

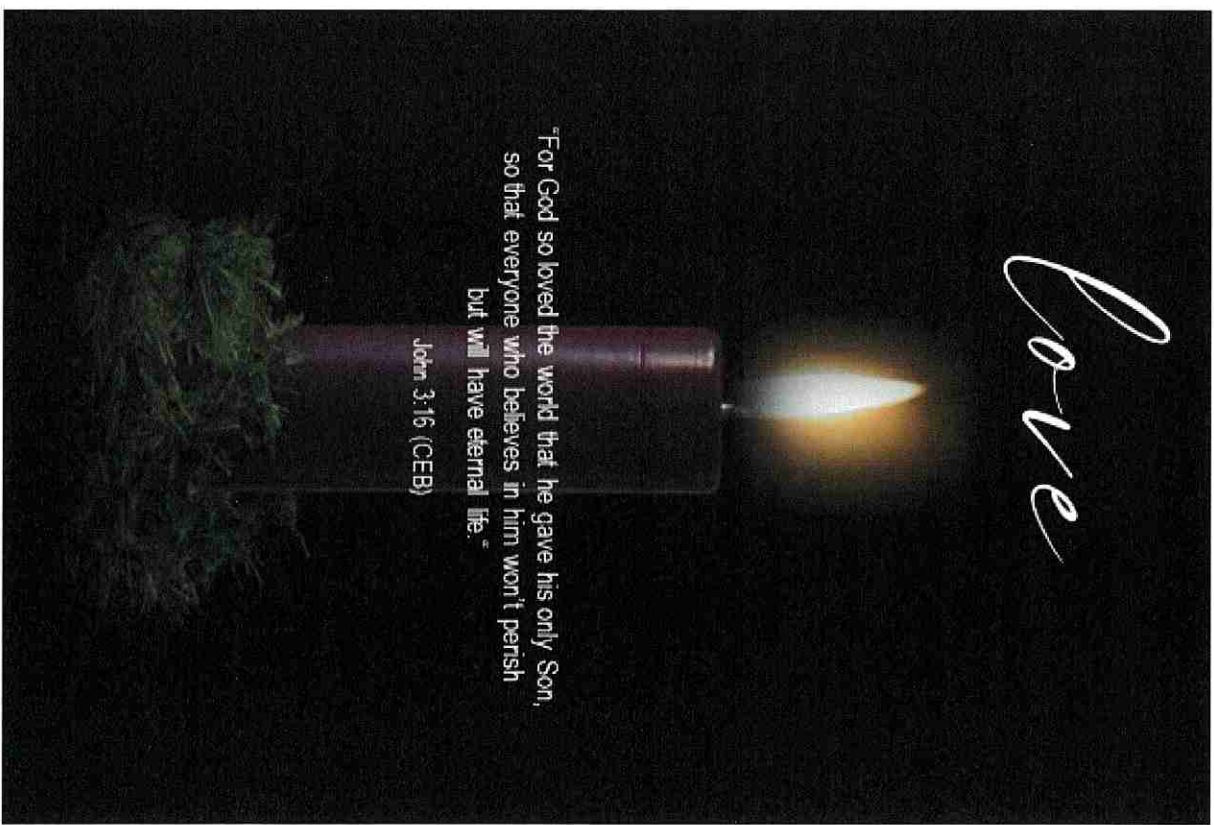
Small Groups

Not attending a small group? There are several opportunities for you to get plugged in!

- **Adult Sunday School Class:** meets the first, third, and fourth Sundays of the month in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Journey Men:** men's group meets the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 7:30 am at the church.
- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** one group open to all at 9:30 am in the Crossroads classroom; women's study that meets at 10:00 am in SE Classroom. You are welcome at both!
- **Chick Chat:** a women's small group, meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 am in the Crossroads classroom.
- **Men's Group:** meets Wednesdays at 7:30 am at The Original Pancake House.

This week's calendar ...

Today, Dec 8	6:00 pm	Common Bond Quartet Concert
Mon, Dec 9	10:00 am	Parkinson's Support Group
	7:00 pm	Troop 101 Committee Mtg
Tue, Dec 10	9:30 am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:15 pm	Set up for Food Pantry Distribution
	3:30-5:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Wed, Dec 11	7:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Prayer Team
	5:30 pm	Trustees
	6:00 pm	Praise Band
	7:00 pm	Worship Team
Thu, Dec 5	9:00 am	Chick Chat
	6:00 pm	Stewardship/Finance Mtg
	7:00 pm	Scouts



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so that everyone who believes in him won't perish
but will have eternal life."*

John 3:16 (CEB)



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Welcome to Worship!

December 8, 2024 9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mission Moment - C-U at Home

Melissa Courtright/Cedar King

Hymn

"The First Noel"

Advent Candle Lighting

Michelle Horvat & Kay McCoy

Hymn

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Offering

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Praise Song

"How Many Kings"

Message

"Love of Christmas"

Rev Jungil Rhee

Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements



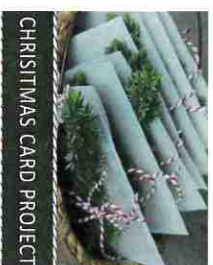
Each month this Fall we will be having two events per month: one Sunday night and one Sunday morning. Sunday, Dec 8 - 9:45 - 10:30am in the Youth Room Sunday, Dec 15 - 6-7:30pm at the Taylors' home Contact Andrea and Paul Taylor / 217-840-1342 for more info.

TONIGHT - Common Bond Quartet! Doors open at 5:15pm, concert begins at 6:00pm. If you need a ride to the concert let Pat Setzler know before you leave this morning. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!

The Rhee family is inviting everyone to the parsonage for a Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec 15 from 2:00 - 4:00pm. If you have questions please contact Jungil at jrhee@savoyumc.org or 309-224-6420.

If you'd like to provide a Christmas card to one or more of our homebound friends the cards can be found on the Welcome Center. All you need to do is take a checklist, pick a card, sign it, write a note if you wish, put the name on the envelope and place it in the box to be mailed. If you'd rather do this from home take some cards, envelopes and a checklist and return the cards to the church by Dec 15.

Help us "Bless the Parkinson's Group" by bringing Christmas treats (candy, cookies, cakes, etc) to the church by Sunday, Dec 22. Please leave the treats in the kitchen and we will prepare them for the group. If you have questions contact Kay McCoy or the church office.



Please join us for a time of fellowship directly following the worship service today!

Sermon Notes

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