



**Christmas Meditation**  
December 21, 2018 ~ 6pm - 8pm

For many people Christmas can be stressful and chaotic, perhaps a time of feeling the loss of loved ones. The intent of this event is for you to be able to come to a quiet peaceful place and remember the real reason for this season.

There will be peaceful Christmas music playing in the sanctuary with the lights lowered. You can stay 5 minutes or the entire time- whatever your heart is needing - and leave with feeling the peace of Christ.

There will be homemade Christmas goodies with coffee and cider available in the Narthex.

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**Luverne UMC Annual Christmas Eve Dinner Sign up sheets**

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board to sign up to help with or attend this year's Christmas Eve Meal. This has been such a wonderful event in years past and you don't want to miss it! Sign up today!

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**Luverne UMC Annual Christmas Eve Dinner**  
December 24 ~ 5pm - 7pm



We would be honored to have you join us at our Annual Christmas Eve Dinner complete with all the trimmings and yummy dessert. All are welcome! Bring a friend! In year's past we have had a wonderful time of food and fellowship! If you are unable to get to us we are offering take home meals as well. Feel free to send someone down to get a wonderful meal for you! We don't want anyone to miss out.

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**THE PRAYER CHAIN**

Dr. John and Jeanne Bowron  
Shawn and Gretchen Davis  
Cody Gehrke and Elly Schmitz  
Family  
David Johnson  
Davontae Maine  
Eric and Carissa Oye Family  
Ardie Schmidt  
Fran Vos  
And for Rock County Ministries



It has come to our attention that some of our fellow parishioners are in need of a ride to come and join us in Sundays. Anyone interested please come and visit with Pastor Dorie. Thanks!

**Welcome to our**  
**NEW UNITED**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
December 16, 2018 Bulletin

Your Worship Assistants are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis  
Worship Assistant: Jerry R/Jeanne B.  
Lay Reader: Mary Gehrke  
Power Point: Jennifer Hilfers

Sound: John Hilfers  
Head Usher: Bryce Schomacker  
Greeters: Lola Donth  
Trustee of the Week: Jay Mann

**Pastor Dorie Hall**  
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**God's People Gather...**

*This time is to welcome each other, share announcements, joys and concerns and all other necessary information.*

**COMING TOGETHER**

**UNITED WE SING**      *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*      **#229 UMH**  
**OPENING PRAYER**  
**OFFERTORY/SING**      *"Light at the Stable"*      **PRAISE TEAM**

*"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."*  
John Bunyan (1628-88), English Puritan writer and preacher

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: May the Lord be with you..

**C: And also with you.**

L: Something stirs deep within us -

**C: A longing, and a hope,**

L: A thirst for joy,

**C: A hunger for peace,**

L: A yearning for blessing.

**C: We know deep within**

L: That our hopes and fears

**C: Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

L: It is Advent -

**C: Seasons of waiting, hoping, yearning.**

L: Advent -

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

## God's People Worship...

*This time is to hear God's Voice*

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:9-11

(Pages 627-628 OT)

### OUR MESSAGE

### HOLY COMMUNION

### UNITED WE SING

*"Welcome to Our World"*

### PRAISE TEAM

## God's People Pray...

*This time allows us to lift our thoughts to God*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## God's People Go to Live it Out...

*This is the time we are called to go and Share Jesus with the world.*

### UNITED WE SING

*"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

#224 UMH

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE



**SPONSOR A BROADCAST for \$85.** The chart for 2018 is on the bulletin board by the secretary's office door. Sign up today!!!!

**TODAY'S BROADCAST** - Was sponsored by anonymous angels who believe strongly in sharing of our church services publicly. We love and thank those angels for sponsoring this broadcast.

**UMC TV** broadcast can be seen on Mondays at 3:00pm & Fridays at 5pm on VAST Local Channel 3. **Listen to KQAD** Radio Broadcast on Sundays at 10:30am on 800 AM Radio. You may also watch services online by visiting [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org)



## Silver Bucket for December



*The Christmas Eve Dinner and our monthly free Community Meals have been such a blessing in our church and community. It is time for food, fellowship and fun for all involved. Please give all you can this month so we can keep those 2 very important events going strong! Thank you all for your support!*



### Weekly Event Calendar and Birthdays

**December 16, 2018 - Sunday**

9am - Coffee Hour & Adult SS

10am - New United Church Service with

4:30pm - Genesis/Revelation Bible Study

6pm - ALIVE Youth Group - Christians in Catacombs

**December 17, 2018 - Monday**

7pm - Celebrate Recovery Bible Study

8pm - AA Meeting

**Messenger Deadline**

**December 19, 2018 - Wednesday**

1-3pm - Sewing Day

6pm - FUEL Christmas Program

8pm - AA Meeting

**December 20, 2018 - Thursday**

1-3pm and 5pm-6:30pm - Rock County Food Shelf

**December 21, 2018 - Friday**

6-8pm - 3rd Annual Christmas Meditation

**December 22, 2018 - Saturday**

8pm - AA Meeting

## December

16 John Thies

19 Harper VandenHoek

20 Jay Mann  
Caitlynn Moeller

