



December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

\*Welcome and Greeting Time

\*Praise Songs

Opening Prayer

Advent Wreath Malachi 3:1-4 Underwood Family

Children's Moment *Children dismissed to classes & nursery*

Choral Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 Tim Underwood

Message "Refine" Pastor Eric

\*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206, v.1-3

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Please sign and pass the attendance pads*

\*Doxology "Praise God From Whom..." #95 & #219

Announcements

\*Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196, v.1-2

\*Blessing Pastor Eric

*\*indicates to please stand as you are able.*

**Please join us downstairs after worship for a potluck meal.**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

is available through our website. Just go to  
[www.BellaireCUMC.org/Giving](http://www.BellaireCUMC.org/Giving).



**This Week at Our Church:**

**Today, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School  
**11:30 a.m. All Church Potluck**

**Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study  
**6:30 p.m. Trustees' Meeting**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** 10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Praise Band

**Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** Pastor's Sabbath

**Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 p.m. A.A. (basement)

**Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Sunday School

**Other Upcoming Events:**

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Office Closed through Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Pastor Eric Vacation through Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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**Office Hours**  
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9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Closed Thursdays

**OUR STAFF:**

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**Memory Verse: Luke 3:16b**

"But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

*Open Hearts.*

*Open Minds.*

*Open Doors.*

***Serving our Risen Lord and the community  
for over 130 years!***

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

~ OUR MISSION ~

“To make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ.”

~ OUR VISION ~

“Growing Together in Jesus!”

**Guests:** Welcome to our worship service. If you haven't already, please sign the guest book in the lobby. Our ushers would be glad to give you a gift mug and answer any of your questions. We are so glad you are here.

**Friendship & Prayer Card:** Please use the gray cards at the end of the pews to share your prayer requests or update your personal information. Just drop it in the offering plate. Thanks!

**Nursery and Sunday School (10:30 a.m.):** The Nursery downstairs will be supervised. Children (Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will be dismissed directly from the sanctuary to their classes with their teachers. To ensure everyone's safety, children will be released directly to their parents or guardians at their classrooms after service, except on communion Sundays.

**Today's Ministers to Children:** Nancy VandenBroek (nursery), Cookie Carrick (K-3<sup>rd</sup> class), Diane Bennett (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class)

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m. each Sunday, and the All-Church Potluck, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.



*“May the greatest gift to be received this Christmastide not be the one that*

*is really wanted, but the One who is truly needed.”*

\*\*\* BIBLE STUDIES:\*\*\*

**Sunday 9:45 AM. Adult Bible Study:**  
Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado. Contact: Sue Knight  
sueknight@charter.com

**Monday 9:00 AM. Ladies' Bible Study:** God's Greatest Gift  
by Joyce Meyer. Contact: Yolanda Ayala (231) 533-8973

**Tuesday 10:00 AM. Ecumenical Bible Study:** Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> The Nativity in Matthew, and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> The Passage in Luke.  
Contact: Carolyn French (517)281-2152.

**Wednesday 1:00 PM, Bible Study:** The History of the Bible.  
Contact: Jan Rocker (231) 676-0716

All the above bible studies meet in the church library



**Mission of the Month:**

*Our Missionaries*



*“Crossing cultures with the gospel to make disciples”*

- **Rev. Jan Baderstadt – Renaissance Outreach Ministries (Nepal)**
- **Jeff & Amy Brake – “MTI” Mission Training International**
- **Rob & Tianne Varicak – “AIM” Africa Inland Mission (Sudan)**

*You can make your check payable to BCUMC, and mark “Missionaries” in the memo line. The total amount of money contributed will be divided equally among the three Missions. Thank you for your generous support!*

**Be sure to take a 2018 Advent Calendar of Daily Devotions, located on the table at the back of the church.**

The Bellaire Ice Rink at Richardi Park will open again this year. We need assistance with funding a storage shed, donations for new or gently used ice skates for our local families, and volunteers. Please contact Gary & Tammy Lockwood at (231) 377-2002. Thank you!



**Prayer Requests:**



(Requests will appear for three weeks. If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please contact the church office or indicate your request on a gray pew card.)

**November 25<sup>th</sup>:** The victims of the California fires; Silvia Schonauer.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** A meaningful & prayerful Advent; Gene Hall (Cindy Carr's father); the family of Brad Fleet (friends of Pam Whynot); for those who feel a sense of loss, grief, or hopelessness that God will offer them hope and comfort.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Terry Rowe.

**Military:** Glen LaLone; Douglas LaLone; Bill Allman.

**Nursing Home Residents:** Jean Dewey, Keith & Joan Fischer, Maxine Johnson, Shirley Lowe; Alice Smalley, Phil Smith, Dolores Steiner, Ruth Nordberg, Corrine Smith.

**Missionaries:**

Jan Baderstadt – Renaissance Outreach Ministries (Nepal)  
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For prayer requests, please contact the prayer chain (Jean Schoof, 533-5537) or the church office (533-8133); for pastoral emergencies, call Pastor Eric (989-906-5349 or 533-4228). If you would like to make a visit, please call the church office for communion elements and other gifts.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> – MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sundays, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM - Lunch provided**  
Using A Disciple's Path by James Harnish, we will explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ and a member of the local church. Upon completion of the class, you will have the opportunity to profess your faith and become a full member of BCUMC or reaffirm your faith.  
**Attendance at all six classes is required.** (No class on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.) The sign-up is posted by the church office.