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Announcements Continued

- **HUMC:** Christmas Cantata has been cancelled.
- **HUMC:** Men's Group will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday in December at 6:30 PM, due to Christmas Eve falling on the 4th Thursday. We are studying "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis.
- **HUMC:** The Christmas basket team is looking for donations. If you would like to donate to this annual ministry, please contact Norma Stephens at (314) 609-1548 or avid_travelers@yahoo.com.
- **HUMC & TUMC:** Please "Like" both HUMC and TUMC public Facebook pages and invite your contact list to do the same. We are gearing up for "Live Streaming" our Sunday services.



Welcome to Hillsboro UMC

November 29, 2020

Our Mission

Hillsboro UMC exists to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ who are spiritually reproductive, engaged in ministry, fervent in prayer, and obedient to God's Word.

Our Vision

To create an environment where individuals and families are nurtured in their faith; provide a place where they can come to worship, to fellowship and spend time together. We desire to invest in our community and to share the love of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

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Whatever your faith tradition, whatever your culture and race, whatever your age, atheist or agnostic, differing abilities, or whatever has happened up until now, may this kingdom community be a place of grace and healing for you. We want to meet you where you are, and help you take the next steps on your spiritual journey.



Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

Pre-Worship - “Announcement Slide Show”

The Gathering Song: “*TBD*”

Advent Video: “*Hope*”

Light The Advent Candle One Video: Week One

***Call To Worship:** (See Insert)

***Opening Prayer:** (See Insert)

Announcements: (Video Announcement From Pastor Harold)

Generosity Lesson: “*Leftovers*” - Liturgist Deb Padgett

Praise Song: “*TBD*”

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***Scripture Reading:** John 1”1-18 (The Message Bible)

Sermon: “*Hope In Christmas; Amid COVID-19*” - Pastor Harold Long

***Praise Song:** “*TBD*”

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***Sending Forth:** (See Insert)

*** = (Rise in Posture)**

Announcements: (*more on the back of the bulletin*)

- **HUMC & TUMC:** Zoom Advent Study, “*Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience.*” **Starts TONIGHT** at 7:00 pm on the four Sundays of Advent. ONLY ON ZOOM ! Please order your book from you favorite online store.
- **HUMC:** Christmas Eve Service is at 8:30 pm.
- **TUMC:** Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30 pm.
- **HUMC and TUMC:** Both Christmas Eve services will be (Lived Streamed)
- **HUMC and TUMC:** Effective immediately will be having hybrid worship services on ZOOM and in-person. ZOOM meeting ID: 945 6460 6073 Passcode: 416905. If you fall into the high risk category, or have any inclination that you might have been exposed, please attend online.

John 1: 1-18 (The Message Bible)

The Life Light

1 ¹⁻² The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

³⁻⁵ Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing! — came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn’t put it out.

⁶⁻⁸ There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

⁹⁻¹³ The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light. He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn’t even notice. He came to his own people, but they didn’t want him. But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

¹⁵ John pointed him out and called, “This is the One! The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me. He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word.”

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift. We got the basics from Moses, and then this exuberant giving and receiving, This endless knowing and understanding—all this came through Jesus, the Messiah. No one has ever seen God, not so much as a glimpse. This one-of-a-kind God-Expression, who exists at the very heart of the Father, has made him plain as day.

Reflections Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. What is your favorite Christmas memory?
3. Why do you think John calls Jesus the “Word” in this passage?