

POEM: "CHRISTMAS EVE" (BY CHRISTINA ROSSETTI)

GATHERING IN

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

SONG: JOY UNSPEAKABLE JOY

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

**2** THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT; THOSE WHO LIVED IN A LAND OF DEEP DARKNESS— ON THEM LIGHT HAS SHINED. **3** YOU HAVE MULTIPLIED EXULTATION; YOU HAVE INCREASED ITS JOY; THEY REJOICE BEFORE YOU AS WITH JOY AT THE HARVEST, AS PEOPLE EXULT WHEN DIVIDING PLUNDER. **4** FOR THE YOKE OF THEIR BURDEN AND THE BAR ACROSS THEIR SHOULDERS, THE ROD OF THEIR OPPRESSOR, YOU HAVE BROKEN AS ON THE DAY OF MIDIAN. **5** FOR ALL THE BOOTS OF THE TRAMPING WARRIORS AND ALL THE GARMENTS ROLLED IN BLOOD SHALL BE BURNED AS FUEL FOR THE FIRE. **6** FOR A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR US, A SON GIVEN TO US; AUTHORITY RESTS UPON HIS SHOULDERS, AND HE IS NAMED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. **7** GREAT WILL BE HIS AUTHORITY, AND THERE SHALL BE ENDLESS PEACE FOR THE THRONE OF DAVID AND HIS KINGDOM. HE WILL ESTABLISH AND UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS from this time onward and forevermore. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL DO THIS.

SONG: 2000 MILES BY KANE MACCOURTNEY AND BILL NIEMANN

A TIME WITH CHILDREN WITH DEBBIE WALLIN

SONG: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

UMH 238

READING: TWAS' THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS: A VISIT FROM CHRIST (BY ANGIE MOSTELLER)

OFFERTORY WITH SONG: CHRISTMAS MUST BE TONIGHT  
BY KANE MACCOURTNEY AND BILL NIEMANN

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:10-14

**10** HE WAS IN THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD CAME INTO BEING THROUGH HIM, YET THE WORLD DID NOT KNOW HIM. **11** HE CAME TO WHAT WAS HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN PEOPLE DID NOT ACCEPT HIM. **12** BUT TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE POWER TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, **13** WHO WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD OR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH OR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD.

**14** AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF A FATHER'S ONLY SON, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

MESSAGE: HE IS STILL THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

BY REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

SONG: SILENT NIGHT-UMH 239

(AS WE SING THIS SONG, PLEASE LIGHT YOUR CANDLE  
AND RAISE IT HIGH)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bible Study:** cancelled on December 28 and January 4. Study will resume on January 11.

**January 1, 2023** –We will reveal our 2022 Prayer Partners and sign up for new Prayer Partners.

**Fundraiser:** The Hospitality Team is still taking orders for pecans. Please turn your orders in soon.

### Weekly:

**Prayer Breakfast :** Join Pastor Dustin on Thursdays at 8:30 am at Bob Evans in Kinetic Park. We will start with a devotion, pray over our prayer list, and enjoy fellowship together. You pay for your meal.

**Eat, Study, Pray (ESP)** Tuesdays at noon. Mary DeMoss leads our bible study. Bring your own lunch.

## *Cross Roads United Methodist Church*



MERRY  
*Christmas*

*Christmas Eve*  
*December 24, 2022*