

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Welcome to our visitors! We are glad you are here.*

*Please sign the pew pad. Pass it on, as you greet one another.*

*The liturgist (L) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) responds by reading the words in bold.*

*We come together as a congregation to sing God's praises.*

*We give our tithes and offerings. We dedicate our gifts to God with music and prayer.*

*Lifting our prayers to God...*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Passing the Peace**

#### **Prelude and Lighting of the Candles**

“Noel Vieux”

By: Franck

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Salvation**

Steve and Patti Harness

#### **\* Call to Worship**

L: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

**C: Thanks be to the God of light!**

L: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

**C: Thanks be to the God of peace!**

L: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

**C: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life!**

#### **\* Gathering Hymn**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

#220

#### **Offering of Our Gifts**

“I Saw Three Ships”

By: Lani Smith

Keyboard Solo

\* Congregation, please sing the words below:

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give him: give my heart.*

\* Offertory Prayer

#### **Joys and Concerns**

Hymn of Preparation

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#204

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(Words to the Lord's Prayer are on page #270 of the hymnal.)

\* Please stand, if able

*Be blessed by this special presentation.*

*Our pastor (P) makes statements of faith. The congregation (C) responds by reading the word in bold.*

*We hope you received a blessing. Please come back and worship with us again!*

**Musical Drama “There Is a Bethlehem”**

Please refer to the program inside this bulletin.

**\* Benediction**

**P:** Place your trust in God, for God is with you. Listen carefully for God’s loving whisper in this time - the words will give you healing and hope. Go in peace and may God’s peace always be with you.

**C: Amen!**

**\* Postlude**

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

By: Robert Elmore

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Please wait until the acolyte, liturgist and pastor have gone to the back of the sanctuary before departing.

*Flowers on the altar* were given by church members and friends, in honor and memory of their loved ones. (A detailed list of memorials and honorariums will be included in the Christmas Eve service bulletin. Extra copies will also be available on the table in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.)

**Thanking Those in God’s Service Today**

Pastor Patty (mthealthypastor@fuse.net; 729-0707; 614-6994)

Greeters: Diana Klenk, John Ekeroth, Larry and Carol Bolin

Music Director: Cheryl Raine

Sound Technicians: Andy Smith, Tim Smith, Bud Payne

Transportation: Jeff Vehr (245-2822)

Liturgist: Tim Vehr

Acolyte: Joseph Scheets

Elevator: Steve Harness



## ***There is a Bethlehem***

*Created by Dave Clark and Tony Woods*

*Arranged By: Marty Hamby/Orchestrated by Steve Mauldin*

*Director - Cheryl Raine*

*Narrator - Tim Vehr*

*Set Design/Props - Darleen Long*

*Sound/Tech - Andy Smith*

*Mary - Kayla Burress*

*Joseph - Pat Brems*

*Baby Jesus - Kennedy Summer Vaughn*

*(granddaughter of Kelly Viars)*

*The Choir (\* denotes college student guest) -*

*Barbara Benson*

*Linda Niesen*

*Cindy Rahn*

*Amanda Williamson \**

*Rev. Patricia Cook*

*Hannah Petry \**

*Jeanine Smith*

*Alice Williamson*

*Ken Blades*

*Joyce Kelly*

*Jay Lawson*

*Jesse Weidner \**

*Jim Benson*

*John Ekeroth*

*Travis Pearce \**

*Kyle Himes, Soloist*

*Narration*

*“Come to Bethlehem Medley” - Choir and Congregation*

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Congregation, please join the choir:*

*Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Gloria in excelsis, Deo!*

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain,*

*And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.*

*Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Gloria in excelsis, Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing.*

*Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King.*

*Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Gloria in excelsis, Deo!*

*“How Great Our Joy”*

*“Joy to the World”*

*Congregation, please join the choir:*

*Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King.*

*Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,*

*And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Narration*

*“Come Emmanuel Medley” - Choir and Congregation*

*“O Come O Come, Emmanuel”*

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

*Congregation, please join the choir by singing the words on the next page.*

*Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the triumph from the skies.  
With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!*

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

*Mary and Joseph*

*“Almost Bethlehem” - Choir*

*Mary and Joseph*

*“The Living Light” - Choir*

*Mary and Joseph*

*“I Can’t See God (But I Know He’s There)” - Mary and Choir*

*Narration*

*“His Name is Jesus Medley” - Mary and Choir*

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

*“For Unto Us a Child is Born”*

*Narration*

*“I Can See it in Your Eyes” - Mary*

*Narration*

*“He Drew Closer” - Kyle Himes*

*Narration*

*“Finale Medley” - Choir, Travis Pearce, Soloist and Congregation*

*“There is a Bethlehem”*

*“Joy to the World”*

*Congregation, please join the choir:*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove,  
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders and wonders of His love,*

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Congregation, please join the choir:*

*Gloria in excelsis, Deo! Gloria in excelsis, Deo!*

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*Thus concludes our special presentation. We continue our service with the benediction.*



### ***2011 Altar Flower Order Form***

The cost of each arrangement is \$26.00. There is a maximum of 4 arrangements that can be displayed on any one Sunday. Please order your arrangement(s), including payment, by Sunday, February 20, 2011.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On which Sunday would you like to have the arrangement(s) displayed?

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your check payable to Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church. On the memo line, write Altar Flowers—2011. To help keep financial records accurate and to ensure that your arrangement(s) are displayed as you would like, please do not place your order in the offering plate. *Please give the order form, along with payment, directly to Sylvia Lawson or mail to her address.* The address is: 1427 St. Clair Ave.; Cincinnati, Ohio; 45231. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Lawson at home (521-4870) or on her cell phone (207-4870). You may take your arrangement(s) home with you after the worship service. Thank you.

**Prayer Concerns:** Gary Boggs; Doxsey Family; Polly Jordan; Sam Neidlinger; Day Family; Mary Martin (Jeanne Stophlet's sister); Cyndi Dunbar; Edna White (Sharon White's mother-in-law); Jim Koehne (Joe Koehne's dad); Richard Rahn (Jim Rahn's cousin); Shirley Pittinger (Roettele Family friend); Karen Zieler (Dianne Koch's friend); Susan (Bob and Mary Reep's niece); George and Shirley Sand; Harold Himes (Kyle Himes' dad); Ruth (Joseph Scheet's grandmother); Jones Family (Bridget Spitler's family); Gene Rahn (Jim Rahn's dad); Carroll Hutchinson (for radiation therapy); Mindi Mason (Alice Williamson's daughter); Kay Rowlette; Karen Cann (Velma Cann's daughter-in-law); Sharon Seim (Velma Cann's daughter); Faith Petri-Miller (Pastor Patty's granddaughter); Scott Dunbar; Sharon McCoon and Family; Roettele Family; Robert Hoppler (Sharon McCoon's friend); the family and friends of Nancy Lipka Todd (Roberta Watson's cousin); the family and friends of Bettie Baren (Barbara Pritchard's sister); the family and friends of Bill Naderman; the family and friends of Christine Wilson; the family and friends of Cynthia Goebel; our church

**Revisions to Prayer List:** Please contact the office at mthealthymc@fuse.net or 931-5827.

*We express sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the family and friends of William 'Bill' G. Naderman, Jr. (12/20/42 – 12/9/2010), Christine Wilson (6/3/1915 – 12/11/2010) and Cynthia K. Goebel (11/8/1913– 12/11/2010). These three members of our church family went home to be with Jesus. Let us continue to remember Bill's, Christine's and Cynthia's loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.*

### **Kroger Card: The Gift that Keeps on Giving...**

Recently, our church received a check for \$332.06 for members' use of their Kroger Cards. This is just two weeks after getting a \$335 check from Kroger!

Please continue to use your Kroger Card for your groceries, prescriptions, gas and gift card purchases, and our church will receive 4% of the value of your purchases. Don't have a Kroger Card and want one? Please see Mark Palmer. Thank you!

### **Happy Birthday! (December 19 – December 25)**

20	Sharon White *	23	Darleen Long	25	Robert Merkel
21	Georgiana Eggers	23	Gretchen McDaniel		

\* **Address Update:** Sharon White; 7130 Clovernoll Drive; Cincinnati, Ohio; 45231

**Attendance for Traditional and Contemporary Services on December 12:** 67; 10 **Total:** 77

**Weekly Offering Needed for 2010 Budget:** \$4,038      **Offering (Usable Income) on Dec. 12:** \$3769.00

### **Five Wishes: Saturday, January 15, 10 AM in Fellowship Hall**

Mt. Healthy United Methodist church invites you to "Five Wishes". This program involves a "living will with a heart" and helps you communicate how you wish to be treated if you get seriously ill. Presenters will be Twin Towers chaplain, Jill Crosswell and elder law attorney, Mary Ann Jacobs. Look for more detailed information in the January issue of the newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

**WEATHER EMERGENCY:** When the Mt. Healthy City schools are closed, the Mt. Healthy U.M. church office and the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry are closed.

## Calendar – Week of December 19

<b>19</b>	8:45 AM	Sunday School	Education Wing
	10:00 AM	Musical Drama: "There Is a Bethlehem"	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Highway 127 (Contemporary Worship)	Fellowship Hall
<b>Mon Dec 20</b>	8 AM – 1 PM	Mt. Healthy Alliance Distributing Thanksgiving Food	Assumption
	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Choir Room
<b>Tues Dec 21</b>	12:00 PM	UMW Guild-Sponsored Lunch for XYZ Senior Group	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Education Committee	Parlor
	8:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Adult Classroom
<b>Wed Dec 22</b>	12:00 PM	Deadline to Submit Info. for Sunday's Bulletin	Mt. Healthy UMC
	5:30 PM	Highway 127 Practice	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Chancel Bells Practice	Choir Room
	7:00 PM	Staff Parish	Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Thurs Dec 23</b>	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
<b>Fri Dec 24</b>	6:30 PM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
<b>Sat Dec 25</b>	<i>Have a very blessed Christmas!</i>		
<b>Sun Dec 26</b>	8:45 AM	Sunday School	Education Wing
	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Highway 127 (Contemporary Worship)	Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	Healing Service	Chapel

**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Wednesday, 9 AM - 2 PM; Thursday, 9 AM - 4 PM; Friday, 9 AM - 12 PM

**Church Office Closings for Christmas and New Year's Holidays:**

Monday, December 27; Friday, December 31; Monday, January 3

**CANCELLED:** Bible Study on 12/22; Evangelism Committee meeting on 12/28.

**Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry:** Located at Mt. Healthy Christian Church, 7717 Harrison Avenue; 521-3700; [www.mthealthyalliance.org](http://www.mthealthyalliance.org); Hours: Mon., Thurs., Sat., 9 AM - 12 PM, Tues., 5 PM - 7 PM  
Mailing Address: Mt. Healthy Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 31028, Mt. Healthy, Ohio, 45231

\* **Like to Get Involved in Contemporary Worship?** Contact Andy Smith at [andycool22@gmail.com](mailto:andycool22@gmail.com) or 265-7241.