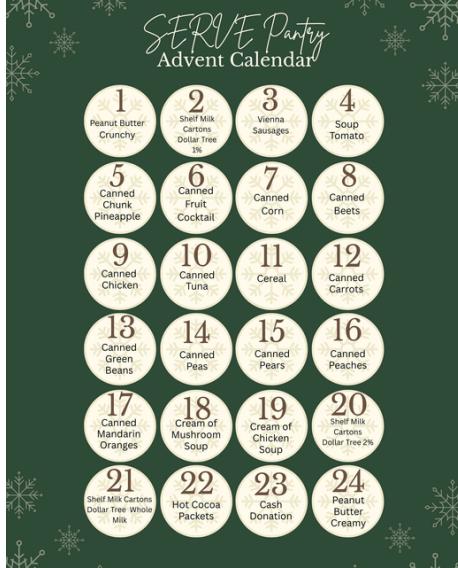


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission of the Month is the SERVE Shelf.



Please Sign Up  
for a shift before  
you leave today.  
Thank you!

Christmas Program is this Wednesday  
@ 6:30pm in the sanctuary!



UWF have Cards & Brooms to purchase. They are available to purchase anytime the office is open.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### December 14

Worship 9am  
Adult Bible Study & High School Sunday School 10:15am

### December 15

LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Paper Magnolia's 10-12 noon

### December 16

Mat Weaving 9-11:30am  
Homestead 9am  
Van Buren 10am  
Prayer Devotion 12 noon

### December 17

LHN 8:30-11:30am  
ELO 9-2pm  
Christmas Catered Meal 5:30pm  
Christmas Program 6:30pm  
High School Youth Group 7:30pm

### December 18

LHN 8:30-11:30am  
Charity Circle 9am  
Friendship Circle 1:30pm

### December 19

ELO 9-10am  
Office closes @ 12 noon  
Toys 4 Tots Set up in Fellowship Hall.

### December 20

Toys for Tots during the day.  
Worship 5pm



**ALGONA FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 13 & 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent**

WELCOME SERVE LOVE

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship & Advent Candle Reading

Reader: Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:8012

### Opening Prayer

All: Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. We rejoice that your love embraces us all. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. The third Advent candle is lit.

\*Song #240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

### Upper Room Bell Ringers "The First Noel" arranged by Karen Roth & "The Babe, the Son of Mary," arranged by Jason W. Krug (Sunday)

### Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 11:1-6* Congregational Prayer

**Holy God of Advent, you became weak so we would find strength in moments of heartbreak; you left the safety of heaven to wander the wilderness of the world, holding our hands when we feel hopeless; you set aside your glory to hold our pain so we might be healed, even when there seems to be no hope; you became one of us so we would never be alone in any moment, in any circumstance. So come now, Child of Bethlehem, to strengthen us in these days. May we feel your presence in a way we have never known, not just as one born in a stable, long ago and far away, but as the One born in our hearts. Amen.** Take a moment to listen in the silence.

\*Song #219 "What Child Is This"

Chancel Choir "Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven" & "Christ is Born Today"

### Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

### Offering & \*Doxology

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#### \*Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts to you today, trusting in your promise that you are indeed the One who heals, who proclaims good news to the poor, and who brings hope to those in despair. As we give, we are reminded of your humble presence in the world and your invitation to follow you with hearts full of trust and faith. May our offerings reflect the joy we find in the assurance that, all things are made new through your love for us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

\*Song #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

### Children's Message

### New Testament Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

Message "Responding to God's Love"

\*Response *The Faith We Sing* #2100 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Verses 1, 4, 5

### \*Responsive Benediction

In our watching and waiting; **come Lord Jesus.** our hopes and fears; **come Lord Jesus.** In our homes and in our world; **come Lord Jesus.**