM** following worship service in Sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for middle and high school students, will be held **TODAY, Sunday, December 11 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Community Room.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE: **Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM.** Con. Rm./Online.

Join us **TODAY** as we celebrate our **ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BECOMING A RECONCILING MINISTRIES CHURCH** with a dedication of our new exterior sign and a brunch immediately following our 10:00 am service. Please welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Eunice Vega-Perez who will be speaking during worship, and offering the prayer at the sign dedication.

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE - Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM. Join us for this worship service of remembrance and grief. A quiet time of comfort and hope in the midst of the loud and busy holidays.

On **EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**, the Outreach Team invites you to celebrate **A BABY SHOWER FOR MARY AND JOSEPH** as we bring our gifts to the altar during the regular 10 AM service. In addition to the usual baby items. **DIAPERS IN SIZE 4 AND UP** are especially needed! All Donations will be delivered to Baby Blessings Pantry at Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

Thank you everyone who supported our **(TEEN) ANGEL TREE** to help make Christmas just a bit more joyful for youngsters in foster care. Both unwrapped gifts and gift cards should be delivered to the church **no later than Sunday, December 18**. Thanks for your generosity!



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