



December 21, 2025

4th 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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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS		Bob Green
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER		Bob Green
PRELUDE		Gayle Graening
*OPENING HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful (v 1, 2, 6)</i>	UMH 234
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Bob and Sandy Green
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 three candles in the Advent Wreath - the candles of HOPE, PEACE, and JOY. Now we light the fourth candle in the Advent wreath. This is the candle of LOVE. Jesus demonstrated self-giving love in His ministry as the Good Shepherd. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us His most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the Gospel of John chapter 13 verses 34 and 35 we hear Jesus saying: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."	
All:	Teach us to love, O Lord. May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the One whom you have sent, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Chris George
SONGS OF REFLECTION	<i>God So Loved Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	Praise Team
*SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 1 John 4:9-13	Rev. Felicia Kumar
WITNESS TO THE WORD	The Gift of Love	Rev. Felicia Kumar
OFFERTORY		
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>Christmastime</i>	Chancel Choir
RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 94
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER		Bob Green
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT	<i>Hark! The Harold Angels Sing</i>	UMH 240
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Felicia Kumar
*POSTLUDE		Gayle Graening
	<i>(Please remain standing as the Acolyte brings the Light of Christ.)</i>	

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRUNCH

December 21 – 11:30 am



Today

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.

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

Blue Christmas
SERVICE at 1:00 PM
REHOBOTH UMC CHAPEL
Sunday, December 21, 2025



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!

**Deadline
This Week**

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.

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 (McGuire)
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
Carolyn Martin (Rainey)
Gina Mascio (Esmer)
Maureen McLean (Roberts)
Denis McNeal (D'Angelo)
Josh Patterson (Shumate)
Larry Pippin (Woodrich)
Cathy Rupley (Blinder)

Shannon Sisseck (Mott)
Barbara Smith
Tim Taylor (Grinder)
Glen Thomason (Woodrich)
Renee Tomlin (Kranz)
Lorna Woods

Other Concerns

Hunter Anderson (Grinder)
Hanson Family
Family of Brad Kroeze (Brainerd)

Family of Margrett Morton (Sims)
Family of Bobbie Motz
Family of Margaret Norris

Family of Janet Picken (Kumar)
Family of Mary Walker (Walker)

Sympathy To

Jun, Paul, Hazel, Elijah, Lucy and family in the passing of Jun's wife, Paul's mother and Elijah and Lucy's grandmother Roela Rivera

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.)



Year-End Contributions

Thank you for your support of the ministries of Rehoboth UMC throughout the year.

As we near the end of the year we hope you might think of us when planning any additional year-end donations.

To be included in your 2025 Giving Statement, we are requesting your contributions be made **by Sunday, December 28**. Any online contributions will be included if the gift is scheduled to transfer by December 31.



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.

Week of December 21, 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)
 11:30 am Christmas Potluck Brunch (FH)
 1:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)

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

Wednesday - Christmas Eve:
 NO Men's Breakfast at Panera
 NO Prayer Time in the Chapel
 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanc)

Thursday - Christmas Day:
 Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Birthdays

Dec 21 *Sherrie Cathcart*
 Dec 23 *Jason Sheppard*
 Dec 27 *Sam Miller*

Birthday Blessings

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