**Reynolds United Methodist Church**

**December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent**

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**Gathering**

***Greeting***

***The All Church Memory Verse of the Month*:** Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)

 *Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.* Hebrews 13:2

***Lighting of the Advent Candle(s)*** (Spoken and Sung) The Yocum Family
*Reader 1*: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.
(A member of a family lights the first candle.)

*Reader 2*: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with justice and peace, so that we may experience joy, and know your love.

*Reader 1*: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God, to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. He recalled God’s promises that God would be their God, and they would be God’s people. This Advent, we call out to God.

All: **Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and pray that you would re-form us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace.**

*People sing (to the tune of “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus)*
**Shine on us, O God of justice;
Guide our path through gloom of night;
Bear within us Wisdom's glory;
Come to us, O Christ the Light**.

***Voices In Praise*** “Hark the Herald/King of Heaven” ~ Paul Baloche

**Proclaiming God’s Word**

 ***Children’s Moment*:**  Michelle Bartlett

 ***Scripture Lesson***: Isaiah 64:1-9 Bill Kirchhofer

 ***Message*** “The Waiting is the Hardest Part?” Pastor Seamus

**Responding to The Word**

***Intercessory Prayer*** Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings***

 **Offertory** “O Come, o Come Immanuel”UMH 211

***Singing of Our Doxology*** (UMH 95)

***Dedication of the Offering***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

 ***The Sacrament of Holy Communion***

**Sending Forth (Going into the world/into the week)**

***Announcements*** (See Bulletin, below)

***Sending Song***: “My Hope Is In You” ~ Aaron Shust

***Benediction***

***Postlude***

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, December 6** – Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Isaiah 40:1-11.

**Sunday, December 3** – Hub Cluster Advent service, 2:00 pm at Chana UMC

**Monday, December 11** – Annual Charge Conference, 7 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our Mission focus for December is H.O.P.E. of Rochelle

The Harvest Festival goal is $4500 to provide for the purchase and installation of a backup generator for the church. Offerings to date total $4350!

On Monday December 11th the Ashton United Methodist is hosting a Christmas tea at 7 pm.

Reservations are requested by Friday December 9th 815-453-2328.

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

**Serving this Sunday, December 3**

**Ushers for December:** Karen Yocum, Judy Light, Susie Miller, Shannon Brown

**Greeters:** Denny & Penny Bennett

**Liturgist**: Bill Kirchhofer

**Youth Moment:** Kathy Clark

**Communion Steward November**: Kathy Becker

**Church Hostess for November:** Contact Judy Light

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Brake & Heimbaugh families

**Snow Removal:** As Needed

**Serving next Sunday, December 10**

**Ushers for December:** Karen Yocum, Judy Light, Susie Miller, Shannon Brown

**Greeters:** Vernon & Nancy Gittleson

**Liturgist**: Justin Rueff

**Youth Moment:** Children’s Program

**Communion Steward November**: Kathy Becker

**Church Hostess for November:** Contact Judy Light

**Coffee Fellowship Time:** Brown family

**Snow Removal:** As Needed

Last week’s Offering: Church Fund                               1,155.00

Harvest Festival                            500.00

Church Rental - Fellowship Hall  100.00

Glabes                                           151.00



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