

Announcements

Faith's Candy Sale pre-orders are TODAY. Milk chocolate peanut clusters & white chocolate peppermint bark \$14 per lb. Pick-up Sat Dec 13 10 am to 1 pm. Contact Joy 570-592-0725 or Carol 517-388-0596.

Stairville Christmas Cookie orders are due today. \$10 for approx. two dozen cookies. Bakers are needed!

Poinsettia orders for Faith and Stairville are due Dec 7.

Stairville's Christmas Party is Dec 9 at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20 and a \$5 any gender gift for exchange.

Slocum's **Chinese Auction** is Dec 13 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Join us Dec 20 at 6:00 pm for our **Christmas movie** night at Stairville.

Join us for **Stretching with the Oldies** Thu mornings at 10:00 am at Stairville.

New Hope Thrift Store is open the 2nd and 4th Sat from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (Please note new winter hours).

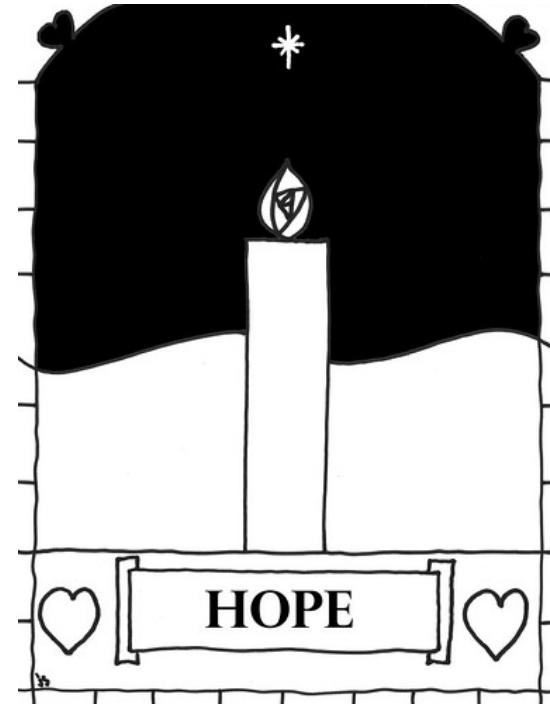
New Hope Community Room & Library is open Tue & Thu 1:00-3:00 pm and Sat 12:00-4:00 pm.

Please Hold in Prayer the Following:

Sadie Shulz, Miranda Hoyle, Helen Spaide, Emily Houser, Sydney Miller, Glen Arnold, Craig Whitebread, Frank Boyer, Sonny Rineheimer, Bob Athou, Getha Ogin, Dave Hilenski, Colt Holt, Leelyn Prochaska, Darlene Taney, Carl Peters, Sara Myers, Michael Razvillas, Jason Seltzer, Angel Barber, Delilah Worthington, Pete Webby, Joe Simon, Bonnie Snyder, Bradley Smith, Brian Myers, Heather Spilane, Chris Miodowski, Kevin Gallagher, Neil Fierro, Mary Ann Razvillas, Ida Rossi, Angela Hamm, David Myers, Danny Steeves, Tammy Winterhalt, John Skirchak, Chuck Herring, Audrey Dymond.

Worship Bulletin

November 30, 2025



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship, we're so glad you're here!

* please stand as you are able **BOLD** readings in unison

GREETING, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

L: Today we light the first candle of Advent: the Candle of Hope.

In a world where fear often speaks louder than faith, we

remember God's promise through the prophet Isaiah:

"For unto us a child is born... and he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

P: This candle reminds us that God's hope is steady.

Hope arrived in a manger. Hope still breaks into ordinary places. Hope invites us to believe that God is at work, even when the world feels uncertain. *(Light the first candle.)*

L: As we begin this season, we open our hearts to the hope of Christ.

All: Come, Lord Jesus. Shine Your hope in us today.

* HYMN "Light the Advent Candle" (v 1) TFWS 2090

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Advent is a season of waiting, watching, and preparing.

P: We come today with open hearts, ready to welcome Christ.

L: We remember the promise spoken by the prophet Isaiah: a child will be born, a Savior will come.

P: We wait with hope for the One who brings peace.

L: Let us enter this season with expectation.

P: Let us worship the God who is coming to make things new.

* HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

* OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Holy God, as we begin this Advent journey, stir our hearts with Your hope. Slow us down long enough to notice Your

presence. Teach us to worship with joy, to live with intention, and to love with courage. Prepare us for the coming of Christ, who brings light to every shadow and peace to every weary heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our promised Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

isaiah 9:6-7

L: The Word of God for the people of God. P: Thanks be to God!

OFFERING / CHOIR ANTHEM

* DOXOLOGY / OFFERTORY PRAYER UMH 95

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

SONG "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *Insert*

THE MESSAGE "A Different Kind of Christmas"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please fill out a blue prayer card and place it on the altar railing.

* HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH 211

Please use this time to place prayer rocks in the answered jar.

* BENEDICTION

Go into this Advent season with hearts awake and eyes open.

Carry the hope of Christ into every place you go. Let your worship be sincere, your generosity be joyful, and your love be wide. And may the blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always. Amen.

What do you want God to awaken in you this Advent, and what might be standing in the way?

For any needs or concerns, please contact

Faith – Wilma Baratta (570) 200-5329

Stairville - Christine Kellow (570) 868-3413

Slocum - Charles Herring (570) 868-6478

Pastor Scott - somiller@susumc.org or 570-200-5388

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Hope Is Coming)

Written by Nathan Drake, Richard S. Willis

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King;"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing

Chorus

Hope is coming to the broken
Hope is coming in you
You're the light in a night
That is fading away
You are the dawning of love

Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Chorus

Hope is coming to the broken
Hope is coming in you
You're the light in a night
That is fading away
You are the dawning of love

Verse 3

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

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