The Gift of ADVENT

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Rehoboth
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Gallatin, Tennessee

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

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10:15 am Service | **1st Sunday of Advent** | **November 30, 2025**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS		Don Cunningham
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**		
OPENING PRAYER		Don Cunningham
PRELUDE		Gayle Graening
***OPENING HYMN**	*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v 1-4)*	UMH 211
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Stephanie Shumate & Bev Woodrich

Leader: Our Advent Wreath reminds us of the approaching celebration of Jesus' birth. The evergreen leaves remind us that God's love is everlasting. The round wreath symbolizes God's eternal love. The light of the candles stands for the light which Jesus brought into a dark world. Today, we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah from Isaiah chapter 9 verse 2: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."

All: Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, we pray that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Lord, help us to prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our Hope. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Chris George
SONG OF REFLECTION	*All is Well*	Chancel Choir
***SCRIPTURE READING**	Titus 2:11-14	Rev. Felicia Kumar
WITNESS TO THE WORD	The Gift of Hope	Rev. Felicia Kumar
OFFERTORY		
MUSICAL OFFERING		Gayle Graening
RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERING		
***DOXOLOGY**		UMH 94
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER		Don Cunningham
***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**	*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*	UMH 196
***BENEDICTION**		Rev. Felicia Kumar
***POSTLUDE**		Gayle Graening

(Please remain standing as the Acolyte brings the Light of Christ.)

*Please stand as you are able

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Join us for our Advent sermon series, **"The Gift of Advent,"** as we explore the gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love throughout the season. Beginning Sunday, November 30, through thought-provoking Scripture passages, we will focus on one of these themes to prepare our hearts, where God's gifts to us will be revealed, journeying on with profound anticipation, to the greatest gift of them all – the arrival of JESUS! Invite a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a co-worker! Come and join us for worship, experience the wonder and miracle of Advent and be blessed as we prepare ourselves to worship the Christ-Child!

November 30	The Gift of Hope	Titus 2:11-14
December 7	The Gift of Peace	Micah 5:2-5a
December 14	*Love Transcending Christmas Cantata*	
	The Gift of Joy	Isaiah 12:2-6
December 21	The Gift of Love	1 John 4:9-13
	1 pm Blue Christmas Service in the Chapel	
December 24	*Christmas Eve*	
	The Greatest Gift of All—Jesus	Isaiah 9:6-9
December 28	The Gift That Changes Everything	Luke 2:25-38

Monthly Wednesday Morning Ladies Gathering
10 am in the Oasis area
Wednesday (December 3)
All Ladies are Welcome!

MAHJONG

1 PM & 6 PM in the Oasis Area
1st and 3rd Thursdays

NEXT SESSIONS: THURSDAY, DEC. 4

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
8 AM in FELLOWSHIP HALL
All men are Welcome!

YOUNG AT HEART

Lunch at
Demos Restaurant
(161 Indian Lake Blvd., Hendersonville)
Tuesday, December 9

Meeting at the restaurant at 11:00 am
If you need a ride, please contact
Norm Kranz (615-400-5767)
Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

GALLATIN Christmas PARADE

Join Us in the Gallatin Christmas Parade

Rehoboth UMC will be joining the Gallatin Christmas Parade on **Saturday, December 13, at noon**.

If you are interested in participating, please contact
Chris George
(615-887-1603 or chris_george@bellsouth.net)
or
Clyde Smith (615-732-9106 or clyd366@gmail.com)

Hosting Baby Jesus

Beginning this coming Monday, December 1, through Monday, December 22, Rehoboth families will have the opportunity to **Host Baby Jesus** in their home. This figurine of Jesus in a manger serves as a reminder of the anticipation of Jesus' birth and, hopefully, gives a deeper awareness of Christ in the Christmas Season.

Congregation members interested in hosting Baby Jesus for a 24-hour time frame, are asked to contact the church office to schedule a time to pick up the figurine. We encourage 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, as well as invite participants to share photos via email with the church office. Once your overnight experience with Hosting Baby Jesus is complete, simply return the box containing the figurine to the church office.

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)

Linda Busby (Grinder)
Jean Cage
Edith Hardy
Sara Kennedy (B. Miller)
Helena Ludwig
Michael Mayernick (Dorris)
Sylvia McGinty (Hart)
Jackson Murtha (Shumate)
Richard Powell (Ludwig)
Jack Schlenker (Hanson)
Candy Smith (Hart)
Elijah Sturdivant (Shumate)
Barbara Vaughn (Walker)
Betty Woods (Woods)

Health Concerns

A. J. (Grinder)
Ann Love Ayre
Shirley Barbee (McGuiere)
Jack Bradley (Dorris)
Pam Broeckelmann
Phil Byrum
Phyllis Campbell (Roberts)
Brayden Cook (L. Mason)
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)
Jon Dorris (Dorris)
Christy Elrod-Church (Shumate)
Robert Esmer (Esmer)
Amanda Garner (Mott)
Chuck Hanes (A. Ayre)
Pam Hanes (A. Ayre)
Lisa Hanson
Betty Hayes (T. Cage)
Stormie Hill
Mike Jones (Aldridge)
Pat Lincoln
Gina Mascio (Esmer)
Maureen McLean (Roberts)
Denis McNeal (D'Angelo)
Josh Patterson (Shumate)
Larry Pippin (Woodrich)
Bill Ross
Cathy Rupley (Blinder)
Stephanie Shumate
Shannon Sisseck (Mott)
Dale Sloan
Tim Taylor (Grinder)
Glen Thomason (Woodrich)
Betty Warren (T. Cage)

Other Concerns

Hunter Anderson (Grinder)
Family of Pam Espey
Family of Marjorie Jean George (Draper/Frensley)
Hanson Family
Family of Bart Pickens

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

TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Collection

to benefit Sumner County Children and Teens

We will collect **new, unwrapped** toys and items for children and teens of Sumner County **thru December 12**.

The Most Needed Items Are:

Arts and Crafts
Balls and Sports Items
Blankets and Throws
Books and Board Games
Teen Gifts

Donations may be placed in the collection box in Fellowship Hall.

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. ***You may bring your cards to the Fellowship Hall for delivery. through Sunday, December 21.***

Please be sure to only include cards for current Rehoboth UMC attendees and shut-ins.

The Youth just ask for a small donation in return.

The Senior Adult Ministry Team invites you to travel with them to "Christmas at Beersheba" on December 8, 2025

Join in a time of singing Carols and a Traditional Holiday Lunch followed by a Spirit-Filled Time of Worship at **"Christmas at Beersheba."**

The group will leave the Rehoboth UMC Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am with the program at Beersheba Springs Assembly running from 10 am to 2 pm.

If you are interested in joining the group, **please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or through the church office by Sunday, November 30**. Transportation will be provided. Or, if able, you may wish to help provide transportation by offering to drive a few attendees (please indicate your willingness to drive on the sign up sheet).

The cost is $30 per person, and payment may be made through the church office or included in the offering plate (please make checks payable to Rehoboth with the designation of "Christmas at Beersheba" in the memo line.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Love Transcending

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Featuring members of the Chancel Choir and Praise Team

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 21**, after the worship service.

Christmas Treats During Fellowship Time

It's that time of the year where we are asking that you share your favorite Christmas cookie or Christmas treat with our congregation during Fellowship time **through Sunday, December 21.** If you have questions, please contact Bob Green at 615-482-4150.

Week of November 30, 2025

Today:
8:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:15 am Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday:
6:30 am Virtual Prayer Session (via Zoom)

Tuesday:
6:30 pm Advent Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday:
7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
9:30 am Prayer Time in the Chapel
10:00 am Ladies Gathering (Oasis)
10:30 am Advent Bible Study (FH)
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:
1:00 pm Mahjong (Children's SS Room)
6:00 pm Mahjong (Oasis Area)

Saturday:
8:00 am Men's Monthly Breakfast (FH)

Birthdays

Dec 1 *Jean Cage*
Catherine Rainey
Dec 2 *Helena Ludwig*
Dec 4 *Charlotte Mason*
Dec 5 *Don Cunningham*
Dec 6 *Bill Murphy*

Birthday Blessings

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