

# MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 3, 2023

# Sundays at Millard

**Sunday School classes begin** at 9:00 a.m. for children, youth, and adults. Come dig deeper into God's Word.

The worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. You can also view the Sunday Worship live or later on our YouTube Sunday Worship playlist. Upon request, an audio of the Sermon is available by CD or you can view it on our website.

# **Upcoming Events**

Bell Choir rehearsal Thursday, November 30th 6 p.m.
Cantata Choir Rehearsal Dec 3 & 10 after church
Spring College Scholarship Apps due December 1st

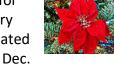


Help decorate the church Saturday, Dec 2nd. at 10 a.m. for Advent/Christmas

Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals are Dec 3rd & 10th at 9 a.m. Eighth graders and younger are invited to take part in this fun tradition. The pageant will take place during the service on Dec. 10th.

Our adult **Grow Group** is meeting to read Gospel passages and discuss Season 1 of "*The Chosen.*" Find episodes at <u>angel.com</u> or contact Pr Sharon. Join in at the church the next two Thursdays; and December 7th and 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Poinsettias for the sanctuary may be donated throughout Dec.



To make a dedication, contact the church office or sign up in Fellowship Hall. Poinsettias this week are in memory of Nancy Spaulding and Matthew Schleich.



Blue Christmas Service, A service of Hope: This will be a quiet and contemplative time that offers space for those experiencing grief, loss or other mixed emotions this holiday season. The service takes place on the shortest day of the year as a reminder that God is With Us even in our darkest times.

Heifer Int'l Fundraiser: Ornaments made by the children are for sale in Fellowship Hall - \$2/each. Thank you to Carol Dillner for helping the children with this project.



Are We There Yet? Patience is a tough one for many of us, whether we are children in the backseat or adults trying to get technological devices to cooperate. This Advent, I invite you to pray through your impatient waiting. Eight times in the Psalms the authors ask, "How long, Lord?" It's hard to wait on God's timing for answers to our prayers. It's hard to wait for God to act and intervene where there is pain or injustice. The Psalms show us that it's more than ok to offer up all of that frustration and desperation in prayer. God can handle our impatience even as we continue to wait. Psalm 80:3: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." by Pr Sharon

Summer 2024 registration for camp at <u>Covenant Harbor</u> and <u>Covenant Point</u> open now for children going into grades 2-12. Plan to *register early; openings fill up fast!* Financial assistance may be available; contact Pr. Chris or Sharon.

Items needed for Dominican Republic (collecting through December 3rd), put in bin in Fellowship Hall: Children's chewable vitamins (not gummies)
Small toys, Jump ropes or Colored chalk
Small jars of nail polish
Gallon zip lock bags & Black 33-gal trash bags
Liquid hand soap & Clorox disinfectant wipes
Gently used or new back packs, sm to med size
School supplies: composition books, pencils, pens, erasers, small boxes of colored pencils or crayons
Dry cake mixes & Vanilla frosting
White chocolate chips

Packaged snacks for sack lunches, (i.e. granola bars, crackers, rice crispy treats, etc.)

Cereal, i.e., Captain Crunch, Honey Combs, Lucky Charms, etc. Nuts (almonds, peanuts, cashews, etc.)

Dried fruit (blueberries, apples, craisins, coconut, etc.) Italian dressing seasoning packets

#### Agape House Christmas Open House & Gift Market:

Sunday, December 10th from 1—3 p.m. Unique gifts, Raffles, Refreshments in the MPR and Holiday Music in the Sanctuary at 215 S Main St, Walworth. Also see the pinewood derby at 2:45 p.m. at 119 Phillips Ave & decorate a cupcake for Jesus birthday.

Agape House now hiring <u>Office Manager</u>. If interested, call 262.275.6466 or email admin@agapehouseheals.org

#### LAST CHANCE: DEADLINE IS 5 pm NOVEMBER 30th

**Quilt Auction:** The quilt that has been on display in the Fellowship Hall was donated to Millard Church by the Gahnz family. Bids can be made by texting Jan Baker at 262-903-3181. Minimum bids should be made in \$25 increments. **Highest bid so far: \$150.** 



## This Sunday, December 3

Lighting the Advent Candle: Needed Scripture: Psalms 145:13-21, Reader: Jan Muzatko Message: "God is Faithful", Pastor Linda Heesch

> Greeters/Ushers: Needed Sound/Video: Jan Baker Coffee Set Up: Barb Papcke

Communion Servers: Ralph Williams, Mary Anderson

& Tom Getzen

## Next Sunday, December 10

Lighting the Advent Candles: Needed
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25, Reader: Donna Marshall
Greeters/Ushers: Needed
Sound/Video: Needed
Coffee Set Up: Betty Baerwald

### Happy Birthday!

December 2	Gage Gilbert
December 5	Sally Rowley
December 9	Michaela Fletcher
December 11	Alexis Guthrie
December 13	Sheri Alexander
December 13	Gerald Chamberlain
December 13	Jaxson Gunyon

#### Happy Anniversary!

December 6..... Robert & Gillian Edube

Free Will Offering: There will be an opportunity to make donations towards a Safe Haven Baby Box for our community on December 17th and 24th.

For more information go to shbb.org.

#### **Keep in Touch**

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