

**Finance & Attendance Update:**

Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2017):	2,669.25
Amount received last Sunday:	2,292.00
Total received to date this year:	71,155.17
Remaining amount needed to meet our budget:	67,644.83
Amount received last Sunday for <b>Capital Fund</b> :	210.00
Total received year to date for <b>Capital Fund</b> :	11,586.00
Attendance last Sunday:	78

**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Sunday, July 30**

- 9:45 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:10 a.m. Wired Word
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean UMC Worship

**Tuesday, August 1**

- 10:00 a.m. Garden Work
- 2:00 p.m. Pines Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Funeral Planning at Pines III

**Wednesday, August 2**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
- 3:00 p.m. CSA pick-up
- 5:30 p.m. Taste of the Psalms
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon

**Sunday, August 6**

- 9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:10 a.m. Wired Word
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean UMC Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Taste of Psalms:** Bring a brown bag supper (and your favorite Bible) as we taste these ancient prayers and songs that speak so powerfully of our own experiences today.

**\*How Do You Want to Be Remembered?** Pastor Laurie and the Hope Community Care Committee will provide resources in a workshop for planning your own funeral. Hope members and friends are invited to participate, or to assist Pines residents as they make their plans.

**\*Grandparent-Grandchild Picnic:** Invite your counterpart to activities and roasting hot dogs together on Thursday, August 10, 6:30 p.m. Please sign up so we get the right amount of food. We can also connect you with a grandparent/child if yours cannot attend with you.

**\*Great Savior's Round-Up** meets for one more great day of activities on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss it; sign up available in the narthex! Friends and neighbors are most welcome!

**\*The Wired Word** continues weekly; come when you can. Email facilitator Rev. Joan Goebel at [retiredpastors@centurytel.net](mailto:retiredpastors@centurytel.net) to receive each week's short article.

**\*CHUM Hygiene Kits:** We will need hand towel or wash cloth; toothpaste; toothbrush; small bottle antibacterial

**\*Bring a Friend to Church on August 13** for worship, fellowship, hands-on mission project, and celebration of HOPE!

**STAFF**

**Administrative Assistant:** Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Amy-Dressler

**Kid's Quest Director:** Anita Rixe

**CYF Director:** Katrina Hagemeyer

**Music Director:** Liz Raihala

**Custodian:** Matt Johnson

**Sounds of Hope:** Nancy DeArmond

# Christmas in



July 30, 2017

Christmas in July

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*With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.*

**CAROL SING**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christmas Day has come and gone, this year half gone as well.

**The Word has become Flesh and lived among us.**

But the world does not notice, and we have turned away from Christmas,

**Our Messiah has been born, Emmanuel, God With Us.**

Turn away from the pace of the world, and tune your hearts to Christ,

**Who humbled himself, and became obedient, even to the cross.**

God has exalted him, and has given him the name that is above every name:

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship our Savior!**

**\*HYMN**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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**GREETINGS**

**UNISON PRAYER**

Holy God, in this Christmastide, we proclaim the gift of Your Son Jesus to the world. Emmanuel, God with Us. God who knows us, who knows our lives, who knows our joys and sorrows and our burdens, our suffering and pain and fear; God who knows life and death and resurrection, we proclaim You our Savior. Holy is Your name. You lead us into life, through death and into the hope of resurrection. Help us to follow You, letting go of our fear, our guilt and shame, and taking on the power of Your love and forgiveness. May we go and share the Good News with the world.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Micah 5:2-4, p.815

Lori Amundson

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The First Noel”

traditional

*Katrina Hagemeyer, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, Pastor Laurie*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

sing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children come up

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**CAROL**

“Carol Our Christmas”

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**MISSION MOMENT – United Campus Ministry**

Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

**TIME OF SHARING - JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*(We ask you to pass the registration pads at this time.)*

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

**\*CAROL**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1,3,6

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-24, p. 170

Lori Amundson

**MESSAGE**

“Invited into New Life”

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CAROL**

“Joy to the World”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Christmas Carol Medley

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able*

**LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher. Nursery Care provided.**

Flowers on the altar given by Nancy Sivertson in memory of her brother Reed.