

**Advent Wreath Lighting 2022**  
**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**1st Sunday in Advent**

**Sonya Anthony:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

**Sonya Anthony & Congregation (Unison):** How does this happen?

**Sonya Anthony:** God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

**Sonya Anthony & Congregation (Unison):** "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

**Sonya Anthony:** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness," (**Jer. 33:14-16**).

**Sonya Anthony:** Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle... known as the candle of HOPE.

**Deacon Family Member    Donna Hogge (Lighting the Candle)**  
**(Lighting the 1 PINK CANDLE) ...**

**Sonya Anthony:** Every week in Advent, we will light another candle. Each candle that we light will remind us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

**Sonya Anthony & Congregation (Unison):** The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love.

**Sonya Anthony Closing Prayer**

**Future Opportunities:**  
**12/4/2022–12/10/2022**

12/4/22	9:45 am	Sunday School/No SS Breakfast
	11:00 am	Worship Service/Communion
	<b>12:00 am</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>
12/5/22	2:00 pm	C.A.R.E.
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Deacon Meeting</b>
	6:15 pm	AHG Ministry Meeting
12/6/22	9:30 am	Community Morning Out
12/6/22	6:00 pm	Advent Bible School (CYM)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
12/9/22	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER:**

In honor and memory of Lottie Moon, WMU will be distributing cookies in the Narthex on December 4, 2022 after the worship service.

**HELP FOR THOSE WHO NEED FOOD**

In our own area, there are those who suffer from food deprivation and the need for basic hygiene products. We are still collecting **nonperishable** food items and hygiene items, along with **nonperishable** baby food and baby hygiene items. Your donations can be brought to our church on Sunday mornings or during office hours, M-F 9am-12pm, and dropped in the box inside the Narthex entrance. **Food distribution will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, prior to 11:00am at Bellamy United Methodist Church.**