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# THE WEEKLY SPIRE

## ADVENT AT MUMC

Advent looks different this year but there's still a lot going on, both at the church building and in our homes! We hope you are enjoying the Advent devotional and activities we've sent to you. Besides the packet sent out with last week's Spire, we're also sharing a playlist each week of special Advent music. Share with us pictures of how you're using the Advent Connection packet! You can send them to Regina in the office, and post on both Facebook [FB.com/MorristownUMC] and Instagram [@mumc1827], tagging the church and using the hashtag #mumcadvent.



We've got yard signs for you to let your friends and neighbors know about the One Candle Virtual Advent Event. Pick them up in the hallway by the church office. It's easy to participate - just light one candle each night and place it where others can see it. There are churches around the world who are joining us in this event!

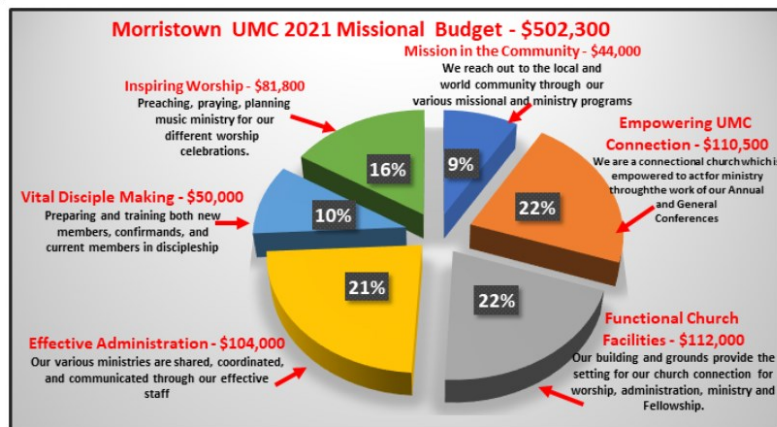
There's an addition to the church yard this Advent! Thanks to the generosity of Miller's Hill Farm in Mendham, we have a lovely Christmas tree out front. With the help of Greg Kraft, Andrew Cattano, Dave White and the McAllister family, the tree was transported and setup with over 1,000 lights! It is our hope that the light of our tree provides extra cheer to people on the Green this season.

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who have so generously made your 2021 pledges to support the ongoing mission and vision of our church.

As of December 1<sup>st</sup> we have received **33 pledges totaling \$114,124.63** or an average annual pledge of **\$3,458.32**. If you haven't already pledged for 2021, please use the form included in the Spire email and send it to Regina Heater at RHeater@morristownumc.org.

Here's a brief reminder of how your contribution is being used to support the many ministries and missions of our church:



The joy for me is in being a part of something much bigger than myself. I believe my giving can change the world by feeding the hungry, sending medical supplies to those who need them or school supplies to a mission school. I can't make that happen on my own but through the United Methodist Church, I can.

Kristin Moran

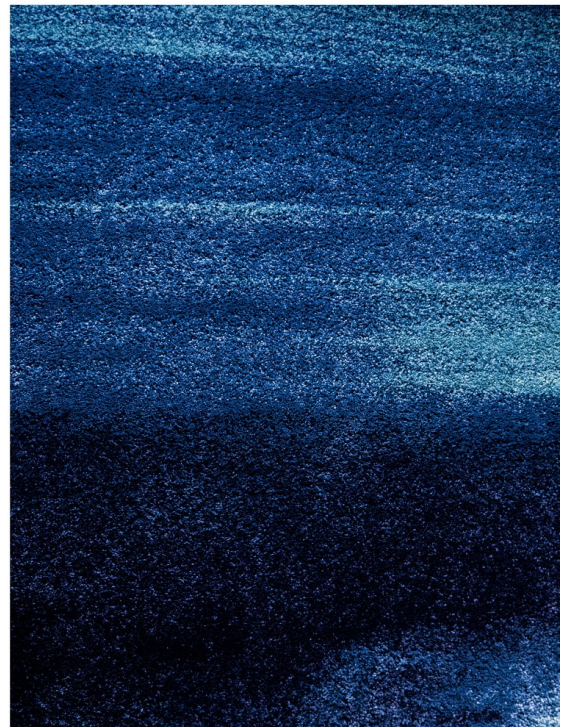
## ADVENTure in Mission IS HERE

This is our annual opportunity to support important mission work by giving alternative gifts.

The shopping list is at the back of The Weekly Spire and is available to download via the Spire email. Print it out, fill out your list and mail your check back to the church.

Make checks payable to Morristown UMC and put "Adventure Giving" in the memo line.

A card to give to your recipient is also available to download and print.





## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...

# PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

- ◆ That our own spiritual practices during these days of Advent fill us with anticipation of how God will act in new ways in our personal lives and in the world.
- ◆ For those who use their God-given talents in the service of others, particularly those caring for the sick, the poor, the homeless and those who feel abandoned by an uncaring society
- ◆ For all those who are experiencing difficulties, financial, social and mental, as our country strives to eliminate the Covid-19 virus.

In particular, we hold the following in prayer:

- ◆ **Pastor Luana**, recovering from hip replacement surgery
- ◆ **Sherwin**, a relative of Adina J.'s who is missing in Barbados
- ◆ **Bea**, who continues to recover from her broken hip
- ◆ **Leroy**, Regina's father, who has been transferred to a rehab facility while he recovers from a recurrent infection
- ◆ Kristin M's SIL **Holly** is now receiving hospice care
- ◆ **All** who are sick with and recovering from the COVID-19 virus
- ◆ **Les and Arden** as Les recovers from a fall and does physical therapy
- ◆ Carol F.'s friend **Dave** is having a very difficult recovery from a stem cell transplant for leukemia.
- ◆ **Laurel B.** in regaining strength at home.
- ◆ **Herb K.**, former member, who broke his hip and is rehabbing in Glens Falls, NY
- ◆ **Kevin V.** who has a long recovery after numerous spine surgeries.
- ◆ **Chris**, a dear friend of Kristi M's, in prayer as she cares for her mother who is suffering from identity loss due to Alzheimer's Disease.

*Please email prayer requests and updates to Pastor Luana at [LCS@MorristownUMC.org](mailto:LCS@MorristownUMC.org) or text 570-832-0542. If you would like to add a name to the printed, published prayer list, please call the church office at 973-538-2132 or email our Office Manager, Regina at [RHeater@MorristownUMC.org](mailto:RHeater@MorristownUMC.org)*



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## ONLINE WORSHIP & ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday we provide a relevant and reassuring online worship experiences for you! This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent, lighting the candle of Peace. Our full pre-recorded worship service can be found on our website at

<http://www.morristownumc.org/worship/sermons/>

Our worship service is also broadcast on the Public Access channel of the Altice/Optimum Local Cable, channel 21 at **3:00 p.m. on Sundays**. Please note the time change for the broadcast.

This Sunday we will also have Communion, via Zoom. We encourage you to prepare a special, sacred space, gather elements to use, and logon to Zoom at 8:45am to celebrate together.

Look for an email on Sunday morning with:

- ⇒ The Worship Guide including all hymns and prayers, as well as questions for reflection and prayer suggestions
- ⇒ Link to Communion on Zoom
- ⇒ Link to Adult Sunday School on Zoom
- ⇒ Pre-recorded worship
- ⇒ Link to Zoom Coffee Hour



All the earth is waiting  
to see the Promised One,  
and the open furrows,  
the sowing of the Lord.  
All the world,  
bound and struggling,  
seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice  
and searches for the truth.

Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting) | UMH #210

## Prayer Focus for This Week: A Peaceful, Hopeful Spirit

### All Shall Be Well: A Prayer for Making It Through Together

Everything can change in a moment.  
Disaster can take our certainty,  
Our plans for the coming months,  
The health we thought would be ours,  
And the people that made our lives full.  
ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

The darkness can threatened the marginalized,  
Who were vulnerable before its coming.  
It can bring out the worst in our humanity  
And expose the fears we nurse.  
ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy

This moment, no matter how dark or how long,  
Can't make us belong to one another less.  
And not one single thing in all of creation  
Can separate us from God's love.  
ALL: Emmanuel, God with us.

excerpted from All Shall Be Well by Britney Winn Lee in  
"Rally: Communal Prayers for Lovers of Jesus and Justice"

#### **Sunday, December 6**

##### **Second Sunday of Advent | Peace**

8:45am Communion via Zoom

9am Adult Sunday School via Zoom

10:15am Recorded Worship, Online

11:15am Coffee Hour via Zoom

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

6:15pm Trustees Meeting, via Zoom

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

##### **Advent Week 2 Music Playlist Released (via email)**

5:15pm Jubilation Ringers, Sanctuary

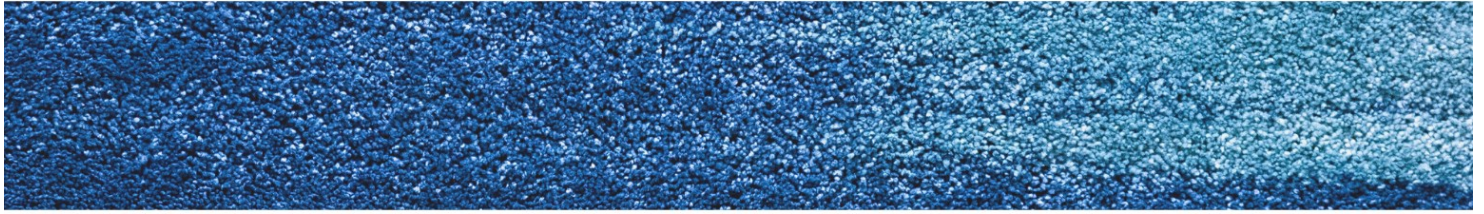
#### **Thursday, December 10**

5:15pm Jubilation Ringers, Sanctuary

8pm Nueva Esperanza Praise Band, Sanctuary

#### **Saturday, December 12**

10am Worship Committee, Sanctuary



# Reverse Advent Calendar

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX OR BAG.  
BRING TO CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS FOR DONATION  
TO THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

- December 1 -- box of cereal
- December 2 -- peanut butter
- December 3 -- canned tuna
- December 4 -- canned beans
- December 5 -- macaroni and cheese
- December 6 -- canned fruit
- December 7 -- instant potatoes
- December 8 -- hamburger helper
- December 9 -- canned soup
- December 10 -- applesauce
- December 11 -- canned vegetables
- December 12 -- package of rice
- December 13 -- canned meals (ravioli, hash, etc)
- December 14 -- box of crackers
- December 15 -- 100% fruit juice
- December 16 -- package of oatmeal
- December 17 -- package of pasta
- December 18 -- spaghetti sauce
- December 19 -- canned chicken or salmon
- December 20 -- box of tea bags
- December 21 -- baby food
- December 22 -- baby wipes
- December 23 -- baby formula
- December 24 -- boost or ensure

<b><u>ADVENT MISSION PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES</u></b>	<b>EACH</b>	<b>NO.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b><u>APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT</u></b> A Tube of Caulk - to seal cracks and around windows A Sheet of Plywood - for wall and roof repairs 10 Gallons of Spackle - known as "mud" in Appalachia	\$4 \$16 \$30		
<b><u>COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM</u></b> outreach to the local Hispanic community Voucher to purchase food at a local Hispanic market; <b><i>shares are just \$10 each</i></b>	\$100		
<b><u>CHILDREN ON THE GREEN</u></b> Child Care Center A Snack for One Child - for one day Loving and Safe Care - for one hour for a full day	\$1 \$4 \$30		
<b><u>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</u></b> Spackling Paste - for preparing walls for painting Paint - one gallon for a durable and washable finish	\$4 \$16		
<b><u>HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL</u></b> Baby Chicks - to grow for eggs and for food; each Swarm of Honeybees - for honey and to pollinate crops A Goat, Pig, or Sheep; <b><i>shares are just \$10 each</i></b>	\$1 \$30 \$120		
<b><u>HOMELESS SOLUTIONS</u></b> Baby Wipes - essential in caring for infants Gift Certificates - for food or to purchase Christmas gifts, select an amount	\$2 \$5 - \$20		
<b><u>NOURISH.NJ</u></b> (formerly the Soup Kitchen) Soup or Fruit - for one person for one day Rolls - for one day A Month of Meals - for one person; <b><i>individual days are just \$1 each</i></b>	\$1 \$6 \$30		
<b><u>PROJECT 11/11</u></b> mission work in Montenegro, Colombia Day at a park, with lunch, for a disadvantaged child Shoes for a child whose family can't afford them	\$10 \$25		
<b><u>UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)</u></b> Tree Seedlings - to reforest a barren field or hillside Immunizations - against polio, measles, tetanus, and similar diseases Literacy Programs - to help teach women to read and to write	\$2 \$5 \$15		
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

### **ANOTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

<b><u>SOUTH AFRICA EDUCATION FUND</u></b> This Mission Project supports the Pinetown Methodist Church and the Phakamisa Educare's traveling teacher program which educates and cares for pre-school children in some of South Africa's poorest townships and squatter's camps. It also supports the Granny Project which helps women take in and care for AIDS orphans. Through your donations, we try to shine the light of hope for these most innocent victims of poverty and disease.	Any amount will help sustain these programs which we have supported for 20 years.
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PLEASE print only one gift card for each Alternative Christmas gift you purchase. Thank you!

**Thank you for your support of our 2020 Advent Mission Program!**

**Please Print Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



# *We Honor Christ's Birth by Continuing His Work*



**THE BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON  
ARE BEING SHARED THROUGH A GIFT OF**

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**WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN IN  
YOUR NAME BY**

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**MAY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS GIFT  
WILL BRING HOPE TO A NEEDY FAMILY  
ENRICH THE MEANING  
OF YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON.**





# Morristown United Methodist Church

## Stewardship Campaign 2021

Empowered by the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God

### 2021 Commitment Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Pledge Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Monthly Quarterly Yearly

**Payment Options:**

- ☐ I will be contributing by automatic direct deposit
- ☐ I will be contributing by credit/debit card
- ☐ I will be contributing by check
- ☐ I will be contributing by cash

**In addition, I'd like to be contacted about serving in other ways, such as:**

- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Liturgist (Read scripture for worship)
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Small Group Leader
- ☐ Prayer Team (new)
- ☐ Play Handbells
- ☐ Provide special music
- ☐ Provide rides to church
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your generous support of the financial needs of MUMC and its ministries.**

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*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:10-11***

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