The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting event
Sunday, December 13 at 7pm

Participate by lighting a candle on your doorstep or in your home to honor the memory of a child/children who have died too soon. Believed to be the largest mass candle lighting, a virtual 24-hour wave of light will be created as it moves from time zone to time zone. Hundreds of thousands of people hold candle lightings as families gather in quiet remembrance of their sons, daughters, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who have died. For information on the local Compassionate Friends support group, email pat.saum@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Meditation
December 23, 2020 ~ 3:30 - 7pm

As we head into the Christmas season and reflect on this past year, we recognize this year may be especially difficult for many as we continue to socially distance. With this in mind, we will continue our tradition of hosting a Christmas Meditation.

During this time, we welcome you to take a seat in the darkened sanctuary, listen to relaxing Christmas music, and center yourself into the Christmas season. This is a free event and open to all. Stay however long you need. We ask that guests respectfully distance from others and wear a mask.

Annual Christmas Eve Community Meal

We are happy to announce we will be doing our FREE Christmas Meal! There is however going to be some changes due to COVID. We are asking for all to sign up prior to Christmas Eve, with a deadline of Monday December 21. We will provide Take Out and Delivery beginning at 5:30 pm. If current rules change, we will allow a small number in our Fellowship Hall. We will offer this meal as a free will offering with no expectation of gifts!

November 29, 2020 Offering

Here are the weekly giving numbers for the week of November 29, 2020.

Amount needed ~ $4,026 Amount given this week was $3,958.83. Remember your church!!

Thank you for your offering! Please note that online giving is not included in that total.

Challenge:

write a sentence that uses all 26 letters of the alphabet. Here's mine:

The box was filled with great Christmas presents and yummy, sweet Pez candy, and also with squiggly gummy worms; and I was very quick to enjoy them!

First person to write it and bring it to the office gets a special treat!...GO!

Luverne United Methodist Church
WORSHIP SERVICE
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020 Bulletin

Your Worship Assistants today are:

Accompanist: Anissa Vis
Worship Assistant: Felicia Hanson
Lay Reader: Mary Gehrke
Power Point: Jeanne Bowron

Sound: David Vis
Hosts: Jeanne and Jessie VandeHoef
Trustee of the Week: Morris Fick

Pastor Dorie Hall pastor@umcluverne.com
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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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WE SING *"O Come All Ye Faithful"* **#234 UMH VERSES 1-3**

UNITED WE SING *"To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"* **#215 UMH VERSES 1-3**

Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets when the ushers pass them, bring them forward to the altar, or you can use the online GIVE link on our website: www.umcluverne.com or using our mobile app.

CALL TO WORSHIP, ***responsively,***

L: May the Lord be with you..

C: And also with you.

L: The advent of Christ brings the love of God's presence into our midst!

C: We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!

L: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

C: Love came down when God came down to us. God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the path of righteousness

L: As we continue our preparations for Christmas,

C: May our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with God's love. Amen.

OUR ADVENT CANDLE READING

UNITED WE SING *"O little Town of Bethlehem"* **#230 UMH VERSES 1-2**

God's People Worship

This time is to hear God's voice

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-15

OUR MESSAGE The first promise of Jesus

UNITED WE SING *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* **PROJECTED**

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 *"Go Tell it on The Mountain"* **#251 UMH VERSES 1-2**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SPONSOR A BROADCAST for $90. The chart for 2020 is on the bulletin board by the secretary's office door. Sign up today!!!!

TODAY'S BROADCAST - Was sponsored in honor of our Advent Season. May we keep hope, love, joy and peace in our hearts while we rejoice in the love of our Savior Jesus Christ this holiday season.

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.**

Silver Bucket for December

Luverne UMC's Community Meal & Christmas Eve Dinner

These meals have been such success and a wonderful opportunity to share our love and a meal with our community. Please give generously to this month's Silver Bucket so that we can continue providing these meals to those who would like to come!

All donations will go toward this cause.

Weekly Event Calendar and Prayer Chain

December 6, 2020 - Sunday
9:30am - Adult SS
10:30am - SD in-house Worship Service with Live Stream on Facebook and YouTube as well
4:30pm - Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with Safe distancing
December 7, 2020 - Monday
8pm – AA Meeting
December 8, 2020 - Tuesday
6pm - Christian Ed Teachers Meeting
December 9, 2020 - Wednesday
8pm – AA Meeting
December 10, 2020 - Thursday
1-3pm - Food Shelf - Curbside

Prayer Chain for December 6, 2020

Jason and Mandy Brecher Family
Brad and Heather Petersen Family
Erica Menning Family
David Norenberg
Christine VonHoltum
and for evangelism