



For a child will be born to us, a Son given to us; and the government  
will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!  
~Isaiah 9:6

December 3, 2023  
1st Sunday of Advent



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

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<b>WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER</b>		Charlotte Mason
<b>*PASSING OF THE PEACE</b>		
<b>PRELUDE</b>		Gayle Graening
	<i>(As the music begins, we invite you to prayerfully prepare for this time of worship.)</i>	
<b>LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE</b>		Carolyn and Joe Cundiff
Leader:	Long ago, when God's people were being taken into exile, they lost everything they knew. Hope seemed lost, and the people wondered if they would ever see their home, their family, and their temple again.	
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	<i>(Pause for Candle Lighting)</i>	
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<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>Wonderful Counselor, help us to see hope in times of darkness. Help us to share your hope with those in need, and to do what we can to help build your kingdom. Amen!</b>	
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v 1,2,6 &amp; 7)</i>	UMH 211
<b>INITIATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON</b>		
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
<b>*GLORIA PATRI</b>	Glory Be to the Father	UMH 70
<b>MUSICAL OFFERING</b>	<i>Are You Ready Little Town</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		Charlotte Mason
<b>*HYMN OF PREPARATION</b>	<i>What Child is This? (v 1 &amp; 3)</i>	UMH 219
<b>*SCRIPTURE</b>	Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 32:8; Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 11:2	Rev. Felicia Kumar
<b>SERMON</b>	Wonderful Counselor	Rev. Felicia Kumar
<b>INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP</b>		
<b>SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE</b>		UMH 12-14
<b>*HYMN OF COMMITMENT</b>	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	UMH 240
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Rev. Felicia Kumar
<b>*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING</b>	<i>Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace</i>	UMH 668
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Gayle Graening

**WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER**

Ann Love Ayre

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE****\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord  
Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Praise Team

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Carrie Neblett

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Ann Love and Chip Ayre

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**\*MUSICAL OFFERING***O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Praise Team

**\*SCRIPTURE**

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Rev. Felicia Kumar

**SERMON**

Wonderful Counselor

Rev. Felicia Kumar

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP****HOLY COMMUNION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

Communion Servers: Ginger and Hans Vooy

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT***Prince of Heaven*

Praise Team

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Felicia Kumar

**BENEDICTION SONG**

Praise Team

\*Please stand as you are able

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## 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-Raspert (J. Miller)	Hanson family	Helena Ludwig	Sylvia Street (Walker)
Al Burzo (J. Miller)	Edith Hardy	John McIntosh	Bobbie Sullins (T. Cage)
Jean Cage	Tom Harned (M. Miller)	Jackson Murtha (Shumate)	Barbara Vaughn (Walker)
Frances Catron (Catron)	Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)	Donna Stephens (J. Miller)	

### Health Concerns

Matthew Bautula (Lehmann)	Jon Dorris (Dorris)	Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)	Janet & Bob Plausse (Plause)
Shan Boone	Danny Ellis (J. Miller)	Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)	Caroline Rudy (A. Ayre)
Jack Bradley (Dorris)	Jason Erlewine	Jo Hardison (A. Ayre)	Rebecca Savage (Savage)
Lucrecia Brinkley (Ayre)	Gerald Esmer (Esmer)	Russ Holt	<b>Keaton Sharpe (Woodrich)</b>
Shasta Brown (Brown)	Adeline Floyd (Calabro)	<b>Rusty Jackson (Shumate)</b>	<b>Nana Sheradin (Woodrich)</b>
Melvin Burke (A. Mason)	Nancy Garrison (J. Miller)	Ruby Love (Calabro)	Melissa Slone
<b>Sister Shawn Conrad (Plause)</b>	Diane Gagliardi (Cundiff)	Jan Mapes (Plause)	Wilburn Thacker (Shumate)
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)	Ernie Grinder	Scott McCarthy (Shumate)	Larry Thompson (Hanson)
Kathy Denny (Jones)	Laura Hayes	Becky Miller	Nick Umbarger (Murphy)
Anne Dorris	Elizabeth Hamilton (A. Mason)	<b>Kent Pepper (Woodrich)</b>	Todd Willbanks (Willbanks)

### Other Concerns

Family of Jim Bachman (Grinder)	Jun and Roela Rivera
Joseph Chaffins & family (Slone)	Paul and Hazel Rivera

### Sympathy To

**Alicia, Chris, Sarah, John and Hannah Mason and family in the passing of Alicia's husband, Chris' father and Sarah, John and Hannah's grandfather Jim Mason**

*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.)*

**Gallatin Shalom Zone Last-Minute Toy Store**



**Toy Collection**

**to benefit Sumner County children**

We will collect **new, unwrapped** toys for the Gallatin Shalom Zone's Toys For Tots Last-Minute Toy Store **thru December 10.**

Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex.

**Monthly Wednesday Morning Ladies Gathering**  
**10 am in the Oasis area**  
**Wednesday (December 6)**  
**All Ladies are Welcome!**



**Church Family Christmas Potluck Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 17 - 10 am to 11 am**

Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch item to share with everyone as we gather and fellowship in celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus on **Sunday, December 17**, from **10 am to 11 am** (during the Fellowship Time and Sunday School timeframes). Drinks will be provided by the church, and Sunday School classes will not be held this day.



**To assist in planning for this event, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Please note:**

This is a change of time from the previously published 5 pm Potluck Dinner



Please remember to complete the attendance sheet located in the pew card holders, and drop it in the offering plate after the service.  
 Thank you.

*Altar Flowers today are provided by Jack Broeckelmann in honor of Pam and Jack Broeckelmann's 48th Wedding Anniversary on December 5*

**Week of December 3, 2023**

**Today:**

- 8:30 am Chancel Choir
- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 1:15 pm Adult Discipleship Team (Library)

**Monday:**

- 7:00 pm Heaven & Earth Study (via Zoom)

**Tuesday:**

- 1:00 pm Heaven & Earth Study (Library)

**Wednesday:**

- 7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
- 10:00 am Ladies Gathering (Oasis)
- 1:00 pm Heaven & Earth Study (Library)
- 6:00 pm Children's Group
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 6:15 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:15 pm Hand Chimes

**Birthdays**

- Dec 4 Charlotte Mason  
Tony Smart
- Dec 5 Don Cunningham
- Dec 8 Bob Green  
Brian Lehmann



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## Hosting Baby Jesus

This Sunday begins Rehoboth's tradition of **Hosting Baby Jesus**...a figurine of Jesus in a manger that travels to a different Rehoboth home each day during Advent. This experience serves as a reminder of the anticipation of Jesus' birth. We invite each family who receives the figurine to reflect upon what the experience of hosting Baby Jesus has meant to them by journaling their reflections, prayers, poems or drawings in the included notebook. And, as part of our Christmas Eve Service, we will share reflections from Jesus' travels through our Rehoboth family. Upon receiving Baby Jesus please

- ◆ Let the church office know you have received the figurine (615-757-3262 or churchum@gmail.com)
- ◆ Record your experience with Baby Jesus in the journal.
- ◆ If possible, email a photo to the church office at churchum@gmail.com.
- ◆ Pass the figurine on within 24 hours of receiving it.



## Christmas Card Post Office Youth Fundraiser



If saving money on postage and helping Rehoboth's Youth program is for you, then the Youth would like to help deliver your Christmas Cards to Rehoboth UMC parishioners. Through Sunday (December 17), you may bring your cards to the Fellowship Hall for delivery. Please be sure to only include cards for parishioners of Rehoboth. *The Youth just ask for a small donation in return.*

To assist with addressing your cards, Rehoboth UMC Directories are available through the church office.

If you are not currently receiving church emails and you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Maryann in the church office.

churchum@gmail.com or (615) 757-3262

## Christmas Treats for Fellowship Time



It's that time of the year where we are asking that you share your favorite Christmas cookie or Christmas delight with our congregation during Fellowship time. You may bring your treats to church before the Sunday service through December 14. If you have questions, please contact Bob Green at 615-482-4150.



## DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

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!

<b>December 3</b>	Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 32:8; 33:11; Isaiah 11:2	"OUR WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"
<b>December 10</b>	Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 95:3-7	"OUR MIGHTY GOD"
<b>December 17</b>	Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 40:28	"OUR EVERLASTING FATHER"
<b>December 24 at 10 am</b>	Isaiah 9:6-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:16	"OUR PRINCE OF PEACE"
<b>December 24 at 5 pm</b>	John 1:1 and 14	"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ABOUT?"
<b>December 31 at 10 am</b>	Theme: "Stories Behind Christmas Carols"	

# Celebrating Advent at Rehoboth UMC

## DECEMBER

### 3 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am and 11:15 am Worship Services  
10:00 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am Sunday School

4 7:00 pm "Heaven and Earth" Advent Study (via Zoom)

5 1:00 pm "Heaven and Earth" Advent Study (Library)

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10:00 am Fellowship Time  
10:30 am Sunday School

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### 17 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am and 11:15 am Worship Services  
10:00 am Church Family Christmas Potluck Brunch  
Sunday School Resumes January 7

21 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)

### 24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CHRISTMAS EVE)

10:00 am Blended Worship Service with a special  
Christmas Collection of Music  
Fellowship Time Resumes January 7  
Sunday School Resumes January 7

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

29 Church Office Closed for New Year's Eve Holiday

### 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

10:00 am Blended Worship Service  
Fellowship Time Resumes January 7  
Sunday School Resumes January 7

## JANUARY

1 Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday

### Blue Christmas Service Thursday, December 21 7:00 pm in the Chapel

If you or someone you know is dealing with the death of a loved one, experiencing a broken relationship, coping with job loss, caring for someone with a terminal illness and/or facing any fearful situations, we invite you to our Blue Christmas worship service on Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

This service will provide a quiet and reflective time of worship as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings.

Come and join us as we seek hope, healing and wholeness that only comes from our Christ-child born in a manger!

**Thank you for your  
continued donations.**

**You may make  
Donations to Rehoboth UMC  
in person**

**by dropping it in the  
offering plate**

**by dropping your check in our  
Locking Door Drop Box  
located in the church office door.**

**through Online Giving**

**or**

**Text Message  
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