



# MESSSENGER

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## What do the candles in our Advent wreath mean?

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The Advent wreath began as a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice used to mark the four weeks of Advent. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer. The configuration of candles, whether in a line or a circle, did not matter. Neither did the color of the candles (all colors are used in homes in Europe). What mattered was the marking of time and the increase of light each week in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached.

As Advent wreaths began to be used by congregations on Sundays in some places in Europe and America beginning in the late 19th century, several adaptations were made to make them work better in public worship spaces. Candles needed to be larger and more uniform than the "daily candles" handmade or purchased for home use. They also needed to be more uniform in color to fit with other décor in the sanctuary. That is why candles used in the Advent wreath are usually purple or blue, to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season.

This shift in context from home to public use also made it important in the eyes of some for the candles to be given a meaning more than simply marking time and increasing light. This led to special ceremonies being developed for lighting these special candles each week.

As this practice began to catch on by the mid-twentieth century, several church supply houses who sold Advent wreaths and candles for public worship also developed resources, banners, and bulletin covers assigning a

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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

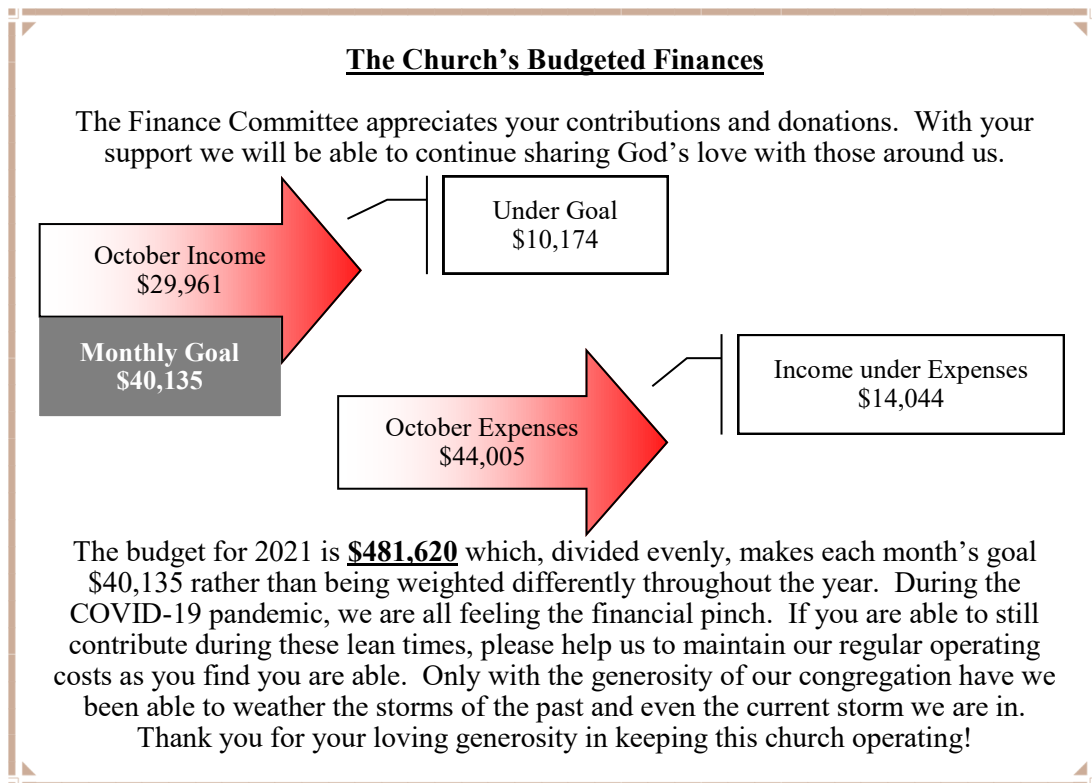
5 Gay Hammond  
6 Paul Harvey  
7 C.B. Till  
7 David Hanson  
7 Jessica Hanson  
7 Maxine Watkins  
11 Jim Winn

15 Evelyn Hooks  
15 Pascale Daniel  
16 Dorothy Cameron  
18 Brady Tabin  
22 Carl Breznik  
22 Mary Harvey

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 Victor & Yvette Boodhoo  
16 Bob & Margaret Yerkes  
17 Jim & Carolyn Winn  
21 Tom & Gay Hammond

24 Michael & Glenda Waring  
27 Joe & Gloria Kendall  
29 Billy & Amy Grimes



**Across**

- 1 Boxer Muhammad
- 4 Post-traumatic stress disorder
- 8 Helix
- 14 Pocket
- 15 American river
- 16 Hamburger vegetable
- 17 Michigan (abbr.)
- 18 Waiting place
- 19 Excite
- 20 Inner part of ear
- 22 Waggle
- 23 Donkey
- 24 Fruit in cookies
- 27 Queenly
- 31 Representatives
- 33 New York City
- 35 Brew
- 36 Also
- 38 Card game
- 39 Flat-bottomed boat
- 40 Brain injury side effect
- 44 Timed
- 46 Kind
- 47 BB association
- 49 Director (abbr.)
- 50 Official
- 51 Map Legend
- 52 Assail
- 55 Imitative
- 58 College head
- 61 Not who
- 63 Wheeled vehicle
- 65 Large amount
- 67 Large instrument
- 69 Dog food brand
- 70 Doctor
- 71 Isn't able to
- 72 Department (abbr.)
- 73 Mamma \_\_\_\_!
- 75 Morth Pole region
- 76 Removes the water
- 77 Still

**Down**

- 1 Like
- 2 Cowboy author Louis \_\_\_\_
- 3 Hanging frozen water
- 4 Place to cast votes
- 5 Bandit
- 6 Moses' mountain
- 7 Fawn's mom
- 8 Soup
- 9 Pertaining to one end of the axis of a spherical mass

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theme to each week, and thus each candle, based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Those themes were Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace, in that order.

Today, almost no one uses those one-year lectionaries, so those themes may not always fit the scriptures we hear in worship. The one exception is the Third Sunday of Advent, where the current lectionaries have continued to support the centuries old observance of "Gaudete" or "Joy Sunday." That is why church supply houses often offer rose or pink colored candles for the wreath for use on this day.

So how may we talk about the meaning of the Advent wreath today?

We can reclaim the original home use of marking time with the hope of increasing light as we await the return of Christ, that day when "The city no longer has need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, because the glory of God illumines it, and its lamp is the lamb."

And we can develop meanings or themes for each week based on the focus of the scriptures themselves. After



*A wreath with three lit candles marks the third week of Advent. Photo by Kathleen Barry, United Methodist Communications.*

all, the candles and the wreath are an accessory, not an end in themselves. Their meaningfulness comes from how we use them to point toward Christ, the world's true light, who was, and is, and is to come.

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# Celtic

# CHRISTMAS



December 12th @ 3pm  
St. Andrew UMC, 3380 Dairy Road

December 19th @ 3pm  
First UMC, 206 S. Hopkins Avenue

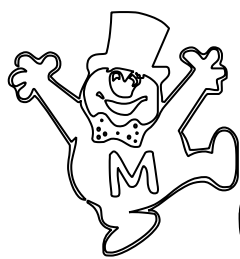


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*Oaklawn Memorial  
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Remembrance*



*Tuesday, December 7th, 2021  
6:00pm*





**THE SUPPLY ZONE FOR TEACHERS**

**&**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN:**

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All supplies will go to homeless and low-income students in Brevard Public Schools

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NEW SOCKS • SHOES/FLIP-FLOPS (AGES 3-18)**

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# The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The play by Barbara Robinson

**DECEMBER 11TH**  
**2PM & 7 PM**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF TITUSVILLE  
fellowship hall

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# CHRISTMAS TREE OUTREACH

**DONATE A BOX OF ORNAMENTS OR  
A MONETARY DONATION  
TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE OUTREACH  
TO HELP BLESS A FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS.**

To Register to receive a Christmas tree go to  
the church website at  
[www.fumctitusville.com/christmas-outreaches](http://www.fumctitusville.com/christmas-outreaches)

*\*\*All Tree are gifted  
from donors and are limited.  
First come-first serve*

For more information contact  
Lisa Mick or Lauren Good  
at 321.269.7631 ext.205





Have you finished your Christmas shopping?





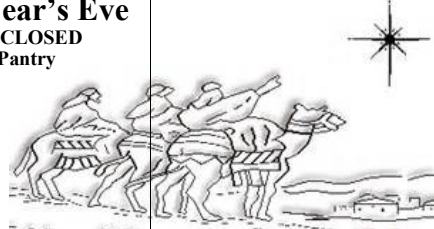
We are now registered as a charitable organization with Amazon! If you are planning some Christmas shopping with [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), go directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and sign in as usual. Choose First United Methodist Church of Titusville, FL as the organization that you support to receive a percentage of your total purchase amount (you only have to do this once) then shop as you normally would. That's all you have to do! Amazon will take it from there.

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# December 2021

## First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Patchwork Friends 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:30am PEO Meeting 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 6:00pm Celtic Xmas Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>4</b> 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 12:00pm Quilters Party 4:00pm Pageant Rehearsal
<b>5</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	<b>6</b> 8:00am Xmas Store Wrapping	<b>7</b> 7:15 Rotary Club Mtg. 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1:00pm Book Study 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 6:30pm Soliloquy Rehearsal 8:00pm Broadstreet Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8:00am Xmas Store Setup 2:00pm Staff Meeting 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00am Retired Teachers 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 4:00pm Leadership Team Mtg. 6:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 6:00pm Celtic Xmas Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	<b>11</b> 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:00am Xmas Store 2:00pm Best Christmas Pageant Ever 7:00pm Best Christmas Pageant Ever
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<b>26</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> OFFICE CLOSED 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	



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