

# HOMCOMING HERITAGE HISTORY



***Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations!***  
**Psalm 90:1**

October 29, 2023



**We exist to welcome ALL people by sharing the Love of Christ!**

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**WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER**

Bob Green

**PRELUDE (Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)**

Gayle Graening

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shaelynn Smith

Leader: How sweet it is when God's children get together!

**Congregation: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."**

Leader: In this hour of worship, we gather as family bound in Christian love. May our time here be a blessing of strengthened fellowship that ushers in a new season in ministry.

**Congregation: No matter where we go, how far we venture, it is always good to know that we can come home! Praise God on this Homecoming, History and Heritage Sunday! Amen!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

Way Maker

Praise Team

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Carrie Neblett

**\*HOMECOMING LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Sarah Kathryn Mason &amp; Lucy Rivera

Leader: Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your faithfulness through all the 238 years of worship and witness in this place.

**Congregation: We give thanks, O God!**

Leader: For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

**Congregation: We give thanks, O God!**

Leader: For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

**Congregation: We give thanks, O God!**

Leader: For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time, talents and treasures, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

**Congregation: We give thanks, O God!**

Leader: Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding, through Jesus Christ our Savior!

**Congregation: Amen!**

**\*APOSTLES CREED**

UMH 881

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

**SPECIAL SONG**

Find us Faithful

Chancel Choir/Praise Team  
with Soloist Lydia Esmer**\*SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 89:1-5; Hebrews 10:23

Rev. Felicia Kumar

**HOMECOMING HOMILY**

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Rev. Felicia Kumar

**SCRIPTURE/HISTORY OF REHOBOTH UMC**

Hebrews 12:1-2a

Ann Love Ayre, Connelly Ayre  
Swingley Cage, Tim Cage**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CALL OURSELVES REHOBOTH?**

Tim Smith

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

**\*CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Rev. Jerry Wallace

District Superintendent, Cumberland River District

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (v1)

UMH 664

**POSTLUDE**

Gayle Graening

# COMING THIS WEEK!

**Monthly Wednesday Morning  
Ladies Gathering**  
10 am in the Oasis area  
Wednesday (November 1)  
All Ladies are Welcome!



**MEN'S**  
MINISTRY

**MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
8 AM in FELLOWSHIP HALL  
All men are Welcome!

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

**Meal Packing**  
Saturday, November 4  
1 pm in Fellowship Hall

*We will pack more than 20,000 meals  
and will need 150 volunteers.*

Sign up online at

<https://rah.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z000002L8uoQAC>

or

on the Sheet in the Fellowship Hall



Daylight Savings ends  
Sunday, November 5.

Don't forget  
to set your clocks  
**back 1 hour**  
on Saturday night!

## BE A PART OF OUR ADVENT DEVOTIONS

The congregation (adults, youth, and children) are invited to submit Christmas-oriented devotions for our daily email devotions during Advent (December 3 thru December 24). In addition to emailing these devotions on a daily basis, they will be compiled into an Advent Devotional Booklet to be distributed prior to Advent. We are asking that devotions include a scripture, reflection and prayer in the following format.

Devotional Example:

Scripture: One Scripture, no more than 3 short verses

Devotion: One to two Short Paragraphs

Prayer: One to two Sentence Prayer

*(Note: A good example to reference for format would be the "Jesus Calling" devotional by Sarah Young.)*

Please submit Devotions to the church office via email (churchum@gmail.com) **by November 5**, to allow time for compiling and formatting for use.

## Rehoboth's Prayer Requests

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

### Long-Term

*(hospice care or long-term medical treatments, diagnosis or rehab)*

Maria Avila-Raspet (J. Miller)  
Al Burzo (J. Miller)  
Jean Cage  
Frances Catron (Catron)

Hanson family  
Edith Hardy  
Tom Harned (M. Miller)  
Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)

Helena Ludwig  
Jim Mason  
John McIntosh  
Jackson Murtha (Shumate)

Donna Stephens (J. Miller)  
Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)

### Health Concerns

Matthew Bautula (Lehmann)  
Shan Boone  
Jack Bradley (Dorris)  
Lucretia Brinkley (Ayre)  
Shasta Brown (Brown)  
Melvin Burke (A. Mason)  
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)  
**Judi Dale (A. Mason)**  
Anne Dorris  
Jon Dorris (Dorris)

Danny Ellis (J. Miller)  
Jason Erlewine  
Gerald Esmer (Esmer)  
Adeline Floyd (Calabro)  
Nancy Garrison (J. Miller)  
Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff)  
Ernie Grinder  
Laura Hayes  
**Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)**  
**Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)**

Russ Holt  
Janet (Plause)  
Roy Johnson (Shumate)  
**Ruby Love (Calabro)**  
Scott McCarthy (Shumate)  
Becky Miller  
Bob Plause (Plause)  
**Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre)**  
Rebecca Savage (Savage)  
Melissa Slone

Stephanie Shumate  
Rosie Smith  
Sylvia Street (Walker)  
Wilburn Thacker (Shumate)  
Larry Thompson (Hanson)  
Nick Umbarger (Murphy)  
Barbara Vaughn (Walker)  
Todd Willbanks (Willbanks)

### Other Concerns

Joseph Chaffins & family (Slone)  
Pat Freudenthal and family

Tom Kim  
Hazel Rivera (Rivera)

The people and country of Israel

### Sympathy To

The family of Patsy Kelley

*Individuals will remain on our list for up to 3 weeks. Please contact the church office to resubmit a praise and/or prayer request. (Names in Bold have been newly added to the list.)*

*A Special Thank you to our  
Cumberland River District  
Superintendent Rev. Jerry Wallace  
for worshipping with us today.*



## Operation Christmas Child

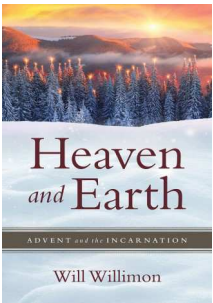


The Youth are leading the church in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year.

**This year the goal for our church is 20 Boxes.**  
All filled boxes should be returned to the church by  
**Sunday, November 12.**

Packing List Suggestions may be found at the following link:  
<https://sp-comm-arkfiles.s3.theark.cloud/website/pdfs/OCC/Gift-Suggestions/2021-Gift-Suggestions-PDF.pdf>

### Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Felicia Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation



Watch out! Get ready! God is on the way! It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we are to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now.

In *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, United Methodist Bishop (retired) Will Willimon introduces us to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out! Get ready! God is on the way!

Join Pastor Felicia for a four-week Advent Bible Study in person or via Zoom. The schedule is as follows, and books are available through the church office at a cost of \$10.

**Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom** (Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 4 and Dec 11)

**Tuesday Afternoons at 1:00 pm in Person** (Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 12)

**Wednesday Afternoons at 1:00 pm in Person** (Nov 15, Nov 29, Dec 6 and Dec 13)

To sign up for one of the study groups or to order a book,  
please contact the church office ([churchum@gmail.com](mailto:churchum@gmail.com) or 615-757-3262)

#### Week of October 29, 2023

##### Today:

9:30 am Chancel Choir  
10:00 am Blended Worship Service  
NO Fellowship Time  
NO Sunday School  
11:00 am Heritage Potluck Following Service

##### Wednesday:

7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera  
10:00 am Ladies Gathering (Oasis)  
6:00 pm Children's Group  
6:00 pm Youth Group  
6:15 pm Chancel Choir  
7:15 pm Hand Chimes

##### Saturday:

8:00 am Men's Monthly Breakfast (FH)  
1:00 pm Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event (FH)

#### Birthdays

Oct 29 Muriel Robinson  
Oct 30 Sam Erlewine  
Nov 1 Bobbie Motz  
Nov 3 Bill Ludwig  
Nov 4 Chip Ayre  
Jacob Cundiff

*Birthdays Blessings*

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# Sermon Series for the Month of November 2023

**Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!  
~Thessalonians 5:18**

Thankfulness is a theme that runs through the entire Bible and a practice that radically transforms the hearts of those who express it. The Apostle Paul encourages thankfulness in all circumstances, not just in certain seasons, as a way of orienting our lives and thinking around God's perspective. In the times that we live in, nothing may be more important for Christians than cultivating gratitude. As the world gets darker and filled with more pain, thankful people will shine brightly with the light of Jesus. That said, we invite you to come and join us and be blessed each Sunday and give thanks to God for everything that God has done in the past, God is doing in the present, and God will continue to do in the future! May we count our blessings and name them one by one!

**November 5, 2023**

**All Saints Sunday**

Sermon: *The Best is Yet to Come*

Scripture: Revelations 21:1-6a

**November 12, 2023**

Sermon: *Giving When It Hurts*

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

**November 19, 2023**

Sermon: *Thankfulness*

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

**November 26, 2023**

**Christ the King Sunday**

Sermon: *Christ is Our King*

Scripture: John 18:33-37



*Thankfulness*





## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

**For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
~Isaiah 9:6

This prophecy of the coming Christ that was given hundreds of years before His birth tells us that the Child that was to be born would have some very amazing names. Of course, the One that Isaiah is speaking of is Jesus! According to Isaiah He would be called: **Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!** During the four weeks of Advent, we will look at each of these four names in depth of how meaningful those names are to us as individuals and as a community of believers! Invite a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a co-worker! Come, join, and experience it for yourself and be blessed as we prepare ourselves to worship the Christ-Child!

**December 3, 2023**

SERMON: "OUR WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"

**First Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

**December 10, 2023**

SERMON: "OUR MIGHTY GOD"

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

**December 17, 2023**

SERMON: "OUR EVERLASTING FATHER"

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

**December 21, 2023**

7:00 pm in the Chapel

**Blue Christmas Service**

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. So, our Blue Christmas Service will provide a quiet and contemplative time of worship as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings to those who are dealing with the death of a loved one, a broken relationship, coping with the loss of a job, living with, or caring for someone with an ongoing illness and or experiencing any other form of brokenness or situations. If you know of someone who's going through a difficult time in their life and are in need of love, support, encouragement, and prayers, please bring them along with you to experience hope, love, joy, and peace that only our Lord Jesus can give us!

**December 24, 2023**

10 am Blended Worship Service with special a Christmas Collection of Music

SERMON: "OUR PRINCE OF PEACE"

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

**December 24, 2023**

Christmas Meditation: "WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ABOUT?" Scripture: John 1:1 & 14

**5 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service**

**December 31, 2023**

10 am Blended Worship Service

Theme: "Stories Behind Christmas Carols"

On this first Sunday after Christmas, we will focus on a few carols and reflect on how the stories behind these carols express the true meaning of Christmas and impact our lives!