The Gift of ADVENT

December 14, 2025

3rd 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 | **3rd Sunday of Advent** | **December 14, 2025**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS — Many-Bears Grinder
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
OPENING PRAYER — Many-Bears Grinder
PRELUDE — Gayle Graening
***OPENING HYMN** — *Joy to the World* — UMH 246
***SCRIPTURE READING** — Isaiah 12:2-6 — Rev. Felicia Kumar
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE — Tim, Terri and Emily Cage

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 relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of His birth. From the Book of Isaiah, chapter 65 verse 18, we read the words of our Lord: "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight"

All: **We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of our Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen!**

Love Transcending
by John W. Peterson
presented by **Rehoboth UMC's Music Ministry**
Narrator: Dale Sloan — Accompanist: Gayle Graening — Director: Rick Sims

Love *Transcending*	*Rick Sims, Soloist*
I Know of A Name	
He Shall Be Great	Wynde Sloan & Clyde Ingram Duet
The Birthday of a King	Lydia Esmer, Soloist
Have You Any Room for Jesus	
We Three Kings	
Fear Not	Robin Blinder, Soloist
Glory to God in the Highest	
O Holy Night	Bert Crump & Wynde Sloan, Soloists
Love Transcending (Reprise)	

ADVENT MEDITATION — The Gift of Joy — Rev. Felicia Kumar
OFFERTORY
RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY** — UMH 94
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER — Many-Bears Grinder
***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** — *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* — UMH 204
***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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Thank you Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Audio Visual Team, and those involved in Rehoboth's Music Ministry for their dedication and hard work to bring us the musical portions of our service this week and every week.

The Missions Team *would like to thank:*

Rehoboth's Men's Group *for the Fish Fry proceeds*

Those who supported Rehoboth's Fish Fry

Pastor Felicia *for her designation of monies given in her honor on Pastor Appreciation Sunday,*

Those who gave personal donations *to feed the poor.*

[[Thank you!]]

As a result of the generous donations of our church family, the following funds have been sent out this month:

$1,000 to Hermitage UMC
(who feed 1500 individuals monthly)

$1,000 to Gallatin CARES Food Pantry

$1,000 to the Stay Warm Shelter
(for feeding the homeless)

Thank you for your faithfulness, service and generosity!

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

NEXT SESSIONS:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Hosting Baby Jesus

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
Lindsay Dina (Hasch)
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)
Betty Warren (T. Cage)
Richard Warren (T. Cage)
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)
Ava Dickey (Ayre)
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)
Mike Jones (Aldridge)
Pat Lincoln
Gina Mascio (Esmer)
Maureen McLean (Roberts)
Denis McNeal (D'Angelo)
Josh Patterson (Shumate)
Larry Pippin (Woodrich)
Roela Rivera
Bill Ross
Cathy Rupley (Blinder)
Shannon Sisseck (Mott)
Barbara Smith
Tim Taylor (Grinder)
Glen Thomason (Woodrich)

Other Concerns

Hunter Anderson (Grinder)
Hanson Family
Family of Brad Kroeze (Brainerd)
Family of Margrett Morton (Sims)
Family of Janet Picken (Kumar)

Sympathy To

The Family of Bobbie Motz
The Family of Margaret Norris

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.)

Next Sunday

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.

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 situation.

If you, or someone you know, is going through a difficult time in their life and is in need of love, support, encouragement, and prayer, please join us in a unique worship service and experience the hope, love, joy, and peace that only our Lord Jesus can give us!

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE

Rehoboth will follow the Sumner County School schedule for inclement weather. If school is cancelled, activities at Rehoboth will also be cancelled.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Deadline Next Week

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.

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 December 14, 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)

Wednesday:
7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
9:30 am Prayer Time in the Chapel
6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

Birthdays

Dec 17 Barbara Smith

Birthday Blessings

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