

December 2022

Isaiah 2:3

Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Alison and her mother always seemed to be at odds, never quite getting along, not agreeing on much of anything. Every December, her mother would spend a day baking a variety of Christmas cookies. The family would enjoy some of the cookies while others were given to neighbors, coworkers, and friends from church.

Something prompted Alison to ask her mother if she could help with making the cookies. Her request caught her mother by surprise, but she readily agreed. It was just the two of them as they baked, decorated, and frosted cookies all afternoon. As they were hand rolling the cookies, mother and daughter began talking in a way they never had before. They talked without anyone interrupting them. Her mother told her stories of her own years growing up that Alison had never heard before, and Alison shared experiences with her friends at school.

That afternoon, Alison realized for the first time in her life how much she was like her mother. The two shared the same outlook as well as other personal characteristics. That day mother and daughter grew closer together. Both came away with a better understanding and appreciation of each other. Christmas is the time when we draw closer to God -- the way we do so is by spending time with God and those who are made in the very image of God. The prophet Isaiah invites people to the "mountain of the Lord" where God "may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Look for His face in the face of your children, your parents, your friends, people at Church, people at work and even on the face of the clerk in the checkout line at the grocery store. Look for Christ, seek Him and He will be found. When we look for God, we inevitably draw near to God. In drawing near to Christ we also draw near to others. This Christmas come to know and appreciate your Lord and Savior more than ever before and you may come to know those around you better as well!

The Journey Continues,
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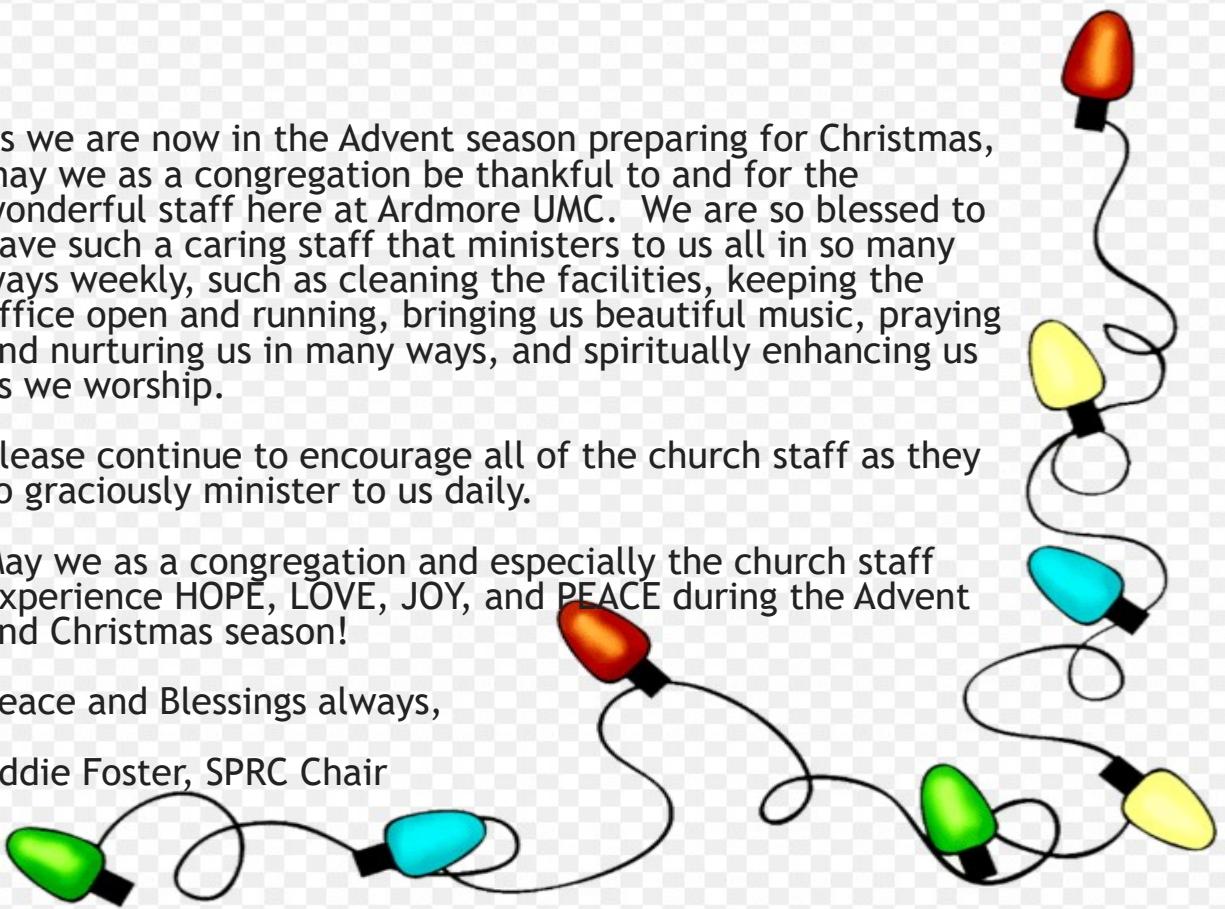
As we are now in the Advent season preparing for Christmas, may we as a congregation be thankful to and for the wonderful staff here at Ardmore UMC. We are so blessed to have such a caring staff that ministers to us all in so many ways weekly, such as cleaning the facilities, keeping the office open and running, bringing us beautiful music, praying and nurturing us in many ways, and spiritually enhancing us as we worship.

Please continue to encourage all of the church staff as they so graciously minister to us daily.

May we as a congregation and especially the church staff experience HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE during the Advent and Christmas season!

Peace and Blessings always,

Eddie Foster, SPRC Chair



Stephen Minister Testimonial

"I see God at work every time I spend time with my care receiver. Over the months, we both have experienced God's "cure-giving" care as my care receiver has been able to replace pessimism and hopelessness with optimism and hopeful service to others."

Debbie Williams, Stephen Minister

Ardmore UMC is blessed with 4 Stephen Ministers and 3 Stephen Leaders. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-on-one Christian care for people going through a life struggle. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please let Pastor Neill or Pastor Katy know.

\$ Thoughts from the Finance Committee \$

- As you consider your year-end charitable giving, please remember Ardmore. Our ministries are vibrant and growing and we want to continue supporting them.
- The 2023 Stewardship Drive is underway. Many thanks to those who have responded thus far. If you have not submitted a pledge card to indicate your plans for service and donations for next year, please do so as soon as possible. Having commitments helps the staff and lay leadership plan for upcoming ministries, and establish the budget to support them.
- Giving statements for 2022 were mailed right after Thanksgiving. If you have not received yours by December 12 or have questions about the status of your 2022 pledge payments, please call the church office.
- If you have purchased items on behalf of our church for which you need reimbursement, please submit your receipts as soon as possible. We hope to clear all up by the middle of the month. It will be difficult to process them over the holidays.
- If you are an Amazon shopper, please register to support Ardmore through Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com. It only takes a couple of minutes and a percentage of every purchase you make is donated to Ardmore's general budget. It adds up!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Enjoy a holly jolly breakfast and visit with Santa Claus!

Saturday, December 10th 2022



9:30AM

Ardmore UMC

Registration is **REQUIRED**

Event is Free!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: THE POLAR EXPRESS

ADMIT ONE

**FRIDAY,
DEC. 2ND
@ 6:30PM**

**SWEETS &
HOT
CHOCOLATE**

ARDMORE UMC // ROZZELLE CHAPEL



DECEMBER 2022 SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY, DEC 4TH

Game: Jingle Battles / Devotion: Waiting On Christmas Week 1

SUNDAY, DEC 11TH

Game: Snowman Golf / Devotion: Waiting on Christmas Week 2

SUNDAY, DEC 18TH

LoveFeast Service @ 5:30PM (NO YOUTH GROUP)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Youth Christmas Party at The Dalton's House (6PM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 5:30PM

SUNDAY, DEC 25TH

Christmas Day Worship Service @ 11AM

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28TH

Merry Mexican Food Night @ Mi Pueblo on Stratford Rd. at 6PM

December

Kids Worship & Events Schedule

Join us on Sunday mornings during our 10AM or 11:15AM Worship Services for a Kids & Family Worship Experience. This is a fun, interactive and engaging time of worship for kids pre-k – 5th grade, we also invite parents to join in!

DATE	THEME	ACTIVITY & CRAFT
12/02/2022 6:30PM	 POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT Join us For a Movie Night! Wear your jammies and enjoy hot chocolate and sweet treats!	
12/04/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP An Angel Visits Joseph Matthew 1:18 – 24	Game: While You're Sleeping Craft: Nativity Book & Ornament Making
12/10/2022 9:30AM	  BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Come have a yummy breakfast and enjoy the morning with Santa! Use the QR Code to register!	
12/11/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Jesus is Born Luke 2:1 – 7	Game: Taking Care of Baby Craft: Nativity Book & Jesus' Journey
12/18/2022 10AM & 11:15AM	KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Angels Visit the Shepherds Luke 2:8 – 20	Game: Shepherds & Sheep Craft: Nativity Book & Star Painting
12/25/2022 11AM	 KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP Special Christmas Day Worship with Christmas Carols	

Jessica Dalton, Director of Christian Education
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Christmas is coming!!! Christmas is coming!!! Are you ready for Christmas? What a wonderful time of year, especially when we think about what we are really celebrating, the birth of our Savior. Ardmore has many activities going on this Advent season: Fellowship dinner and Hanging of the Greens, Polar Express movie night and Breakfast with Santa, Love Feast, Christmas Eve service, Christmas Sunday and Epiphany Sunday. Look for dates and times in this newsletter and put them on your calendar so that you can attend.

Our next Young at Heart gathering is Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 11:45 a.m. in Bob Martin Hall. Join us for a time of Christmas fellowship...games and songs and fun with each other. Our meal will be a buffet from Cagney's and the cost will be \$10.00/person. Many thanks to Jessica Dalton for helping with this event. I will email those who have email addresses and my phone buddies will make some phone calls so that you can make your reservations. Please make them by Sunday, December 3, 2022. And if you make a reservation, come and enjoy this time with friends. We pay for the number of reservations made. So be on the lookout for an email or phone call and make your reservation. Invite a friend too. We enjoy getting to know friends from other churches and from the neighborhood. Remember, Young at Heart, Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 11:45 a.m. in Bob Martin Hall...\$10/person. Come and bring a friend!!!

As 2022 nears the end, let us think of the blessings we had during the year. Even though we had sadness as we lost loved ones, we must look ahead and think of our blessings and the love that we share with others, as Jesus taught us to do. Christmas is a busy time and we spend a lot of time and money on shopping and doing for others. As Mother Theresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Christmas blessings to you and your loved ones.

Merry Christmas to All!!!

Mary Jo

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Thank you, Ardmore UMC for your faithful, grace filled financial contributions thru this year to Ardmore UMC. Your financial and “in person” contributions have enabled Mission Engagement to be extensively engaged worldwide. As the year comes to a close we were able to follow up on the United Women in Faith hosting the Director of World Relief Triad for their recent general meeting. A “year end” donation was made to World Relief Triad. Did you know that over 70 families have been relocated and settled in the Winston-Salem and surrounding Triad areas this calendar year. Our neighbors, Ardmore Baptist Church, are currently sheltering a World Relief Triad family in their Fenimore Street Hospitality house. We are partnering with them in this effort of bringing families who have been through 10+ years in refugee camps and unimaginable deprivation and harm to the hope for their families that has fueled their faith and perseverance.

Thank you, faithful, Ardmore UMC!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT CARDS

Did you know that the Alternative gift cards support our church Food Pantry by assisting with the frequent need to purchase from Food Bank donations, the safe keeping and client assistance of our gracious security officers, as well as the purchase of underwear, socks and other personal care items to supplement the donations? This year’s beautiful care was created by Pastor Katy and available for purchase following the Traditional Worship Service at 10:00 am, before and after Contemporary Service @ 11:15 am as well as availability from the church office (M-T 9:00-4:30). These special gift cards are purchased for any donation amount with a \$5 minimum. Thank you for supporting the monthly food pantry and clothing closet with the lovely gift card purchase.

Blessing Box, Food Pantry and Clothing Closet needs you to help with:

Shelf Milk, pop top soups, Canned vegetables with pop to lids, juice, canned fruit, canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon, beans), peanut butter, cereals (oatmeal, box cereals, grits), mayonnaise, small bags of sugar, salt and pepper.

Flats of food are needed making the pre-packing of the bags of food more equitable or donated bags of foods that are all the same (ex. a donation of 6 boxes of the same cereal, 10 cans of the same vegetable or soup). Other items needed weekly:

Adult diapers (male and female all sizes), Children’s Diapers (all ages), Underwear (Adults and Children), Socks (Adults and Children), Winter clothing (only)... new or ever slightly used)

Angel Tree Gifts

We join with the Open Arms Community each year to provide Christmas gifts to some of the most marginalized families in Winston-Salem that live in the Sprague Street neighborhood. Open Arms is a mission of UMC and seeks to share the love, hope, and joy of Christ by offering onsite programs to mitigate poverty, low educational achievement, substance abuse, and societal prejudice. To provide a gift use the online **Sign Up Genius** website at this link



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AFA62DA46-angel1>

Important information: 1) gifts are due by Sunday, December 18, 2) place the gift under the Angel Tree in the elevator lobby or drop off at the office M-TH, 9:00am-4:30pm, 3) wrap the gift in holiday paper or place in a holiday gift bag, 4) place a tag or piece of paper on the wrapped gift with the number and name of your sign up (Example: #5 Melissa)

Contact Mission Engagement Committee member Cathy Amos with any questions 336-624-3345.

Ardmore Neighborhood Overflow Winter Sheltering for Homeless Women at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (275 Parkway Drive) Thursday, Dec. 15- March 31, 2023

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a unique mission in that it winter shelters only women 7 nights per week. The St. Timothy's congregation needs our help with this tremendous cold season mission. We have the opportunity to support this mission as volunteers by:

Assist with greeting and checking in the women staying in the church shelter for the night providing and serving a hot evening meal for 30 people (6:00 pm-7:30 pm).

Packaging up 24 snack bags for the women to take with them when they leave the shelter each morning

Please consider supplying one of these remaining meals or go to the St. Timothy "Sign up" site for a date that works best for you. Many dates are available on the Shelter website. It is a humbling, appreciated and affirming experience. Note the two dates: Dec. 29 and March 18 that currently need meal providers. Please, in addition to signing up on the "Sign Up" website, notify Carolyn Coram or Pastor Katy of your volunteering in these much needed ways.



Thursday Dec. 29 _____

Tuesday Jan. 10 "Christian Believers"
Wednesday evening study group

Thursday Feb 9 "The Adventure"
Sunday morning Unity Group

Saturday March 18 _____

The Sign-Up website for volunteering day by day through the entire winter sheltering season at St. Timothy's Shelter is: <https://signup.com/go/StTimothysShelter22>



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to and from Ardmore United Women in Faith!

As Matthew Bacon has reminded the choir on several occasions, the season of Advent is the beginning of the new Church (liturgical) year. So, a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Events past...but worth a mention:

Our World Thank Service/general meeting on November 10, was a success. We raised nearly \$500 in the World Thank Offering, and we were able to contribute household items and cash donations to our Hands On Project, World Relief Triad. The speaker from World Relief Triad, Jon Musser, was well informed, dynamic, and clearly committed to this ministry. Thank you to all who support this path of giving.

Events Future:

Ardmore UWF needs your input: please help us identify church members (yourself or others) who have college students or recent military inductees in their households. Pass this information along to any United Women in Faith member or just drop off a name in the office so that we can get our Church Mouse Program up and running at least for the second semester...maybe in time to send a Christmas card or small gift. This was a well received project last year. It was also fun! Let's do it again. On Wednesday, December 14, the newly combined Martha-Deborah Circle will host a tea in the Reception Room at 11:30. We are inviting ALL Ardmore UMC women to this event. There will be food, fellowship, and fun in copious quantities. You will not want to miss this! See you on the 14th.

Please remember to drop off Period Products and/or UMCOR Hygiene Kit items in the appropriate tubs in the Mission Closet (or the church office...labelled "FOR UWF"). Thank you for supporting these missions!! You are the BEST!!

Final thought

United Women in Faith: *We serve. We advocate. We make a difference.*

Till January 2023 then...Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

Nancy Norton, President AUWF

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 9am - MM Breakfast @ 5:30pm - Food Pantry @	2 6:30pm - Polar Express	3
4 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	5 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - GS Troop 10116	6 11:30am - Stephen 11:30am - Young at Heart	7 10am - Ardmore Stitches 12:30pm - Staff meeting 6:30pm - Christian 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	8 9am - MM Breakfast @	9 11:30am - TTWS Staff	10 10am - Breakfast w Santa
11 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 2pm - Baby Shower for 3:30pm - Youth Meeting 4pm - Pour Theology @ 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	12 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 5:45pm - GS Junior Troop 6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop	13 6pm - Board of Trustees 6:30pm - SPRC	14 10am - Ardmore Stitches 11:30am - Martha- 11:30am - TTWS 6:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - GS Troop 2323 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	15 9am - MM Breakfast @ 5:30pm - Food Pantry @	16	17
18 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 10am - Traditional 11:15am - Contemporary 5:30pm - Love Feast @ 6pm - Ardmore Bells @	19 5:30pm - Boy Scouts @ 6:30pm - GS Troop 10116 7pm - Mission	20 11:30am - Stephen 6:30pm - Finance	21 10am - Ardmore Stitches 12:30pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Christian 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	22 9am - MM Breakfast @	23	24 5:30pm - Christmas Eve
25 LIVESTREAM 9am - Adventure & Upper 11am - Christmas	26	27 6pm - Finance Committee	28 10am - Ardmore Stitches 6:30pm - Christian 7pm - Adult Choir @ Choir	29 9am - MM Breakfast @ 6pm - Serve dinner @ St.	30	31



12/1
Chloe Baker
Monica McSwain
Betty Renier
Beth Stuart
Bobbie White

12/3
Emma O'Toole
Luke Spencer

12/4
Becca Murray

12/6
Betty Henderson
Suzanne Lynch
Nancy Michael

12/7
Lizzy Adams
Laurie Spainhour

12/9
Billy Lamkin

12/14
Deborah Isley
Mark Miller

12/15
Jep Johnson
Cecilia Shields

12/17
Jessica Dalton
Dale Folwell
Jon Myers

12/18
Benjamin Hucks

12/19
Roy Nifong
Cooper Klinger
Samuel Swinson

12/20
Terri Slater

12/21
Lyla Amos

12/23
Pam Steele

12/24
Ralph Nixon

12/26
Mark Hembree
Frances Olsen
Avery Sherrill

12/27
Jason Epley

12/28
Lynn Davis

112/30
Brett Burey

12/31
Suzanne Colwell Fields
Gareth Vye


Congregational Concerns

We pray for those who:

Need healing: Maya Brawley, Sylvia Caldwell, Jan Carter, Ruth Carter, Jane Click, Alice Dalton, Patrick Edenfield, Robin Fulk, Betty Frazier, Bethany Goodman, Peggy Hall, Joanne Hamlet, Cynthia Hulet, Hattie Hauser, Charles Hedrick, Ruby Houlden, Sara Knott, Elizabeth Martin, Ken Norton, Roy Nifong, Darlene Owens, Sylvia Powell, Genie Reynolds, Chris Steele, Harry Steele, Sherry Stevens, Pat Weaver, Ralph (Tom) White, Sue Wilkinson and Jim Yearty.

Who come to Our Father's Table Food Pantry/Clothing Closet.

Who serve our country.



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Join us Sunday mornings for online worship

Traditional 10:00am
Contemporary 11:15 am

<https://www.youtube.com/ardmoreunitedmethodistchurch>