

## LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	7:00 pm	Caroling of the Choirs @ Good Shepherd
Tuesday, December 3rd	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, December 4th	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, December 5th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Sunday, December 8th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Birthday Dinner for Joanne Hornby
	4:00 pm	Bible Study @ Kathy Hanson's

**Joanne Hornby's 90th Birthday Party:** Next Sunday, join us downstairs following the worship service for a dinner to celebrate Joanne's birthday.

**Poinsettias:** Orders due by December 8th.

**UWF Christmas Luncheon:** On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the United Women of Faith will be having their Christmas luncheon at Old Towne Inn at 12:00. As usual, we would like to invite all women of the congregation to join us. For reservations, call Janet Welch at 608-637-7531. We always have a good time so please feel free to join us.

**Advent Pageant:** The Angel's Story is the name of the pageant to be presented during the worship service on December 15th. Cavan is writing the pageant and a crew is working to make it happen. You won't want to miss it! The annual cookie reception will be held following the service.

**Prayer List:** All Homebound Members, Pat M., Zoe, Kelcie, Gloria F., Char L. family, Janet A., Bill A., Tara J., Suzanne, Jim H., Joan Everson family, families suffering the loss of loved ones, all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

## Viroqua United Methodist Church

**December 1, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**



**Viroqua UMC**  
221 S. Center Ave.  
Viroqua, WI  
54665

### Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Barb Casper

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## First Sunday of Advent

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

\*\*Please stand if you are able

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "PARTITA ON PEOPLE LOOK EAST" Joseph Bertolozzi

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALLED TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah." Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

P: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE "LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE" (verse 1) TFWS No. 2090

\*\*OPENING PRAYER

God of every season, as we begin our journey through Advent, turn our hearts toward you. Guide us into your realm of peace and joy. Teach us to set aside our worries, as we walk in faithfulness and trust. May the love within us be born anew. Help us remain alert, that we may respond to pain and suffering and notice the signs of abundant life all around us. Come, Lord Jesus; come to us now, we pray. Amen.

### CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 33: 14-16 PEW BIBLE No. 935

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 THESSALONIANS 3: 9-13 PEW BIBLE No. 1441

GOSPEL READING LUKE 21: 25-36 PEW BIBLE No. 1269

L. This is the word of God for the people of God  
P. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "O COME, O COME, EMANUEL" J. S. Bach

MESSAGE THE PROMISE WILL BE FULFILLED

### CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

\*\*COMMUNION HYMN "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN" UMH No. 614

THE LORD'S TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER

OFFERING "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" Ruth Elaine Schram

\*\*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "TRUST AND OBEY" UMH No. 467

### SENT TO SERVE

\*\*BENEDICTION

\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" (verse 1) UMH No. 234

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE" Wilbur Held

The radio broadcast and bulletins this morning are given by members and friends of the church.