

Today, December 10, 2017

8:45 Traditional Worship (Friendship Hall)

9:45 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)

10:00 Sunday School Hour

10:50 Fellowship Time (Friendship Hall)

11:00 Contemporary Worship (Friendship Hall)

2:00 Children Program Rehearsal

3:00 Children's Christmas Program (Friendship Hall)

4:00 Finance Team Meeting (Room 112)

6:00 Youth

Monday – December 11, 2017

10:00 Adult Bible Study (Room 106)

6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall) & Boy Scouts (Room 107)

Tuesday – December 12, 2017

6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall)

Wednesday – December 13, 2017

5:30 Fellowship Meal (Friendship Hall)

6:00 Youth, Kids Club & Nursery

6:15 Adult Bible Study (Room 105) & Women's Ensemble/Jubilation (Room 107)

7:00 Choir Practice (Room 107)

Thursday – December 14, 2017

6:30 Praise Band Practice (Friendship Hall) & Boy Scouts (Rooms 105 & 106)

7:00 Compassionate Hands

Friday – December 15, 2017

6:30 TKD (Friendship Hall)

Saturday – December 16, 2017

9:00 Cantata Rehearsal (Friendship Hall)

Next Sunday – December 17, 2017

7:30 Church Wide Breakfast (Room 113)

8:45 Sunday School

10:00 Worship & Cantata (Friendship Hall)

6:00 Youth

DECEMBER 10, 2017

8:45 WORSHIP



Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Cook's Announcements

Welcome to Cook's UMC! We are glad you're with us and want to welcome you, not only to this service of worship, but into the full life of the church. You are invited to be a part of any event or gathering mentioned here or in other announcements. We will be praying for you and hope you'll let us know how we can help you know us better as we get to know you! (We have an information packet for you that will get us started; please make sure you ask someone for that packet if we don't offer it first.)

Cook's Children's Christmas Play TODAY December, 10th 3:00 pm in the Friendship Hall. Cook's Kids & Parents to be at church by 2:00 pm to dress and rehearse. Come celebrate Jesus in the lives of Cook's Children with birthday cake after. Children that attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night kids club will have opportunities to practice small speaking lines and songs.

Christmas Cantata The Chancel Choir would like to invite everyone to this year's Christmas Cantata that will take place at 10:00 am in the Friendship Hall on Sunday, December 17th. There will be 26 singers along with a 15 piece chamber orchestra singing 5 songs with narration that tell the story of the coming of the Christ Child. There will also be a song for the Offertory featuring soprano Lisa Mummert accompanied by the choir and the orchestra. This year will feature a special song at the end of the service for a choral benediction. The choir has been rehearsing and preparing these songs since the beginning of August and with the addition of string instruments the music will be a powerful witness to the coming of our Savior.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Please pre-order and pay for your meals using the envelopes on shelf in the main hall or in the Friendship Hall. Place the envelopes with money in the offering plate or turn into the church office no later than noon the Tuesday before. There will be a limited amount of food for those that don't pre-pay. DECEMBER MENU: 13th Meatloaf, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Dessert; 20th and 27th NO MEALS – CHRISTMAS BREAK.

December Meetings / Activities

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, December 9th 9:00 – 11:00 am
Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December 10th 3:00 pm
Finance Team Meeting – Sunday, December 10th 4:00 pm
Cantata Rehearsal – Saturday, December 16th 9:00 – 11:00 am
Church-wide Breakfast – Sunday, December 17th 7:30 – 9:15 am
Office Closed – Monday, December 25th & Monday, January 1st
Abbreviated Office Hours – December 26th – 28th 10:00 – 12:00
If there is a meeting/activity not listed please notify the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations

Gratitude for those who decorated Friendship Hall.

Gratitude for a great start to the Advent season with singing and fellowship.

Concerns

Jack Dowling	Lisa Dowling	Phil Green
Bill & Joyce Lloyd	Paul McCall	Jean Long & family
Whitney McGruen	David Ray	Marie Riggins
Ray Spivey	Thom Storey	Brenda Travis
Mary Elizabeth Webster	Sandy Wright	Alice Yoho
Ally & Family	Sherry	Debra Turner & Family
Rev. Meese's family & friends		

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:18-15a; Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 3, 2017 Giving - \$9,403 & Total Attendance – 136

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Christmas Worship / Activity Schedule

Sunday, December 10th

Children's Christmas Program 3:00 pm - Friendship Hall

Sunday, December 17th

Church Wide Breakfast 7:30 am Room 113

Sunday School 8:45 am

Cantata & Worship 10:00 am Friendship Hall

Sunday, December 24th

Sunday School 8:45 am

Candlelight Service with Choir 10:00 am Sanctuary
(nursery available)

Candlelight Service with Praise Band 8:00 pm Sanctuary

DECEMBER 10, 2017
COOK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

"I Wonder As I Wander"
Alto Flute – Michelle Browne

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

(sing when prompted)

O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny, from depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

***HYMN** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* # 196

ANTHEM *"Mary Did You Know?"* Women's Ensemble

CHILDREN'S TIME

***SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 40:1-11

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

MESSAGE

Prepare the Way for Jesus

HYMN *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"* # 204

OFFERTORY

"Little Drummer Boy/Peace On Earth"

Please place prayer requests in offering plate Women's Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY** # 95

AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Lover of the earth, Origin and Destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ – God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn, who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise

where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the Body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day, on this day we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

GLORIA PATRI # 70

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *"Ye Servants of God"* (vs. 1-3) # 181

***HYMN** *"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able

Liturgist

Sandy Phillips