

2nd Sunday of Advent

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE	This Is a Day of New Beginnings	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Doug	
CENTERING TIME	Prepare the Way of the Lord	
+LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE	Larry S.	
Larry: In the days when God’s people longed for peace,		
All: Isaiah spoke words of God’s assurance and comfort.		
Larry: In the midst of a world torn by violence and conflict,		
All: we also hear the promise of peace beyond understanding.		
Larry: We light this second candle as a sign of God’s peace among us,		
All: waiting, watching, working for it to be made real for all people.		
+OPENING HYMN	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	UMH # 211
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):	Larry S.	
God of angels and prophets, wise elders and bold young people, your good news is all around us. Your presence is made known throughout Creation, and you journey among your people. You move through our lives, giving meaning and purpose. You send messengers to guide us, pointing us toward the ways of making your vision of peace and love a reality. Too often, however, we do not know what to make of these voices. We act as if their calls to repent, turn around, and re-focus are meant for others. And we are reluctant to admit we might be the ones who need a change. Forgive us, O God! Open our ears to the words of your messengers in our midst. Broaden our hearts and minds, that we would see the good that you are doing. Give us the strength and the courage to change our ways so that we might better live into the reality of your kingdom here on earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.		
+SHARING THE PEACE		

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Doug
<i>Children are dismissed to Sunday school. Members and guests welcome.</i>		
+GOSPEL READING	Mark 1:1-8	Larry S.
<p>The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God’s Son, happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: <i>Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.”</i> John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I’m not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”</p>		
SERMON	<p>“Prepare the Way” <i>Making ready for the coming of God’s kingdom</i></p>	Pastor Doug
HYMN	<i>All Earth is Waiting</i>	UMH # 210
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Larry S.
OFFERTORY	<i>O Day of God, Draw Nigh</i>	
+DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH # 95
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)		Larry S.
<p>Holy God, you offer us peace that passes all understanding, blessing us with the opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves. In gratitude, we return to you these tithes and offerings, praying that together, we might help build new pathways and share your peace with all. Amen.</p>		

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

JOYS & CONCERNS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH # 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

UMH # 209

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain



REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD

REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS

REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER

WESLEY UMC’S

MISSION STATEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 'S NOISY CAN

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army exists, “to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.”

Tirelessly working every day within our community and around the United States, the Salvation Army works to alleviate many of the needs people have during times of struggle. Also well known for their “red kettles” and “bell ringing” during the Christmas season—the Salvation Army seeks to remember the “forgotten” during the Christmas season, blessing all they can with gifts of love and necessity during the holidays.

Since their beginning in 1865, the Salvation Army has helped tens of millions of people in need. They also provide programs of assistance to the disabled, elderly, ill, and under-privileged children. All monies collected and received by the Salvation Army are carefully used to meet needs with discretion and wisdom.



Sundays @ Wesley UMC

December 10: Consecration Sunday

Remember your pledge cards!

December 17: Children's Sunday School Christmas play during Worship Service

December 17: **Blue** Christmas Service @ 2:30 PM

December 24: 9 AM Worship Service

December 24: 4 PM Christmas Eve Service

December 31: December Birthdays Celebration

There will be **NO** Sunday School on December 24 or December 31.



Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a 6.5" poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service *in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of*, please fill out the poinsettia order form located in the Fellowship Hall along with your payment of **\$10.00**.

Deadline:

Sunday, December 10th



This week's **YouTube** link for Sunday-

<https://www.youtube.com/live/9CCrVn57M5Y>

Combined Advent Fellowship Study

Session 3 is Monday, December 11th @ 11 AM.
Lunch will follow the study.

Port Edwards UMC

411 Wisconsin River Drive

Port Edwards, WI 54469

ZOOM link available—Call the office.

UPCOMING DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16: Charles Aschenbrenner

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

JOYS: those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For a **pastor in Mosinee** who is back and recovering after a traumatic brain injury.

CONCERNS:

Connie H. - Health. | Ardis A. -Healing.

HOMEBOUND: Jane G. Joan B. Ruth S. Dorothy D. Connie H. Shirley S. Ardis A.

OTHERS:

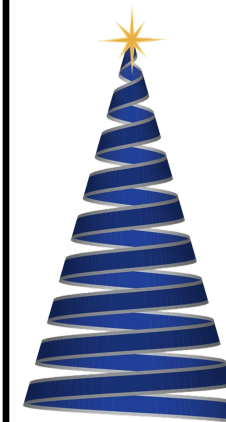
- For the **Auburndale students, staff, chaperones** who are traveling to perform at Pearl Harbor this week.
- For our brothers, sisters, siblings in faith in Gaza and the West Bank who are having to cancel Christmas celebrations and close holy sites due to the violence.

Wesley UMC's **Blue**

Christmas Service

SUNDAY | 12.17.23

2:30 PM



Invite your family & friends for a time of remembrance to ease the holiday blues of lost loved ones near and dear to the heart.