

## Meditation Focus

Micah 5:2

*But you, Bethlehem, David's country, the runt of the litter –  
From you will come the leader who will shepherd-rule Israel.  
He'll be no upstart, no pretender.  
His family tree is ancient and distinguished.  
The Message*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND GREETING

**\*HYMN** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 1-4) P. 214

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

*Worship Leader: It wasn't how Joseph planned his marriage to go.*

**Congregation: His fiancée was expecting a child and it wasn't his.**

*Worship Leader: He planned quietly to divorce her. Until, that is, God's messenger came and said:*

**Congregation: The child your Mary has conceived is brought about by the Holy Spirit.**

*Worship Leader: The angel also said that Joseph should not fear.*

**Congregation: This child will be named Jesus and he will save his people from their sins.**

**All: So, Joseph married Mary, who gave birth to Jesus.**

**PRAYER SONG** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" P. 204

## PRAYER

**ARTISTIC RESPONSE** "Noel" by Lauren Daigle

## INVITATION TO OFFERING (Isaiah 40)

*Grass may wither, but God's word endures forever. Flowers may fade, but the promises of Christ abide. In offering our gifts to a world in need, we transform wealth that fades into an indestructible currency of God's love for the world. Let us give freely and joyfully in the spirit we find in Christ Jesus.*

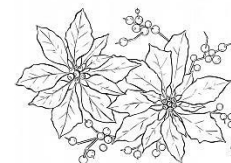
**Offering Song** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" verse 2 and chorus P. 234  
**Prayer**

**MESSAGE** "What If?" Drama presented by Impact Zone participants  
With congregation participation

**\*HYMN** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" P. 247

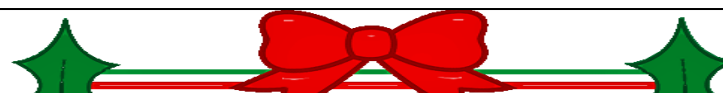
**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**



**The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God, as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's Birth.**

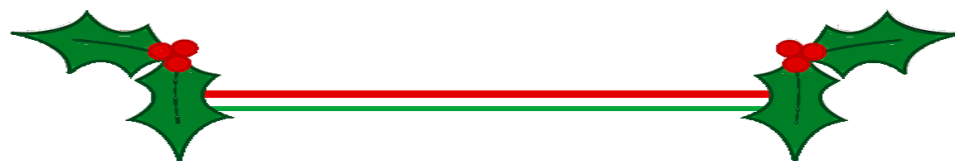
**Minister:** Pastor John Kasper **Organist:** LuAnn Humphrey  
**Pianist:** Abigail Mullis & Deniza Derdovski  
**Office Manager:** Judy Bailey **Dir. of Youth:** Rachel MacGregor  
**Director of Child Care:** Melonie Kingsbury  
(Day Care Phone: 386-4815)  
**Choir Director & Children's Choir Director:** Tracy Lubs  
**Liturgist 8:15:** Jeanne Shelander **Liturgist 11:00:** Program  
**Office Hours: 9:30-Noon & 1-4:00 p.m. (386-2591)**



**God calls on us to share His message of love at Christmas and throughout the year. We as an "Impact Zone" thank you for attending today. May God's peace and love be with you this Christmas season and throughout the year!**

**Thank you to all who participated in today's Children's Program. A special thank you to Troy Bongard for his technology expertise, the UMW for sponsoring today's coffee hour, and the many hands, prayers, and hearts that make this program possible!**

*Please join us downstairs afterwards for a special coffee hour and time of fellowship!*



**Please Continue To Keep In Your Prayers :**

*We lift up the leadership of our nation and the men and women serving the Armed Forces, as well as the leaders and people of other nations.*

*Justin Burrows in U.S. Marine Corp. (Ron & Jean's grandson) (Psalm 91:11)*

*Joey Willman in U.S. Marine Corp.*

*Wilma Phillips-ShurLOW and family on the loss of her husband, Merle Phillips, whom we all loved so much and were blessed to have him in our church family.*

*Family & Friends of Marion Baker (Merri Ann Baker-Radcliffe's mother)*

*Family & Friends of Marlene Hales*

*Family & Friends of Ruth VanStraien (sister of Larry Wyman Sr.)*

*Mike Musser preparing for surgery soon.*

*Brianna (McGregor) Harris recovering from Hip Surgery*

*Joanne (Wilcox) Maxwell in Midland hospital*

*Janet Hicks having a lot of pain*

*Elaine Green recovering at her son Tim's in California*

*Bob Seiter recovering from surgery at home.*

*Gil Dean recovering from a broken ankle (Karen Mater's dad)*

*Kathy Miller, Carolyn Musser, Sandra Pitchford, Connie Pallette, Barb Mahon, Barb Everts, Ed Newman, Mark Musser, Dave Isaac, Sharon*

*Doxtader: all recovering at home*

*David Wyman recovering in rehab Watervliet.*

*Jay Williams recovering from a stroke at Autumnwood, McBain rehab.*

*Donna Oor recovering from bone marrow transplant (Roy Monzo's cousin)*

*Aaron Burrows for continued healing (Ron & Jean's grandson)*

*Those with Parkinson's, Diabetes, Alzheimer's & Lupus and other horrible diseases*

*Those who have been diagnosed with Cancer: Jim Morgan, Tom Beatty,*

*Wayne Henney (Colene Moore's brother in-law) Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike*

*Humphrey, Katie Jenkins, Jeff Bergstrom (Sandie Brewer's brother), Bill Carr*

*(Sandra Pitchford's brother) April Hicks, June Chaffee, Sue Grant (Bob & Ruth*

*Jone's daughter)*

**Medilodge Nursing Home, Clare** In their own home: Dale Branden Connie McNerney

Shelly Ackerman Jean Blow, Virgie Wilson Rilla Seibt Janet Hicks

Sandra Campbell Donna Heckman Joyce VanNote

Gail Sowle Ruth Schunk Shirley Burns Ruth Owens

**Coleman Senior Center** **Prestige Place Assisted Living:**

June Chaffee Myrna Smith Mary Guss

**Horizons:** Home Care at Marley Park Arizona: Tom Franklin

Ardene Wild PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN'S NEED TO HEAR FROM

Marcia Allen Benner US, THEY LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING MAIL AND SEEING

Northwoods: Don Fuller OUR NAMES.

*Clare United Methodist Church*  
*Open hearts.....Open Minds.....Open Doors*

**DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
**11:00 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**WELCOME! GUESTS – We have a gift for you!**

*Please visit the information table*

**NURSERY CARE** is available just next to the Lobby  
(by the East Exit Doors) for infants through  
5 years during 11:00 a.m. service  
And Sunday School hour.

**Write your Prayer Request on a prayer card**

*They will be picked up by ushers during the first hymn.*

**MISSION:**

**Know God, Grow in Faith, and Share God's Love**

**VISION:**

**We are Jesus Centered, bringing Love, Hope, and  
Encouragement to People in our Community and Beyond.**

**MISS A MESSAGE?**

**Want to "hear" it again? Would like to share it with a friend?**  
**Manuscripts of Sunday messages are now available on our**  
**website, [www.clareumc.org](http://www.clareumc.org). Messages will be posted by**  
**Wednesday following the Sunday it was given and will be**  
**available 4 months following.**



**SCAN FOR  
ONLINE GIVING**



**We hope you will join us for Coffee Hour  
immediately following our Worship Service  
today, for fun, food & fellowship.**

**SONGS WE WILL SING THROUGHOUT THE  
PROGRAM**

*We Three Kings (vs 1) pg 254*

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing (vs 1&2) pg 240*

*Away In A Manger (vs 1, 2, & 3) pg 217*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1&2) pg 230*

*Love Came Down At Christmas pg 242*