

EMILIE OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:00 AM

This worship service will include a special Children's Church Worship (see below).
Professional childcare provided in the church Nursery for children 5 and under.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORSHIP—10:00 AM

Children 1st –5th grade will leave worship following the Children's Message to participate in a kid friendly Christmas worship in the Common Ground meeting room.

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE—7:00 PM

This worship service will include Lessons & Carols to help us recognize & prepare for the coming Christ.

Traditional flame candles will be used.

*Livestreams on our Facebook page and is then available to watch anytime thereafter.

***Church Facebook page - Emilie UMC**



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

JANUARY 7—28, 2024

Being committed to Christ is part of
being committed to a spiritual community.

That's why we invite you to be part of our new members class that will be held
from January 7th to January 28th, 2024.

Contact Pastor Lori or the Church Office to register.

December, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The church season of Advent is fast upon us! The word “Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During Advent the Church celebrates the first and second coming, or arrival, of Jesus. The first arrival was the Jesus of history who we celebrate being born as a baby in Bethlehem.

The second arrival will be King Jesus, coming in the future to consummate all time and history and to restore a fallen creation. So, we look back at the first arrival and we simultaneously look forward at the pending arrival. That’s the meaning of Advent.

I hope you will consider joining us this Advent season as we celebrate the coming of Christ. Pastor Lori and I will be preaching a sermon series called *Hope is on the Way* which focuses on the themes of watchfulness, joyful repentance, trust, and hope.

I would also ask you to please take note of a special 10 am worship service planned for December 10th. The internationally known, classical guitarists, Laura Oltman and Michael Newman, known professionally as The Newman Oltman Guitar Duo, will be joining us to share their Advent/Christmas music, *A Christmas Pastoral, 600 Years of Carols, Preludes, and Pastorals*. This is a rare opportunity for our congregation to hear music of this quality and something you don’t want to miss! If you’d like to know more about Laura and Michael, here’s their website <https://www.guitarduo.com>.

Please take a moment and note the time for our Christmas Eve service. Christmas Eve worship will be at 7 pm where we will enjoy the traditional service of Lessons and Carols and candle lighting.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for all the wonderful things that are happening this Christmas season.

From my family to yours, may you have a blessed and a joyous Christmas.

See you in Church!

Pastor Marcia

THE PASTOR'S CORNER



ADVENT BOOK STUDY



Our Advent book study begins Wednesday, November 29th and will run until Wednesday, December 20th. Start time is 6:30 pm and will be led by our pastors.

In this four-session group study, we will explore the book *Incarnation*, by Adam Hamilton and the meanings behind the titles given to Jesus, what they tell us about the baby whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, and the significance of that Christ child for our lives today.

Please consider joining us for this exciting study. Pastors Marcia and Lori

*limited copies of the book for this study are available for purchase through the church office for \$13 each.

EMILIE THRIFT STORE

Schedule:

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm; dates will vary [Open: 12/6 & 12/13]

Saturdays 9:00-11:00am; dates will vary [Open: 12/2, 12/9, & 12/16]

If you are interested in volunteering in the Thrift Store please contact the church office or Kim Kamerzel.





SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

Share-a-Christmas envelopes are now available on a special giving tree in the Narthex. These donations give the opportunity to dedicate the special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Christmas.

Order deadline: December 18th.



ADVENT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 11 AM

Emilie's annual *Advent Family Night* is getting a new look and time. This year we will be holding an **Advent Fellowship Lunch** following worship on Sunday, December 3rd. This time spent in fellowship with your church family will include lunch (soup, chili, mac & cheese & salad) and crafting an Advent Wreath (one per family) to be used throughout the Advent season.

If you plan to attend please RSVP on the RSVP sheet in the Narthex, call or email the church office or online via the QR code to the right. This will help in planning for quantities of food and craft supplies. No one will be turned away from attending, even if you do not RSVP. Contact the church office with questions.



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING DEVOTIONAL (FOR AT HOME)

To prepare your heart for Christmas we have prepared an Advent Wreath Lighting Devotional for you to use at home each week. The devotional will be posted weekly on our Emilie Facebook page, you can pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex, or print a copy off the church website.

This will be available in all of the above ways, beginning the first Sunday in December.



ADVENT MISSION FOCUS

EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3—24

During the 4 Sundays in Advent, Emilie will take on a different mission focus as a way to provide for various members of our community in different ways. Below are the items that will be collected during worship each Sunday in Advent.

1st Sunday in Advent—December 3rd, spread the hope of Jesus through a collection of new toys for children of any age through Toys for Tots.

2nd Sunday in Advent—December 10th, spread the love of Jesus to the students in the Emilie Christian Day School, with a collection of candy canes AND the homeless members of our community, with a collection of winter hats & gloves.

3rd Sunday in Advent—December 17th, spread the joy of Jesus by writing Christmas cards (some are available in the Narthex) to our shut-ins and other members of our Emilie family.

4th Sunday in Advent—December 24th, spread the peace of Jesus through the collection of nonperishable food items to feed the hungry. Items will go on the Share Shelf and Blessing Box food pantry.

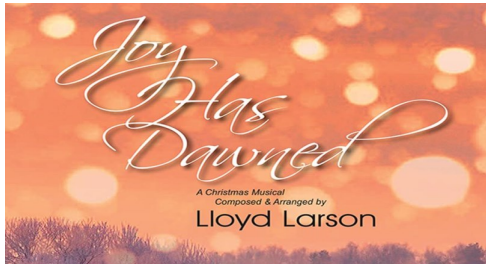


SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIANS

DECEMBER 10, 2023, 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE



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CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 17, 2023, 10:00AM WORSHIP

Emilie's Sanctuary Choir and Friends will offer the Christmas Cantata, *Joy Has Dawned* during our 10am worship service on December 17th. Traditional hymns, contemporary songs, and even a spiritual will be accompanied by a live orchestra to fill our hearts with the joy of Christmas!



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

DECEMBER 21, 2023, 7:00PM

Christmas can be a season filled with fun holiday gatherings, family reunions, and the wonder of children; but it can also be a difficult time of year for those of us who experience hardship of any kind. Many struggle with things such as loneliness, depression, missing a loved one who has died, financial difficulties, being new in a community, or health issues. The Blue Christmas service recognizes the challenges that the holidays can present and offers comfort and hope in the midst of stress. Please join us on the evening of December 21st at 7 pm for a service of prayer, music, and reflection.



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GIFT CARD PROGRAM AT EMILIEUMC

Emilie's Scrip card program gives members the ability to purchase gift cards for various retailers, the church is able to purchase them at a discount and earns funds to support the ministries of the church.

Many cards are available in \$5, \$10, \$25, and up and make great holiday gifts.

How to order:

-Contact the church office, 215-945-5502 or office@emilieumc.com

-Download the scrip app and use the enrollment code below or scan the QR code below to order e-gift cards that you can use immediately or to order gift cards to be delivered to the church with the next bulk order.

LAST BULK ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE 12/8.

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Enrollment Code : E537CBC211556



SERVICE CLUB

Sunday, December 10th at 11:00am.

BRING A SACK LUNCH to eat between worship & caroling!!

We will be caroling to the homes of some of our Emilie shut-in family members, to show hope, love, joy, and peace. We will be traveling by caravan, and ask that each family be prepared to transport your household from house to house or ask about carpool options. Everyone should plan to leave around 20 minutes after the end of worship.

We hope to have you join as we Serve People for Christ!

