

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Come Grow with Us!

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

December 13th, 2015

A Christ Centered Fellowship

“WE GATHER TO WORSHIP!”

**If you are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

Jerry Post, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND NEWS OF THE LORD’S WORK *Your presence and record of attendance is very important to us. Please Print your name and pass the Attendance Registration Pad to your neighbor. Visitors, may you always feel welcome as our “Special Guests!” If you will give us your full address, we would like to send you a small token of our appreciation for your worshiping with us this morning. May you always feel welcome to return! **PRAYER REQUESTS**-Your joys and concerns are very important to us. Please feel free to share with the Pastor/Lay Leader before or during worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Isaiah 9:2”

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

Liturgist: “The people walking in darkness

Laity: have seen a great light;

Liturgist: on those living in the land of the shadow of death

Laity: a light has dawned.”

Liturgist: “Come, let us worship our Lord!”

INTROIT

“The King Shall Come”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Tom & Dorann Fleming, Diane Carter, and Lucy Palmer) “Advent Song – Verse 3” *(Please feel free to remain seated.)* **No. 2090**

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 220

CHILDREN’S TIME

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” - **Matthew 19:14** *(All 3-10 year olds who are present are invited following our “Children’s Time” to attend Church School in our “New Addition”. A Nursery is available for younger children.)*

ANTHEM

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory Scripture, Offertory

***The Doxology for Advent** *(tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“OUR MINISTRY OF CARING AND SHARING!”

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

(Please feel free to share your Joys and Concerns.)

Pastoral Prayer, Personal Meditation

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“What Child Is This”

No. 219

SCRIPTURE LESSON

“Matthew 2:1-12” (NIV)

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

SERMON

“Christmas Wisdom: The Story of the Wise Men” Rev. D.W. Meister

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“The First Noel”

No. 245

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

(tune of Deck the Halls)

May the good Lord bless and keep you, Alleluia, Amen!

While we celebrate the season, Alleluia, Amen!

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, We await our Savior’s birth.

Grant your peace to all the earth Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE

We Respond to God’s Word and Depart from this Service to Do God’s will...

Children’s Church School: All 3-10 year olds are invited to our educational wing for Sunday School/Nursery Care immediately after our “Children’s Time” in Worship.

Advent Adult Bible Study: Two opportunities to join! Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and/or Sundays following worship.

Fellowship Time... Please feel free to be our “GUEST” in Fellowship Hall following worship for a beverage and goodie. Let’s get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, December 13th</u>	9:15-9:45 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:15 am	Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee
 <u>Monday, December 14th</u>		
	10:00 am	Senior Exercise (Casco Twp Hall)
	3:00 pm	“Hungry for Christ” Mobile Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Finance Team with Rev. Wayne Barret
 <u>Tuesday, December 15th</u>		
	10:00 am	UMW Meeting Followed by a Light Lunch
	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
<i>Bulletin Items Due by 9 a.m.</i>	1:00-3:00 pm	Senior Cards/Games (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>)
<i>Newsletter Items Due!</i>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
 <u>Wednesday, December 16th</u>		
	9-10:00 am	Hand2Hand Backpack Packing
	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Dave
 <u>Thursday, December 17th</u>		
	10:00 am	Senior Exercise (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>)
	1:00 pm	“Pie with Pastor Dave” (<i>Village Market</i>)
 <u>Sunday, December 20th</u>		
	9:15-9:45 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) <i>Birthday & Anniversary Recognition</i> <i>All Church Potluck; Staff Recognition</i>
	11:15 am	Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee

**Casco
United
Methodist
Church’s
Vision and
Mission
Statement-
“Building up
the Kingdom of
God... N.O.W.
through Nurture,
Outreach, and
Witness!”**

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THIS WEEK – 12/13

Altar Flowers: Open
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Volunteer Needed
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
Liturgist: Eve Woodward
Coffee Fellowship: George & Edna Fleming
Counters: Mike, Ashley, Joan
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

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Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
Liturgist: Deb Laraway
Coffee Fellowship: All Church Potluck
Counters: Doug, Nancy, Rachel
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NEXT WEEK – 12/20

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers: Penny Wilkinson, Jim Liepe, Jacob Grigg, Mike Scott, Ella Hogle, Joyce Havens, Margaret Christopher, Don Spencer, Irene Ellmer, Lewis Mitchell, Regina Morris, Tracey Dekker, David Clark, Jackie Welton, Irene Dukescherer, Barbara Sutton, Diana Kark, Larry Brush, Larry Ridley, Arlene Laraway. **Our Service men and women:** Dana Vermilye, Jayare Erickson, Robert Ulmer. **Members & Friends who are shut-ins, or living in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and health care facilities:** Roberta Alexander, Judy Oden, Chuck Ridley, Don Kark.