

December 14, 2025

A Misunderstood Advent Theme

Selected Scriptures NKJV

1. The very first Joy. Isaiah 12:3, 1 John 1:4

Salvation_____

2. The tension of Joy and Happy.
Hebrews 12:11, Corinthians 7:4

Related but not synonymous_____

3. The expressions of Joy. Psalm 95:1-2, 98:4-6

Experience in within; express in without_____

THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 14 - 21

Sunday morning prayer 8:30 AM in room 207	12/14
Sunday school for all ages 9 AM <i>nursery room 110</i>	12/14
Coffee fellowship time 10 AM in the Fireside room	12/14
Third Sunday in Advent / Children's Church / Koinos for Kids 10:30 AM	12/14
Facebook Livestream 10:30 AM	12/14
Holiday Dinner following the morning service	12/14
Creative Grace 6 PM	12/15
Last Ladies' Bible study and potluck lunch 9:30 AM room 103	12/16
Elder Board 7 PM	12/16
Wednesday prayer 7 PM	12/17
Fourth Sunday in Advent 10:30 AM	12/21

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM	12/24
New Year's Eve <i>church office closed</i>	12/31
New Year's Eve bowling at Groundhog Lanes 6pm-Midnight	12/31
New Year's Day <i>church office closed</i>	1/1
Concert of Prayer 6 PM	1/4
CMA Youth Basketball Skills Clinics Week 5:30 PM	January 5, 6, 7, 8
January Prayer and Fasting <i>Sanctuary open 11 AM – 1 PM</i>	Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28
Floor Hockey begins 10 AM – Noon ages 12 and up	1/10
Volleyball begins 6 PM ages 15 and up	1/13
CMA Youth Basketball games begin 5:30 – 8:45 PM	1/15
Replenish Youth Retreat at Mahaffey Camp	January 16-18
Annual Meeting during morning worship	1/18

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JOY
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025





at Punxsutawney Alliance Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Verse of the Month: Isaiah 9:6

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Meet and Greet

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Acknowledgement of God’s Presence

The Lights of Advent - Joy

“Joy to the World”

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Our Worship in Giving

Koins for Kids / Missions

Children’s Church Dismissal

ages 3 - 3rd grade

Message: “A Misunderstood Advent Theme”

“How Great Thou Art”

Parting Prayer

WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8—We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches. **We sincerely welcome you today!** If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

QUARTERLY CHALLENGE

The challenge this quarter is to work through the *Escape the Coming Night 2* study guide (on the narthex table) to learn more about the dark night of judgment that is soon to come upon the world – the seven-year tribulation. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per book if possible and can be placed in an offering plate and marked “QC.” *Book 1 is also available on the table.*

SIZE 5 DIAPERS

Today is the last day for size 5 diaper donations for the We Care Pregnancy Center. Thanks, everyone!

RAINBOW EXPRESS PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

If you would like to help the preschool offset costs by purchasing a gift card, please choose a tag from the Christmas tree at the bottom of the stairs and return the gift card to the church office or Barb Schall by December 21. Thanks!

CREATIVE GRACE LADIES’ EVENT

All ladies are invited to the “Marbled Ornaments” event on Monday, December 15, at 6:00 PM in the fireside room. We are creating unique glass ornaments. The cost is \$5 per person and is payable the night of the event. Sign up in the narthex. *See Deb Dinger for more info.*

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY

The last Ladies’ Bible Study for the year (with a potluck lunch) is Tuesday, December 16, beginning at 9:30 AM.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2026 offering envelopes are in the narthex and ready to be picked up. Please see Lori Pollock if you do not see your name and would like envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All ministry leaders should have their Annual Reports submitted to the office by December 31, 2025. The Annual Meeting is January 18, 2026, during the morning service.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

We invite you to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord on Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00 PM here at the church.

FLOOR HOCKEY AND VOLLEYBALL

FLOOR HOCKEY for ages 12 and up begins Saturday, January 10, from 10:00 AM – Noon in the gym. No sign up or fees.

VOLLEYBALL for ages 15 and up begins Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 PM in the gym. No sign up or fees.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND FASTING

The Elders are calling our Fellowship to a time of prayer and fasting. We are asking you to set aside a time to pray and fast for our church. Please join us in prayer even if you are unable to fast. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM each Wednesday in January. May we seek the Lord’s face together.

Attendance Last Week		2025 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
Inside	120	12/07/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	\$7,329.10
Facebook	23	12/14/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	
Online	1	12/21/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	
Total	144	12/28/2025	\$6,770. ⁰⁰	

CALL TO PRAYER

DECEMBER 2025



NEXT GENERATION LABORERS

We remember some years ago visiting a church in the U.S. At a missions meeting we attended, everyone's phones began ringing at 10:02 a.m.—and then everyone started to pray. This was their daily reminder to pray Luke 10:2, where Jesus tells His disciples that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few—and to therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest.

We have been tremendously encouraged as we have visited various churches over the recent months. We have seen that the Lord is doing a new thing among youth, calling them into His harvest fields. This is our seventh home assignment, and we have never seen such levels of their responsiveness to Christ's call to the nations. We are seeing a deeper desire, particularly on the part of young people, to invest their lives for things of eternal significance.

One eight-year-old girl in a small church in northern Minnesota told us, in all sincerity, that she sensed God's call to be a missionary. A high

schooler asked the Lord one night at the church's missions conference if He was calling her to serve Him in missions. She shared with us the next day that she clearly sensed God's call. Many others have responded in a similar fashion and several shared with us how they sensed God's call through Alliance Youth's LIFE Conference and how they are following through.

Young people are sensing God's call to the nations and demonstrating a fresh willingness to follow Him in that call. This has been one of the most encouraging things we have seen in the U.S. over the past 30 years we've served overseas.

Please pray Luke 10:2 over your young people, encouraging them in their journey and releasing them to the Lord and His purposes for their lives as He calls them. The safest place is in the middle of His will.

| by David and Christine, serving with aXcess in Southeast Asia

BAKING FOR THE KINGDOM

Our church plant is small, but growing, and is located in a hard and broken community. To do our community night week after week, we are thankful that God has brought partners from surrounding churches to join with us. They often have an activity prepared to engage the families and children—recently, it was baking apple crisp.

That night, we had a very full kitchen with people rotating in and out. Even the “cool kids” who thought they wouldn't like baking ended up loving it! One of those same “cool kids” told a volunteer that he feels safe at our church on Mondays. Please pray for us as we navigate integrating visitors more and more into the life of the church. Please also pray as we transition to a new rhythm of community nights—we trust it will provide us and our volunteers with more margin, eliminating burnout and allowing for more intimate connections with people who are seeking and needing spiritual growth.

| by Shelly, serving with Envision in the Twin Cities

SMALL STEPS

As we see funds roll in, we are able to use God's money to bless those around us here, sharing His love.

Watercolor paper, brushes, and paints were bought to help at-risk girls living at a safe house here in town. We get wonderful language practice as we volunteer in leading a watercolor class and swap stories with these precious girls.

We were able to buy a yogurt starter for a local believer who has a small farm and milk business in town. She is now making yogurt regularly and will hopefully sell yogurt soon in her small store! Pray that this small business will create a huge impact for God's Kingdom—her and her husband have a heart to reach their neighbors.

Our faithful house helper for the last few months needed more consistent work. Her husband had a stroke five years ago and hasn't been able to provide for the family. They have six children and live month to month trying to just put food on the table. After building a trusting relationship, we were able to help her relieve some debt and start a small business making Mexican food. There are 11 people living in her tiny house and the extra income helps her buy school supplies for the children. Pray for God's provision and comfort for her and her family.

We were also able to provide a small care package for a homeless woman with her small child. She only wanted a baby bottle, but we were able to give her some clean water, powdered milk, a bottle, and a bit of money to provide some immediate relief for other pressing needs.

We are learning that sustainable long-term solutions for poverty take a lot of time, effort, and discussion. We praise God for available resources to play a small role in bringing His light to these dark places. Please pray that God uses our small efforts to make a big impact.

| by Mikah and Lia, serving with CAMA in Southeast Asia

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT [CMALLIANCE.ORG/PRAY](https://cmalliance.org/pray).

Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel.

To receive the *Call to Prayer* and weekly prayer requests via email, subscribe at cmalliance.org/pray.

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New Year's Eve
Bowling
PARTY!

Wednesday, December 31
6:00 pm - Midnight
Groundhog Lanes
\$5 children 14 and under
\$10 adult

Includes bowling, shoes, and mini-golf



The alley is only open to our church and those we invite.

Provided:
pulled pork & sauerkraut

Bring:
hot dogs, buns,
snack/dessert items, drinks

Sign-up in the narthex

See Chris Troutman to prepay

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