

# THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Angels Among Us: Do Not Be Afraid  
Flying in the Face of Fear at Advent  
Advent 3: "Do Not Be Afraid: more joy"

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1: 18-25 *adapted from The Voice translation*

**Ministry of Music:** "The Hands That First Held Mary's Child"

~ The Chancel Choir ~

## TODAY AT GOLDEN HILL

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! THANK YOU!**

**COFFEE HOUR:** Coffee Hour is generally held in the Parlor following the 10:45 am service.

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**CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST:** Sonya Green

**CHAPEL USHER:** Mize Johnson

**CHAPEL ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS:** Bill & Janice Brown

**CHAPEL FLOWERS:** *Please see the Christmas Flower Memorial insert in your Sunday bulletin.*

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** *Please see the Christmas Flower Memorial insert in your bulletin.*

**SANCTUARY ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS:** Jerome & Patrine Tracey

**USHERS:** Becki Anderson, Opal Crosdale, Patrine Tracey, and Don Wakeman

**SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST:** Jane Wakeman

**YOUTH READER:** Isaiah Moore and Alan Offeney

**NURSERY CARE ASSIST:** Aaliyah Dillion *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Shower Ministry** Items needed right now Women & Men's deodorant, Men's underwear size L ONLY, and travel size body powder. We will keep you posted as the inventory fluctuates. Thank you for all your support of this ministry.

**From the Sunday School Team -We have decided not to hold Sunday School the following Sundays:**

December 24 (Christmas Eve), and December 31 (New Years' Eve)

**Weekender Back Pack Grocery Needs: Donations needed in church by Sunday, December 17 for packing on Wednesday, December 20:** pudding, raisins, fruit cups and cheese crackers. Thanks so much!

**Christmas Baskets:** Thank you much for all of your donations for the Christmas basket program. There will be over 110 families whose Christmas will be filled with smiles. Now we are hoping that you will be able to donate your time to the project. Please consider coming to help for one (or more! of these opportunities):

- **Monday, December 18:** Wrapping gifts in Locke Hall at 7 pm; please bring scissors and a roll of wrapping paper
- **Friday, December 22:** Packing the boxes with food starting at 1 pm
- **Saturday, December 23:** Delivery day! We will be delivering baskets from 9-2

**Advent Study** – As we prepare for the coming of the Messiah, **please join us this Advent season for a five-session Bible Study that started Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor**, with subsequent studies on 12/17 and 12/31. We are studying *The Lord is our Light* that challenges us to cultivate faithful lives here and now. For more information, please contact Byron Crosdale at (203) 878-

7371 or email: [crosdale@optonline.net](mailto:crosdale@optonline.net). You may also register for this study by contacting the church office at (203)336-0152. Thank you.

**FUNDRAISER FOR GOLDEN HILL UMC** - Can you volunteer **just 2 hours** of your time to help raise much-needed money in support of our outreach programs? We will be doing **gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble** at 1076 Post Road in Westport on 2 different days in December. Barnes and Noble will provide all the necessary supplies for wrapping. **All donations will go to support the outreach programs at Golden Hill, including the current expense costs.** We need to provide a *minimum of 3 volunteers* per time slot. The dates and times are:

**12/15 12 noon-9 pm** Gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble,

**12/17 1-7 pm** Gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble

Volunteers need to commit to at least 2 hours to wrap packages and speak to customers and potential donors about what Golden Hill does in the Bridgeport community. **If you can participate, please email Melodye your preferred time slot at [Outreach@goldenhill.org](mailto:Outreach@goldenhill.org). If you don't have access to a computer, please call Melodye Merola at 203-336-0152 to sign up.** You can also contact Phyllis Machledt at 203-268-8737 with your preferred date and time. Help Golden Hill raise money to support the expenses of our community outreach in Bridgeport by wrapping packages (and perhaps do some Christmas shopping of your own)!

**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED**, please list your church affiliation as Golden Hill United Methodist and notify the church office.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 17– Dec. 24**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent–</b>	
	8:30 am	<b>Chapel Worship Service</b>
	9:30 am	<b>Advent Bible Study in the Parlor</b>
	9:45 am	<b>Choir &amp; Hand Bells Warm-up</b>
	10:45 am	<b>Sanctuary Worship Service</b>
	1:00 pm	<b>Christmas Caroling (All are welcome to join the UMYF)</b>
	1:00 pm	<b>Gift Wrapping at Barnes &amp; Nobel</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Roots Bible Study</b>
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am	C. Churches Culinary Workshop 10 am – 2 p.m.
	7:00 pm	<b>Qrtly Meeting of Trustees/Finance/SPPRC w/Pastor Tisha</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	C. Churches Culinary Class 10 am – 2 pm
	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30 am	<b>Back Packers</b>
	2:00 pm	<b>Shower Ministry</b>
	5:00 pm	<b>Community Supper</b>
	6:30 pm	<b>Prayer Group in the Chapel</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	5:00 pm	<b>Prayer Walk</b>
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.)
	7:00 pm	<b>FINANCE Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>Advent Christmas Basket Packing</b>
	7:00 pm	Crystal Meth Anonymous (C.M.A.) in the Library
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	<b>Liturgical Dance Rehearsal</b>
		<b>Christmas Basket Delivery Day!</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent– Christmas Eve</b>	
	9:45 am	<b>Choir Warm-up</b>
	10:45 am	<b>Sanctuary Worship Service- Christmas Pageant</b>
	10:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary</b>

NOTE: Bold Print denotes a church related event/meeting, non-bold items are outside groups.

**NOTE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING BUILDING USE:**

- 12/24** One morning service at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary ~ Christmas Pageant  
10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
- 12/25** Merry Christmas!
- 12/26** 7:30 pm N.A. (every Tuesday)
- 12/27** Pastor on vacation December 27 & 28  
2 pm Shower Ministry (every Wed.), 5pm Community Supper (every Wed.)  
6:30 pm Prayer Group (every Wed.), 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 12/28** 7 pm TRUSTEE Meeting
- 12/29** 7 pm C.M.A. (every Friday)
- 12/31** Guest preacher, Beth Collins, 9:30 am Advent Adult Bible Study

