

November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent-The Sunday of Hope
Order of Worship
Liturgist: Jodi Slade

Opening Music Marcia Hueber

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles Ruth Hueber, Acolyte

1st Advent Candle Lighting **TIME TO GO HOME**

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) & [Luke 21:25-36](#)

Readers are: Pastor Jeremiah, Abiella & Owen Thompson

Reader One: We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

Reader Two: Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

Reader One: Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

Reader Two: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath

Call to Worship (from [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#), [Psalms 25:1-10](#)) Liturgist

Liturgist: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

People: **The Lord is our righteousness.**

Liturgist: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be

executed throughout the land.
People: **The Lord is our righteousness.**

Liturgist: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

People: **The Lord is our righteousness.**

***Opening Hymn** **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”** **UMH#203**

Call to Confession **Liturgist**

Liturgist: Let us now, together, admit our need for God’s love, grace, and guidance. So that we might love God more, love our neighbors more, and be people who shine the light of Christ’s hope into the world.

All: **Loving God, we come confessing that we are not the people we want to be. God, we let our anger get the better of us, and we speak and act with the desire to harm, rather than to love. God, we let our greed get the better of us, and we hoard things we should share, like material things. But sometimes God, we also try to hoard Your love or the love of others. God, we let our selfishness get the better of us, and we think about what we want right now, and not what You want, and what might show love to others. God, for all these sins and more, we come to you humbly confessing. Help us to unburden our hearts in this time of confession, and to be open to Your love, forgiveness, grace, and guidance to make amends. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession (music plays)

Words of Assurance

***Advent Hymn** **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** (vs. 1,2 & 6) **UMH#211**

Children’s Time

Special Music **“Advent Hymn”** **by Ed Cheek**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation** **“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”** **UMH#204**

Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16 (OT pg.738) and Psalm 25:1-10 (OT pg.502)	Liturgist
Sermon	Advent, Happy New Year: Hope!	Pastor Jeremiah
*Closing Hymn	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	UMH#216
*Benediction & Blessing		
*Parting Hymn	"God Be with You till We Meet Again" (vs. 1)	UMH#672
*As the Light of Christ is Carried Out		Acolyte
*Go in Peace & Love		

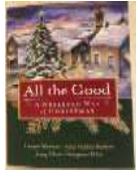
CHURCH CALENDAR / November - December 2021

Vicke's Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, November 28	1st Sunday of Advent / Special Offering-UM Student Day
Monday, November 29	Advent Book Study Begins 7-8:30 p.m. In person/or zoom
Wed. December 1	Prayer & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. In person/or zoom
Sunday, December 5	2nd Sunday of Advent / Special Charge Conference after worship in the Sanctuary.

Greeters for this Sunday (**Nov. 28**): Ruth Hueber
 Greeter for NEXT Sunday (Dec. 5): Marcia Hueber
Coffee Hour/Refreshments (**Nov.28**) Jim & Alice Quincer

A very important "SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE" HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. One item will be on the agenda – A vote needs to be taken by the members of Malta UMC to authorize the Annual Conference Trustees to act on behalf of our congregation dealing with the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of the Boy Scouts of American. This vote is very important as it could have financial impact for our congregation. All members of the church who can be there in person will be eligible to vote. All others may be present, and ask questions, but cannot vote. Rev. Jeremiah, as an elder in good standing in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference will be presiding over this conference.



Advent Bible Study (All The Good) will begin Tomorrow, on Monday, November 29th from 7-8:30 p.m. (in-person or on Zoom) and will continue thru Monday, December 20th. **All The Good Bible Study Books** are spoken for. More are on order and we will let you know when they come in. **All The Good Devotional Books** are in the Church Office (3 left) – A \$10.00 donation for each book is appreciated.



SALVATION ARMY "**ANGEL TREE**" is set up in the narthex. Please take an Angel off the tree and make someone's Christmas special this year.



THIS Sunday, November 28th after church with Pizza following.



HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER with their "TOP NEEDS".

"PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"

NEEDED: Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger, Wash Clothes (Bath), Hand Towels (Bath)

"HOMECARE KITS"

NEEDED: Liquid Laundry Detergent – 32-64 oz., Dish Soap – 16-34 oz., Liquid Household Cleaner – 16-40 oz. (No Spray).

"MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES"

NEEDED: Folding walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, and othopedic supplies.

"LAYETTE KITS"

NEEDED: Onesies, Donations of \$2 for Diaper Cream, Cloth Diapers (sewing instructions are on the website), Receiving Blankets – 28" by 28" or 32" by 32" (store bought or handmade).

"STUDENT KITS"

NEEDED: Box of 12 Colored Pencils and Rulers.

SEWING MACHINES”

NEEDED: Electric and Treadle

Please place your items in box in the narthex marked Midwest Missions. Their Goal is 6,000 Pounds!

If you want to assemble full kits, the information is located on the website:

www.midwestmission.org under “Kits, Projects, and Patterns.”



On the table in the Narthex are copies of the **School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids**, copies of the **Midwest Mission “Top Needs” Supply list**, **November/December Upper Rooms**, and **November Newsletter**.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable Food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked **“FOOD PANTRY”**.

The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.



HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School: The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Finally, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)

CHECK OUT the Rainbow Covenant Book “MISSION LINKS” – Living the Beatitudes at umcnic.org/missionlinks It is a digital magazine: Call to Action & Connection.



TODAY, Sunday, November 28th – Learning about Hanukkah at Rochelle UMC 4-6 p.m.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund please send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150



(1) SIGN-UP Sheet on the table in the Narthex- FOR:

1. Adults who will be willing to be an ACOLYTE.
2. For adults who would be willing to learn the VIDEO/SOUND SYSTEM for Sunday morning worship service.



RESULTS OF THE CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRE –

Should we change the churches worship time?

After receiving many of the questionnaires back, the results show we should leave the church worship time at 9:00 a.m. for now.



HUB Cluster Christmas Service will be coming together for

a joint worship service on Sunday, December 5th to celebrate Advent and the Birth of Jesus at 3:00 p.m. This service, with a great deal of special music will be held at Smith Barn, 16899 E. Ivy Road, Lindenwood, IL
(Not accessible to wheelchairs or walkers).



NORTHWEST MALTA UMC has a few more **CHURCH PEWS** for sale. If you are interested, please contact **Dave Gommel** or **Tom Plote**.



6	RUTH HUEBER
11	MADLINE HILL
12	VICKY VINT
14	DOROTHY STODDARD
19	ANNIKA ANDERSON McKINZIE ANDERSON
20	MYRNA DODGE KEVIN MCARTOR
22	DAWN COOK JERRY JORDAL KRIS STARK



NOVEMBER

**11/24 Larry & Vicky Vint
(36 Years)**

**11/26 Gerald & Mary Lynn
McArtor (61 Years)**



MALTA UMC "COOKIE WALK"

Saturday, December 11th

9:00-11:00 A.M.

\$7.50 / PER POUND

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24th – 4:00 P.M. Worship

Christmas Day is on Saturday, December 25th

Sunday, December 26th – Hymn Sing Sunday



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brenda Hunt
Jalen Jouris
- 8 Joanne Abbott
- 10 Frank O. Jouris
- 12 Katie Crouch
- 14 Kaye Dinsmore
- 15 Adrian Plapp
- 17 Katie Fenstermaker
- 19 Austin Arndt
- 21 Donna Willrett
- 22 Max McArtor
- 23 Abiella Thompson
- 25 **JESUS**
- 30 Derek Rempfer
Carol Sandberg



**12/23 Denny & Vicke Heins
(45 Years)**

**12/30 Harry & Marilyn Berg
(15 Years)**