

**December 19, 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - The Sunday of Love**  
**Order of Worship**

**Opening Music**

Nancy Plote

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Jeremiah

**Prelude Music**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

Denise Showalter, Acolyte

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Dave & Jeanette Gommel

**Call to Worship**

Sue Augustine, Liturgist

Liturgist: Come joy, lighten our spirits.  
**People: Come hope, lift us from despair.**  
Liturgist: Come peace, ease our frantic worry.  
**People: Come love, shine in all we do.**  
Liturgist: Come Jesus, be born in us.  
**People: Come Lord, set us free.**  
Liturgist: Come God.  
**All: Rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!**  
*(by Dr. Derek C. Weber)*

**\*Opening Hymn**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

UMH#191

**Call to Confession**

Liturgist

Liturgist: Let us now, with courage and trusting in God's great love, shown in Jesus Christ, confess our sins to God. Knowing that God offers forgiveness and repentance; that is a changed life through the leading of God's Holy Spirit.

**People: Loving God, we come to you confessing that we have not lived as You created us to be. God, Your great love brought all things and us into existence. You made us to love, yet we do not love. God, for the ways we've caused pain rather than eased it, for the ways we've been selfish rather than generous, for the ways we've hated rather than loved, we come sincerely confessing our sins. God, Your love was so great you came to us through Jesus Christ. Please forgive us. Please help us to change our ways, that in the week ahead we may shine more of Your love into our world. In Jesus' Name we pray.**

**All: Amen.**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

*Advent Hymn	“Love Came Down at Christmas”	UMH#242
Children’s Time		
Special Music	“Alleluia”	Elaina Anderson
Joys & Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		
*Hymn of Preparation	“O How I Love Jesus “	UMH#170
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:46-55 (NT, pg.57)	Liturgist
Sermon	Advent, Happy New Year: Love!	Pastor Jeremiah
*Closing Hymn	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	UMH#221
*Benediction & Blessing		
*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 / December 2021

Vicke’s Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon

<b>Sunday, December 19</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – <b>Sunday of Love</b> with fellowship following</b>
<b>Monday, December 20</b>	<b>Advent Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. on zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b>	<b>First day of winter</b>
<b>Wed. December 22</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Fellowship 7:00 p.m. in person or zoom</b>
<b>Friday, December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, December 25</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas – Hymn Sing Sunday</b>

**Greeters for this Sunday, December 19: Bill & Sue Augustine**

Greeters for (Christmas Eve) Friday, December 24: Matt & Annika Anderson

Greeter for NEXT Sunday, December 26: Mary Langley

**Coffee Hour for this Sunday, December 19: Larry & Vicky Vint**

Coffee Hour for NEXT Sunday, December 26: Noel Arndt



Please remember to use this email address - [maltaumc@outlook.com](mailto:maltaumc@outlook.com) when sending an email to the church. Thank you.

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**Advent Bible Study (All The Good)** This is the last Monday (Dec. 20) for our Advent Bible Study from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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**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).

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**“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](http://www.midwestmission.org) under “Kits, Projects, and Patterns.”**

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**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 December Newsletter.**

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**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"**. **(Cleaning Supplies and personal hygiene items are high on the needed list. They have plenty of tooth brushes.)** The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.



**HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School:**

Malta Elementary School is having a **"MITTEN DRIVE"** – **NEEDED** are new **mittens, gloves, & hats**) Please drop them off at the church in the box marked Malta Elementary School in the church narthex. We will get them to the 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](http://umcnic.org/missionlinks) It is a digital magazine: Call to Action & Connection.**



**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



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Brenda Hunt  
Jalen Jouris
- 8 Joanne Abbott
- 10 Frank O. Jouris
- 12 Katie Crouch
- 14 Kaye Dinsmore
- 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)