

Advent and Christmas @ Lakewood UMC

Advent

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ.

Incarnation Series begins November 29th

A baby is born in a stable in the backwater town of Bethlehem. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men and angels addressed him by other names – titles really. He was the Messiah, the Lord, the Savior, Emmanuel, the Word made Flesh and the Light of the World.

Christmas Decorations viewing in Sanctuary

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 8am-2pm and it will be open Tuesday Dec. 15th and Tuesday Dec. 22nd for anyone to come into the sanctuary, take family photos, or sit in the quiet of the sacred space.

Trees of Hope

New this year, we will have real trees staked on the front lawn of the church. We invite families, groups and individuals within our church to sponsor a tree and decorate it with a theme. We ask that they be decorated between November 29th and December 9th. The trees will serve as a reminder to our community and our congregation of the hope we find in the light of this season. And what a better way to spread Christmas Cheer! If you would like to decorate a tree contact Pastor Laura at pastorlkj@gmail.com. *Front Lawn Christmas Tree Display decorating starts November 29th*

Small Group Advent Study

“Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas”

By Adam Hamilton

Mondays at 7:00pm and Tuesdays at 9:45am via Zoom

Begins Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st

Sign up in the church office or with Pastor Dan

Books are available in the church office (\$20)

Daily Advent Scripture Calendar for youth and adults- feel free to stop by the church to pick up a 2020 Advent daily devotional. There will also be a limited number in a bin outside the Main/Office Entrance.

Traveling Advent Wreaths

There will be six (6) traveling Advent Wreaths. Watch to see who will have the wreath each week during worship!

Children and Youth Ministry

Advent Bags will be available for pick up at church.

Youth Ministry

Christmas Gingerbread House Contest! Pick up your gingerbread house from the church. You will have *until Sunday December 13th* to decorate and enter your gingerbread house in the contest (simply take photo and email it to youth@lkwdumc.org). We will then have a zoom youth party *on Wednesday December 16th from 4-5:30pm* and reveal the winners.

Luminaries for Christmas Eve

Please donate milk jugs or similar containers. We hope to set out luminaries on all of our sidewalks this year. We are looking for volunteers to set up the luminaries around 2:00pm on Christmas Eve. Contact Pastor Laura at pastorlkj@gmail.com

Christmas Eve @Lakewood UMC

Gather with your family and watch our Covid Christmas Lesson and Carols Celebration Service at whatever time works best OR From the comfort of your home watch the Live Stream Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. We will have 2 Service options for you to enjoy!

Weather permitting, we invite the congregation to gather to worship together via the Live Stream Broadcast on the Front Lawn for the 7pm service. We will have TV’s set up and some great family photo opportunities with the luminaries and the Trees of Hope. During this service everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing

Candlelight - at the conclusion of the Live stream service we will join together for a Candlelight singing of “Silent Night” (battery operated candles will be provided). This will happen at 8:00pm and again at 8:20pm for those who come from their home following the service.

We also invite people to gather in the front parking lot with their families and stream the service on their mobile devices in their cars (Church Wi-Fi may reach certain areas)

Alternative Christmas Giving

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1. **Trials for Hope**, learn more at <https://wpwip.trials4hope.org/>
2. **Africa University Women's Dormitory Campaign**, learn more at <https://www.eocumc.com/teachreachbless/>
3. **Zoe Empowers**, learn more at <https://zoeempowers.org/>

Please complete this form for each gift:

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