



## Prayers of the Community of Faith!

I would like to sign-up for the following events:

Heartwood Food Packing

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Administrative Office Volunteer

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What are you looking forward to this Christmas?

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I would like more information about:

Becoming a Member of SMUMC

Love & Laundry Ministry

Honduras Mission Trip

Micah Breakfast

Serving a meal at the Thurman Brisben  
January 6, 2019 (3:30 p.m.)

Micah Ministries Cold Weather Shelter

The Food Pantry

The Youth Group

Small Groups

Heartwood Food Packing

Children's Christmas Program

volunteering in the church office

**Mourning / Families of:** ●James Lloyd ●Larry Roberson ●Velma Bailey ●Rev. John Rosenberger

**Continuing Needs:** Greg Anderson ●Velma Bailey (M. Holt) ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Loretta Bass (Patsy Vida) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) ●Pattie Cushing (R. Keene) ●Ruby Duddleson (R. Keene) ●Lindsey Fortune (D. Farrar) ●Jennifer Giannuzzi (B. Giannuzzi) ●Dennis & Connie Hagan ●Mrs. "Clyde" Hambrick ●Mary Ann & David Hill (J. Studley) ●Rev. Wayne Hogue ●Shelley Holmes (B. Holmes) ●Michelle Hutchinson (D. Jenkins) ●Billie Jo Hynson (B. Gmitter) ●Pete Jerman ●Jim Kocher (J. Belako) ●Kyra (P. Vida) ●Ed Marks (J. Clark) ●George Nosek (D. Garrett) ●Lisa Holsinger Powell (P. Vida) ●Dian Rubiera (B. Giannuzzi) ●Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) ●Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) ●Joe & Lita Schepers ●Dorothy & Pastor Bob Van Natta (W. Hogue) ●Amy Watkins (C. Hall & L. Cooper) ●Bob Watts (J. Cover) ●Renewal of UMC ●Ken & Charlotte Stockwell ●Patricia Turley (J. Keene) ●Austin Wolfe (R. Varela) ●Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkins)

**Prayer Requests from the week of November 25:** ●Matthew Tompkins ●Ed Conrad ●Natalie & Rosanna ●Victims of the CA wildfires ●Healing for all who need it; physically, mentally & spiritually ●Betty Bradshaw ●The Hale family ●Janice & Marshall Anderson ●Frank & Mary Cloud

**Prayer Requests from the week of December 2:** ●Bob Watts ●Dale Olson ●our country ●Family of Larry Dean Roberson ●Nova Piper ●G.M. Haney ●Sam Frantum ●Gen. Khalifa ●Lynette Ware

**Prayer Requests from the week of December 9:** ●Family of Rev. John Rosenberger ●Shawna Breggenti ●Gen. Khalifa and Mo ●Dodie Smith ●Family of Bob Hausafus ●Sam Frantum ●Wendi Trant ●Family of Velma Bailey

### Questions for Reflection

Imagine that you are in the crowd listening to John the Baptizer. You hear people in the crowd asking him, "What should we do to prepare?" How might John instruct you, or your church, to prepare for the coming of God's reign? Sometimes wealthy people worry that God or the church is requiring them to be poor. What is the difference between being poor and being fair? How do you feel about sharing?

**Household Prayer: Morning** God, surely you are my salvation. I begin this day without fear, trusting you, for you are my strength. Help me to meditate all day on the thought that you are rejoicing in me! And keep me keenly aware, as I travel through this day, of ways that I may help others, especially those with special needs. Then bring me home to you at the close of the day. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening** Thank you, God, for the gift of today and for guarding my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. All that I did and all that I left undone, I now give over to your safekeeping, trusting in your peace that surpasses all understanding. Be my rest as I sleep tonight, and renew me in your love for another day. Amen.

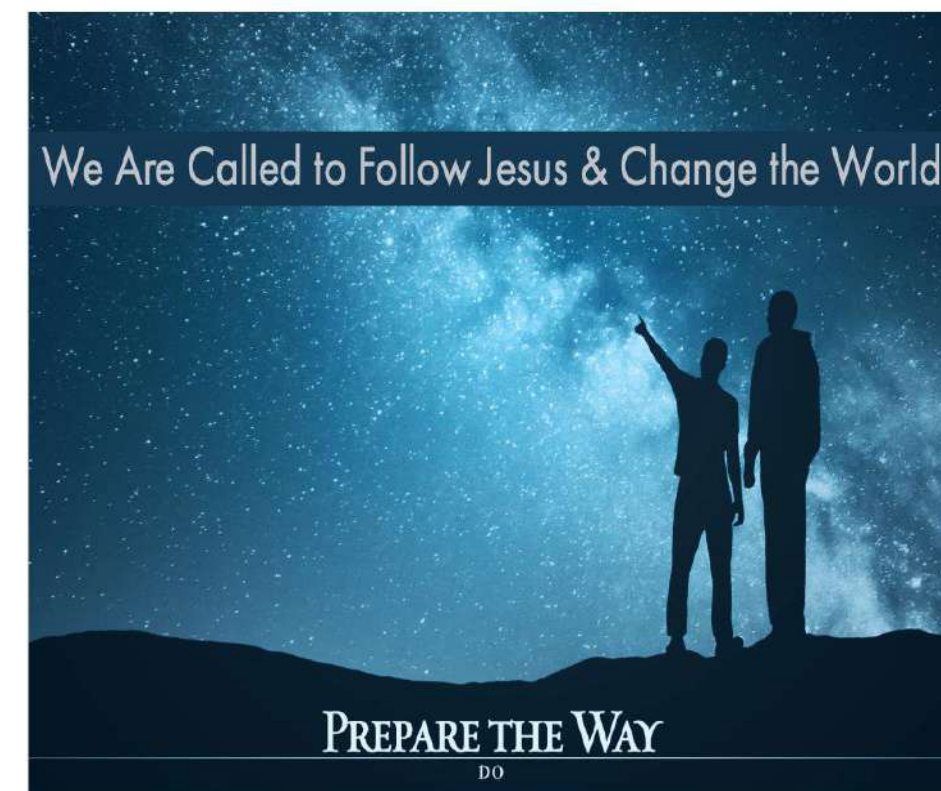
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**St. Matthias United Methodist Church**  
Called to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World

**Worship:**  
Sundays: 8:45 & 11:00  
Nursery for infants to 5 yrs  
Kids Own Worship (pre -5th grade): 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship:  
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.



December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Hail to the Lord's Anointed, UMH 203

+ Lighting the Advent Wreath – Candle of Joy

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, stanza 1, UMH 196

**All [sung]: "Come, though long expected Jesus, born to set they people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."**

Reader 1: God, you have changed judgement to hope, destruction to restoration,  
oppression to liberation and dread to praise. Lord, you send before us prophets  
bringing the joyful news of the coming of the Messiah.

**All: We, God's people, sing Zechariah. With your compassion, Lord, make the dawn  
from heaven break upon us. Give light to those who are sitting in darkness and  
in the shadow of death. Guide us on the path of peace. (Luke 1:78-79, CEB)**

Reader 2: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of joy in recognition of all  
God's mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

*Light First, Second and Third candles.*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, UMH 218

8:30 a.m. Children's Moment

Special Music 8:45 Silent Night, Lily & Madison Main | 11:00 Christmas Cantata