

Announcements

Please see the table outside the Sanctuary (by the elevator) for sign-up sheets and other information. If you would like to have your ministry's announcement listed, please complete the form at the church office.

OPERATION SHOEBOX — Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child and for donating online to discover the destination of your shoebox gift. The gift-filled shoebox you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family friends, and community.

Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift.

**Your shoebox gifts shipped to GHANA
on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.**

THE THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Join us as we go through a Christmas Advent study during **December**. We meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please come and bring a friend.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — **December 24 at 7:00 PM**

OFFICE HOURS — The church office will be closed for Christmas December 24 - 26. (Open on Thursday, December 27.) The office will be closed for New Year on December 31 and January 1.

GOING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY — We will not meet during the month of December. We will resume on January 9, 2019.

PRIME TIMERS — We will resume meeting in January. Watch for the date!

SEVERE WEATHER - CHURCH CANCELLATIONS — We have signed up on KMOV Channel 4 to have the ability to post the closing of our church due to severe weather. This is for church services, Bible study and other events. To check our closings they will be posted on KMOV Channel 4. If you prefer to look it up online, go to www.kmov.com. In the menu bar on the upper left, select MENU. Then scroll down and select the down arrow to the right of WEATHER. Click on Closings and Delays. This will take you to the CLOSINGS screen where you can select CHURCHES / OTHER. This is where you can find if Pastor Steve has posted that the church event has been canceled.

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Available Church Office Hours

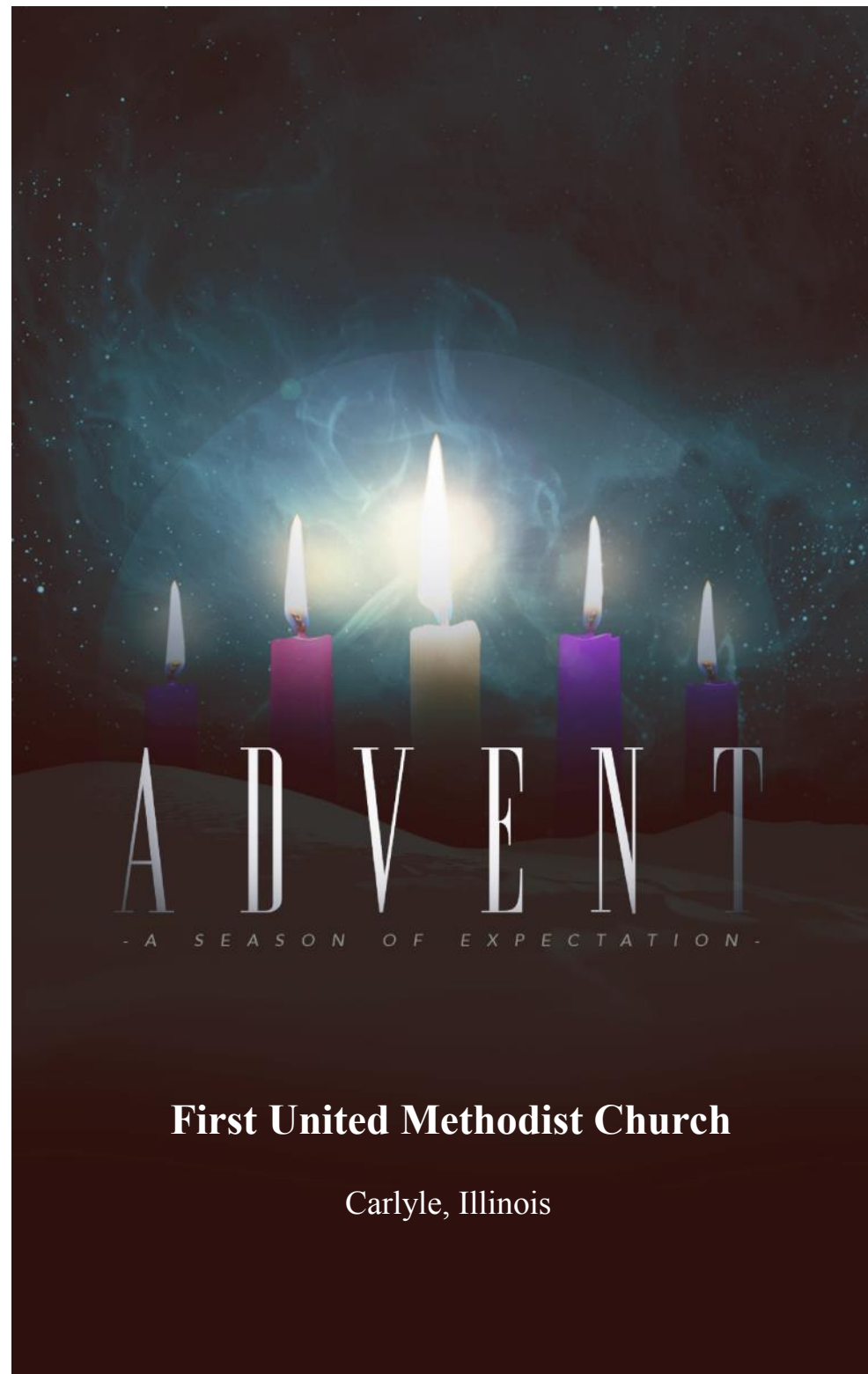
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING FROM LAST WEEK

Attendance: Sunday School 27; Worship 104 | Offering: General Fund: \$2,365.00; Building Fund \$190.00



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

The asterisk () invites you to stand, but please feel at home sitting if standing is difficult.*

- WELCOME** Rev. Steve Barrett
- PRELUDE** David Wilton
- * ADVENT READING** Rev. Steve Barrett
- READER:** "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David."
- Today, we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.
- PEOPLE:** Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.
- READER:** On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.
- OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Steve Barrett
- * MUSIC** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230
- * GREETING / PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Please remain standing.)
- * MUSIC** "This is the Day" UMH #261
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**
- JOYS & CONCERNS** Rev. Steve Barrett
- OFFERING-OFFERTORY**
- DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
- CHANCEL CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR**
- * SCRIPTURE** Matthew 2:7-12 Carol Johnson
- GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70
- SERMON SERIES** Mary Did You Know?
- SERMON TITLE** "The Star" Rev. Steve Barrett
- * MUSIC** "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH #234
- CLOSING PRAYER** Rev. Steve Barrett
- * POSTLUDE** "The Live Nativity" DVD

VISITORS AND GUESTS

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 AM. We have classes for all ages, preschool through adult.

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:00 AM. Our service is a blended service of traditional and contemporary music.

NURSERY – The nursery is available during Worship for children age 0-5.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS - Please sign the pew register and pass for others to sign. Ushers will pick up from center aisle before children's message.

ELECTRONICS NOTICE – Please feel free to use your cell phone, iPad, etc. for taking notes during the service. Out of respect for the people around you please silence these devices. Thank you!

NOTE – If you would like to meet with the pastor or are interested in joining the church, please check the appropriate box on the Attendance Register or the

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, December 24, 2018		Christmas Eve - Offices Closed
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Tuesday, December 25, 2018		Christmas Day - Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 26, 2018		Offices Closed
	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry - St Mary's Church
Thursday, December 27, 2018		Office is Open Today
Monday, December 31, 2018		New Year's Eve - Offices Closed
Tuesday, January 1, 2018		New Year's Day - Offices Closed
Wednesday, January 2, 2018	8:30 AM	Matthew 25 Food Pantry - St Mary's Church
	6:30 PM	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal