

REYNOLDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 30, 2014

Pre-Worship: I See the Lord

Greeting

Opening Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing p. 240

Leader: In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people's shall come and say:

All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." — Isaiah 2:2-3 alt.

A child or youth says: With what shall we come to God's house?

Leader: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

All: Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.

Opening Prayer: Good Lord, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel p.211

Hanging Garlands/Wreaths

Leader: How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance and that faithfulness and integrity that comes from God our maker and redeemer?

All: Let us hang garlands and wreaths as Hosea speaks the word of God:

Reader: Hosea 14: 4, 8-9

Here ends the reading.

Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus p. 196

Placing the Christmas Tree

Leader: God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion. With the Christmas tree we remember God's everlasting promises to the poor and needy. Isaiah spoke of God's making of the wilderness a place of blessing where water and plants, even pine trees, would manifest God's loving action to save and provide.

All: Place the tree, strong friends, as we hear God's word.

Reader: Isaiah 41:17-20

The word of the Lord.

Hymn: Ancient Words

Other Symbols of Christ and Faith (*poinsettia, cross, paraments and banners*)

Leader: Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

All: Hang symbols and signs of Christ — ruler, prophet, priest. Hang stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega" to remind us of his identity, his story, and of the holy Trinity.

Reader: Revelation 22:12-14, 17

The word of the Lord.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful p. 234

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Singing of Our Doxology

Offering Prayer

Time with Reynolds UMC Youth

Rhonda Brown

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

New Testament Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

Duane Ackland

Message: "While the Teacher is Away"

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High p. 238

Closing Prayer:

Hymn: You, You Are God

Spoken Benediction

Postlude

Offering for 11/23/14

Church Fund	1,039.00
150th Anniversary Fund - Cookbooks	40.00
Harvest Festival	850.00
Good Samaritan	64.00

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, December 1, 7:00pm-Trustees Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 9:30am - Bible Study

Thursday, December 4, 8:30am- Fellowship of Christian Women at the Huddle in Ashton

Thursday, December 4, 5:00pm -Pastoral Interview Time-**6:00pm SPRC**-7:00pm Church Charge Conference

Monday, December 8, 7:00pm-Church Council

Saturday, December 27, 8:00am-Men's Breakfast at the Huddle in Ashton

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00pm- Hub Cluster Meeting- Creston UMC

All Committee Chairs: Please get your reports started and turned in.

To submit items for the newsletter, please email Kathy Clark; kathleenaclark@comcast.net

You may take your poinsettias home after church on Sunday, December 28th. Thank you again for making our church beautiful for Christmas!

From now until the end of the month of December I am asking for ALL Sunday school classes and church to collect Toiletries and paper products for R.A.C.E.S (*Rochelle Area Community Emergency Shelter*)

Serving this Sunday, November 30

Ushers for November: Bill Uphoff, Jerry Lawrence, Peyton Lawrence, Keith Roop

Greeters: Denny & Karen Yocum

Liturgist: Duane Ackland

Youth Moment: Rhonda Brown

Church Hostess for November: Linda Cheeseman & Ellen Clark

Christian Fellowship of Women Program November: Barb Uphoff

Coffee Fellowship Time: Hilliker family

Snow removal: Denny Pfeiffer

Serving next Sunday, December 7

Ushers for December: Linda Cheeseman, Karen Yocum, Ellen Clark, Susan Miller

Greeters: Keith & Audrey Roop

Liturgist: Gary Brown

Youth Moment: Kathy Clark

Church Hostess for December: Barb Uphoff

Christian Fellowship of Women Program December: Lois Heimbaugh

Coffee Fellowship Time: Gittleson and Duane Ackland

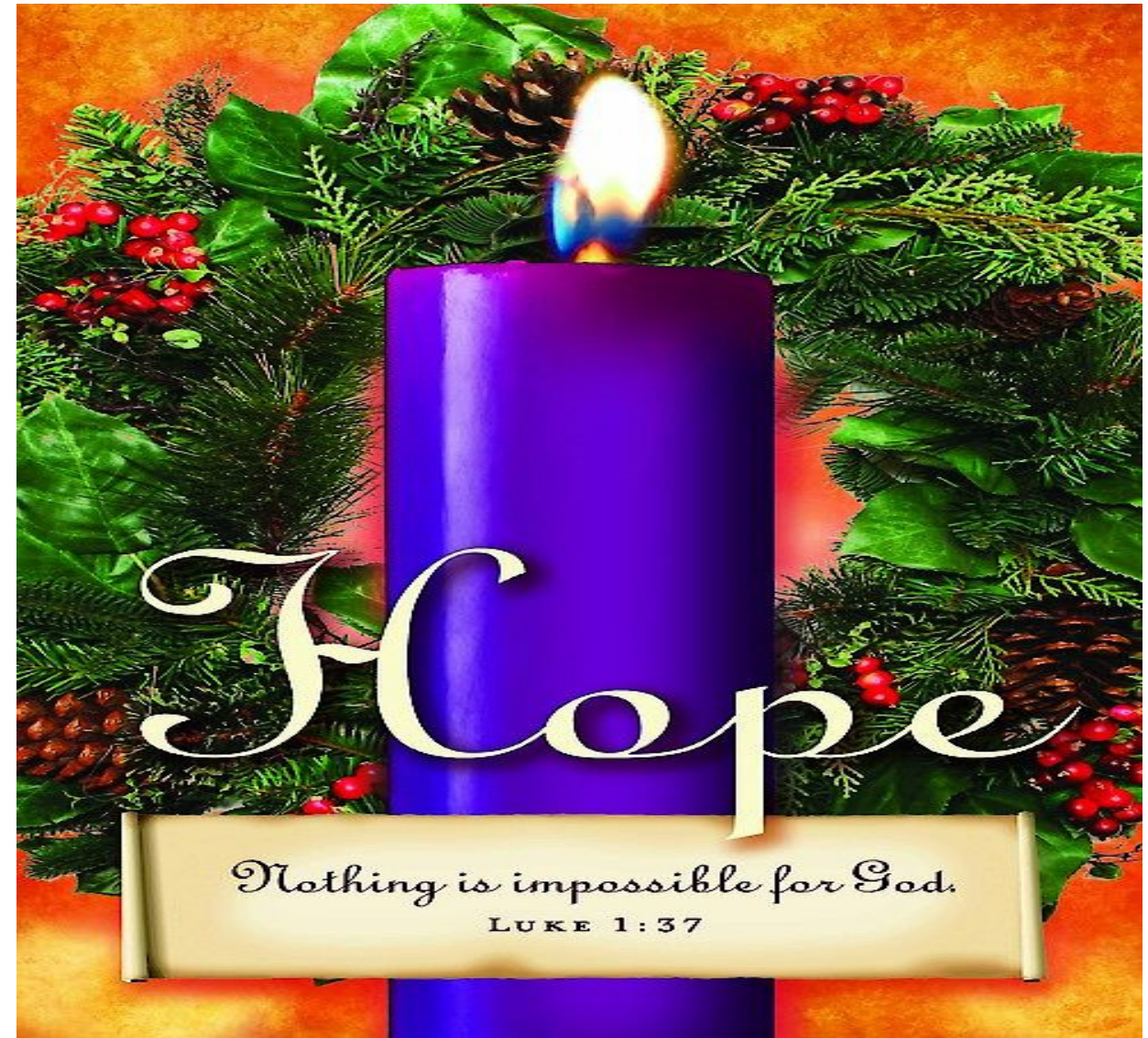
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Sunday school Attendance: 28

Worship Attendance: 82

Confirmation Attendance: 7

Christian Fellowship of Athletes: 29



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