

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the attendance sheet in the pad and add today’s date at the top, then pass it down your row. If you are a guest, we invite you to include your address. *Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.*

PRELUDE
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OFFERING OUR WORSHI

L: Rejoice in the Lord always.
P: We come to worship and rejoice.
L: Again, I say “rejoice!”
P: We come to worship and rejoice!
L: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
P: We come to worship and rejoice.
L: The Lord is near!
P: We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!

OPENING PRAYER
ADVENT READING The Duncan Family
HYMN NO. 221 “In the Bleak Midwinter”
HISTORY OF CHRISMON TREE Shirley Wright

OFFERTORY
OFFERING
*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER No. 895

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

CANTATA
“Carol of Longing”
“Advent Jubilation:
“The Beautiful Impossible”
“A Noel Proclamation”
*HYMN NO. 242 “Love Came Down at Christmas”
*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

Prayer List

- Dennis Atkeson
- Aiden Bell (The Bell’s great-grandson)
- Mary Jane Bisel (Claudette Smith cousin)
- Pam Boals
- Gary Bradrick
- Wanda Butler (Avalon Evans’s sister)
- Shirley DeWitt
- Thelma Duffner
- Faye English (friend of Reta Kirsh
- Ruth Hatfield
- Zayden Jones
- Jane Lawrence
- Marilyn Metcalfe
- Carl Mowry (Roger Mowry’s brother)
- Bob Rohl (friend of Garver)
- Mike Schreck (friend of Buzz Rupe)
- Rick Turpin
- Kathy Taylor
- Amy (Joe & Connie Stuckert’s daughter)

This Week at Ontario UMC...

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| Today | 9:15 am..... Adult SS |
| | 10:15 am Worship followed by fellowship time |
| | 3:00 pm.....Messiah at Galion |
| Mon., 12/16 | Noon.....Private Event Giffin Hall |
| Wed., 12/18 | 6:00 pm.....Cub Scouts |
| | 7:00 pm.....Choir |
| Thurs.12/19 | 9:00 am..... Quilting Group |
| Sat., 12/21 | Noon.....Private Event Giffin Hall |
| Sun., 12/22 | 9:15 am..... Adult S.S. |
| | 10:15 am... .. Worship followed by fellowship time |
| | 5:00 pm.....Youth Group Christmas Party at Pastor Chris |

~~ **WELCOME, VISITORS** ~~
A warm OUMC greeting to all our visitors!
Please visit the Welcome Center for a small gift, and join us in Giffin Hall after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Write prayer joys, concerns and announcements in the Welcome Center pad to be shared during worship.

Hearing devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available at the Ushers Table.

Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the rack after the service.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Ken and Karen Starbuck in honor of their church family.

As the prophet say: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God” (Isaiah 35:4, NRSV). Welcome!

- The Galion Community Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Felicia Friebe, with harpsichordist Patty Neff will be presenting the Messiah this afternoon at 3 pm at First United Church of Christ, 248 Harding Way West in Galion, Ohio.
- Southside Christian Church will be having an open house of Nativity Sets on Sundays in December. Please see the bulletin board for more information.
- There is going to be a slight change in how you receive your giving envelopes at our church. No longer will you receive monthly envelopes starting January 1, 2020. Instead we had envelopes printed and will be available for pickup at the welcome table. If you are unable to pick them up, please call the church office and they will be mailed.
- On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, there will be a Bible Study called “The Epic of Eden, Understanding the Old Testament” by Sandra L. Richter. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome center. You can order your own book. If you have trouble finding a place to order, contact the church office and we will help you order a book.
- **Newsletter items need to be in church office tomorrow morning at 10:00. Thank you.**
- Again this year, there is a place in Giffin Hall for you to leave Christmas cards for members attending services. Cards will not be mailed. After January 7th, cards will be disposed of.
- Please stop by Giffin Hall after worship to wish Ruth Ann Staats a Happy Birthday.

My heartfelt thanks to Pastors Chris and Karen for their calls and to my Ontario Church family for their prayers, cards and visits. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Prudy Love

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and food (especially the chocolate bars, you know who you are) that was brought to my house during my recent illness. Everything was really appreciated. Thanks again.
Ruth Hatfield

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| Last Week~~~ | |
| Worship Attendance | 133 |
| Current Expense Giving | \$3,825.00 |
| Special Funds | 1,178.00 |
| Building Fund | 885.00 |
| R & R | 390.00 |

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Serving Today~~

Liturgist: Terry Loughman

Music Director: Bob Wagenhals

Organist: Millie Keith

Greeters:

Accompanist: Bernice Holeman

Sound Board: Eric Grove

Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove

Usher: Megan Reiners, Tony Duncan

Table Hosts: Erma Oswalt

Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe



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