



Annville United Methodist Church



December 2020

Dear AUMC Family,

The season of Advent is upon us and you are invited to join us as we pray in preparation for the coming of the Christ. We will take time in prayer this season as we focus on Jesus and prepare our hearts, homes, and families for the gift of the Savior. We will look at the HOPE found in Isaiah, the FAITH seen in John the Baptist, the JOY of Mary, and the PEACE of Joseph. Then we will celebrate the coming of Christ on Christmas Eve at our 7pm service. I pray you will join us this season, online or in person, as we share in this journey together.

For those of us missing our loved ones this season, I have posted the recording of our *Hope for the Holidays* service on our YouTube and Facebook pages. There is also a link from our church website. This special service features the musical gifts of Mark Sorenson, Anna Reber, and Johnathan Shuey.

The holidays this year will be different for many of us. But Jesus remains true and present. May you find comfort in His story and in His love for you. May you know that our church family is strong and faithful. Let us pray for one another, reach out to those we miss seeing, and focus on what we have been given this season more than what we are missing.

For those struggling or in need, please let me know how I and the church can support you. For those who have extra this season, please consider a special Christmas Eve offering to support the ministries and people of our church and community. You are each a gift from God.

In Christian Love,
Pastor Heather

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**Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday 8 AM to 1 PM**

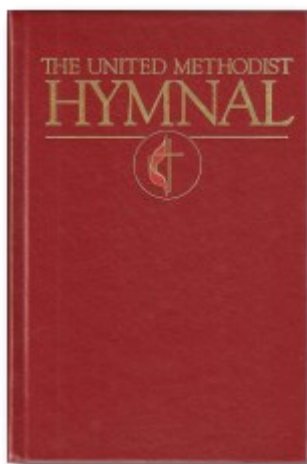
**Sunday Morning Service
9 AM Traditional Worship
10:15 AM Adult Sunday school**



Follow us on Facebook @annvilleumc. All AUMC social media posts are public, so consider sharing information on your own timeline for all to see!



John 17:20-23 (The Message)
I'm praying not only for them
but also for those who will believe in me
because of them and their witness about me.
The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—
just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
so they might be one heart and mind with us.
Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.
The same glory you gave me, I gave them,
so they'll be as unified and together as we are—
I in them and you in me.
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,



In order to be better stewards of our printing budget, we are making our hymnals available for you to borrow during this pandemic season. You can contact the church office to pick up one to use at home or you can sign out a hymnal in the Narthex to use in worship (and to take home with you). We will not be placing Hymnals or Bibles in the sanctuary yet, but are making them available to you to borrow until we can share them in the pews once again.

Red and white poinsettias have been ordered to decorate our sanctuary. You may purchase these in memory or honor of loved ones. You may also sponsor a poinsettia that will then be delivered to one of our local shut-ins or senior living communities.

**Choice of red or white 5+ bloom in 6 inch pot - \$10.00
To reserve your poinsettia please contact the church office or complete memory/honor form located in the narthex and place in envelope marked "Poinsettia Order" along with payment. Deadline for orders is December 20.**



FINANCE REPORT

Below is a comparison of congregational giving

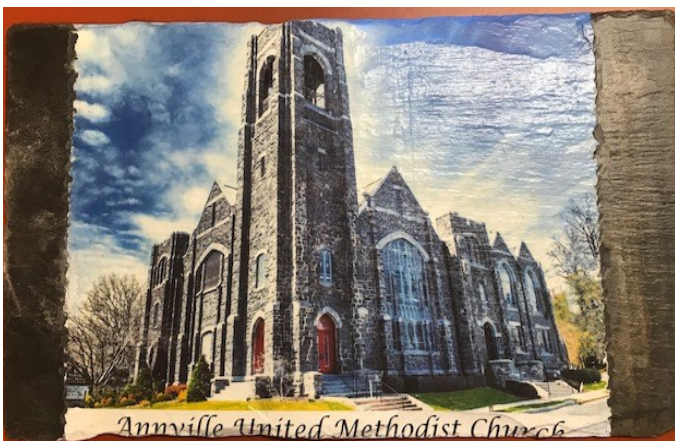
2019 vs 2020

January 1, 2020 - November 15, 2020

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needed	\$147,200	\$147,200
Received	\$139,867	\$128,554

Online Giving is Here!

Your financial support of our church and ministries is vital to our ability to carry out our mission. The best way to give online is by setting up bill pay through your online bank. This allows the church to receive your full donation without paying any fees for processing. If you have any questions about online giving, please contact the church office.



The holidays are here! If you're looking for a unique gift idea, consider a slate tile from the original roof with a painting of the church on it. The cost is \$40 for the decorated tile and includes a stand for display. A sample is located on the information table behind the sanctuary. Call or [email](mailto:churchoffice@annvilleumc.org) the church office to get yours today!

CHURCH FAMILY INFORMATION

Happy Birthday

Carol Martin	Dec 3
Earl Wolfe	Dec 11
Carmen Gaud	Dec 9
Cathy Kaylor	Dec 19
Michael Griffith III	Dec 27
Carol Daugherty	Dec 25
Diana Hynson	Dec 29
Kashmeir Griffith	Dec 31

Happy Anniversary

Brian and Julie Willard Dec 21

Remember our church family members who are not able to attend Sunday worship by sending them a holiday greeting.

Earl Light
9 Highview Circle
Horsehead, NY 14845

Ruth Wolfe
823 North Walnut Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 170

Earl Wolfe
c/o Suanne Long
764 Bricker Lane
Annville, PA 17003

Galen & Cathy Kaylor
303 Wheaton Place
c/o Londonderry Village
Palmyra, PA 17078

A Note From Peggy Wattai

It is with a heavy heart that I say 'good bye' to AUMC and all my family there! We have started a new chapter in our lives and have moved to Virginia. It happened rather quickly and we're very happy here as we officially moved beginning of November. I first arrived at AUMC in 1974 and started teaching nursery and continued teaching other grades through the years 'til 2005. I enjoyed very much being church secretary in recent years and the best part was getting to know people better. Many of you have taught me much, challenged me, expanded my faith and I appreciated it. I wish AUMC the very best and know you all will continue to spread HIS word to the community. You do so much to help the community and each other. I will keep AUMC and you in my prayers. I will look forward to reading the newsletter and knowing the latest happenings there. My only regret is that I didn't get a chance to say and see you all in person. God bless you all, you will be missed! God's grace and blessings to you all. Peggy Wattai

SERVING US IN DECEMBER

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Ways to Serve

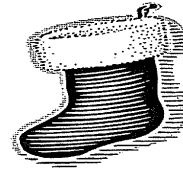
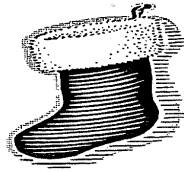
LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE which includes reading of a devotion.

ALTAR FLOWERS are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one. The cost for the two Altar bouquets is \$24 and are yours to keep after the service.

SCRIPTURE READERS receive an email from the church office with the scripture on Tuesday or Wednesday prior the Sunday Service.

GREETERS: updated for COVID-19: Scan temperatures and ask screening questions before congregants enter the building; Greet and guide attendees to the bulletins, hand out face masks if needed, and sign in.

ACOLYTES can be any age. Prior to your first week, please see Pastor Heather for Instructions.



On Sunday, November 29 Christmas stockings are ready for you to take home after church. Since 1951 these stockings have been given with love and good wishes to our older population in local care facilities in Lebanon County. Our stockings will be taken to Countryside Christian Community, North Annville.

Karen Neidigh has sewn the stockings and you may take as many as you think you can fill. We will be taking 20 to Countryside Christian Community this year.

The instruction for items to be put in the stocking are on a sheet in the stocking. The deadline for returning them to the church is Sunday, December 13. If you are not able to get them to the church, you may bring them to the church office before that date during regular office hours.

The boxes for you to put the filled stockings in will be available Sunday, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 in the area right behind the sanctuary. Thank you so much for helping with this project.