

## HARVEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

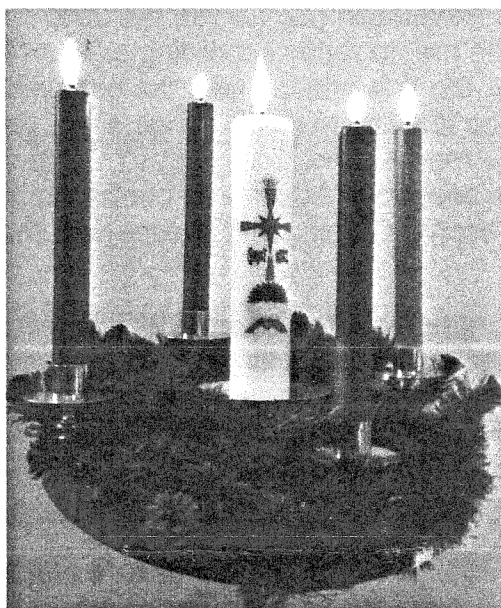
### DECEMBER 2021 MESSENGER

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### Let Advent Begin



Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

We begin our season of Advent (once again) with anticipation and expectation. As the name Advent, (I read it from somewhere) it has the same Latin root "adventure." So, we are beginning this exciting and adventurous time.

Moreover, the name Advent was adopted from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming or arrival," translating from the Greek word *parousia*. According to Wikipedia, "In the New Testament, this is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Thus, the season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the 'coming of Christ' from three different perspectives: the physical

nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.”

In other words, the Advent season is the time to... look for the past, the birth of Babe Jesus (the Messiah) born in a manger in Bethlehem. The promises that had been made by the prophets and they were fulfilled when Jesus came for us (who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary).

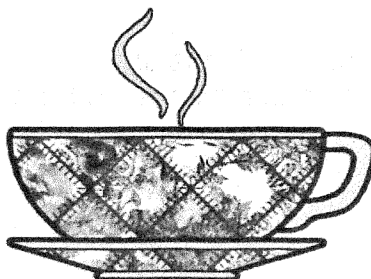
Also, the Advent season is the time to... look for the present, to look at ourselves (our condition and preparation) whether we are ready to receive Him. Do we (even) have the smallest room/space in our hearts to receive Jesus Christ the Lord? Or, our hearts – like a long ago -- have “no room at the inns” for Him to be born? Unfortunately, the “secularized Christmas” – giving gifts to each other, partying with friends, waiting for Santa Claus, etc. -- has become a norm even to us (believers) so that we do not intently reflect on Jesus who came for us, sincerely search for Jesus who is with us, and solemnly look forward to Jesus who will come again (in glory)!

Furthermore, the Advent season is the time to... look for/forward to the future, the (Second) coming of Christ Jesus (who will come to Judge the quick and the dead). In the Book of Revelation (22:12-13), the Lord says, “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” And in verse 20, “The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ [And John responds] ‘Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!’” This shall be our attitude and respond as well in this season of Advent, as our hearts and lives are in preparation for His (Second) Coming and in-tune with the Lord always, “Come, Lord Jesus, Come!”

Dearly beloved, let us remember the babe of Bethlehem and why He came (the past), reflect of our relationship with Him (today), and remind us of His Second Coming (the future) during this Advent season! And the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

With the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Hyun-Bo Shim



**It's Tea Time!**

**High Tea and Gift Auction**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

**1:00-4:00**

High Tea includes: 4 quarter sandwiches, scone, 4 mini desserts, tea, coffee, water or lemonade  
Included for the gift auction: a few tickets and a free gift

\$15



**Donations gladly accepted up to January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Donate those gift cards you will never use or that birthday or Christmas gift you have no use for. Have an antique or collectible item you don't know what to do with? Donate it to this charitable event.**

**All proceeds go toward purchasing new flooring for the lobby and hall areas.**



## *Page Turners Reading Club*

**Date – January 15th Time – 4:00pm Place – Harvey Church**

We will be finishing “Jesus on Trial” by David Limbaugh and will be discussing Chapter 13 and the Conclusion. In February we will begin reading a book by Lisa Wingate titled “The Prayer Box”. The following is a description of the story taken from the Barnes and Nobel web site:

When lola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out lola’s rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within lola’s walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from lola’s youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper – the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.

If you would like to join us in reading this book all you need to do is purchase the book, read the first few chapters and join us in February.

## Bereavement Group

Our brand new bereavement group schedule is as follows:

December 13<sup>th</sup>

December 20<sup>th</sup>

January 10<sup>th</sup>

January 24<sup>th</sup>

February 14<sup>th</sup>

February 28<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are from 10:00am – 11:00am

Our first session will be presented by Cory Sherman on grieving, depression and anxiety.

The following session will be “Blue Christmas” presented by Pastor Hyun-Bo Shim

The third session will be on Art Therapy by Triche Sherman  
Other sessions will include massage therapy, meditation techniques, and more.

If you are interested, please call the office to reserve your seat.  
732-892-1660

## Praise Hour



We will be having only one Praise Hour in December: December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will praise the Lord by enjoying Christmas songs, sharing about the Christmas story, praying, and enjoying refreshments afterward. Please come and join us in worshiping the coming Savior.

## Trustees Report

We welcome "Double Blessings" as they will be meeting in the sanctuary the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. There will be an outside shed/drop off box for donations. The Nursery/Kindergarten rooms will be transformed into an All-Purpose Room.

## Harvey's Closet

The thrift shop is doing very well and will remain open every Saturday for now. Since re-opening in July they have made \$1,362.

## Sunday School News

Sunday School opened it's doors on November 7<sup>th</sup>!

## SPRC

There was a Harvey Family Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21<sup>st</sup> after the service. A plethora of food and desserts were enjoyed by all.

## Harvey Cares

There will be dinners cooked and delivered on Thanksgiving day.

## UMW

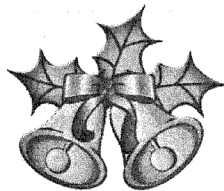
The bazaar was a huge success and netted \$1,553.82. A pledge check was given to the church for \$1,250.00.

## Pastor's Report




Adult Sunday School will begin on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Evening Advent Study/soup and sandwich will meet Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. It is based on a book by John Wesley, "Three Simple Rules for Christian Living".

## Worship

We'll be "decking the halls" beginning the first week of advent. The open doors event scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> is postponed until Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm.



# December 2021

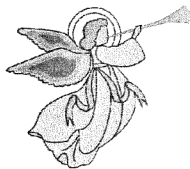
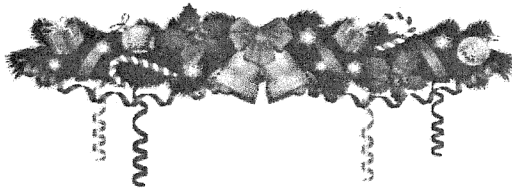
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Adult & Children Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Service 2:00 Hispanic Service	AA - Monday, Friday, Saturday - 8:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7:00pm		1	2 Advent Study 6:00	3	4
5	6	7	8 Praise Hour 6:30	9 Advent Study 6:00	10	11 Open Doors 6-9pm
12	13 Hannah Patterson Finance Meeting 7:00	14 Emmi Shim	15	16 Advent Study 6:00	17 Jill Frevert	18
19	20 Rev. Hyun-Bo Shim	21  Winter Begins	22 Praise Hour 6:30	23 Janet Ferrara	24	25 
26	27	28 Emily Hammell Cindy Taulafo	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Dinner/Party	Happy Birthday! 

## NEWS & NOTES

Harvey Cares wishes to thank everyone who helped or donated for Thanksgiving dinners.

Healing prayers for all in need whether physical, mental or spiritual.

Many thanks to all who donated, cooked or helped set up or clean up for Harvey's Thanksgiving luncheon.



“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11