

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Fresh brewed coffee is available in the Narthex beginning at 9:30am on Sundays.

Sunday,	Dec 07	Children's Christmas Program
10:00am	Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Kids Church	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Blue Room Church	Middle/High School Youth ~ Blue Room
11:00am	Adult Sunday School	Conference Room ~ Dan Rooks: teacher
2:00pm	Harmonizers & Orchestra	Hevelone Center
7:00pm	Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
7:00pm	Advent Bible Study	Parlor
Usher/Greeter:	10am Henry & Bonnie Bartlett	
Liturgist:	10am Bonnie Bartlett	
Coffee Hosts:	11am Terry & Connie Bures	
Counter:	Ellie Q & Worship	
Monday,	Dec 08	Office Help//Jane N & Sharon H
6:20pm	Handell Choir	Classroom
7:00pm	Scouts	Dining Room
7:00pm	PEO	Dining room
Tuesday,	Dec 09	
5:00pm	Serve Warren’s Table	Episcopal Church
7:00pm	Trustees mtg	Conference Rom
Wednesday,	Dec 10	
Noon	Bulletin,Website,and Facebook	Deadline
Noon	Nursing Home Visits	
6:20 pm	Grace Notes Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Youth Group	Finance committee serves meal
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday,	Dec 11	
6:30am	Men’s Bible Study	Conference Room
10:00am	Women’s Bible Study	Dining Room
Friday,	Dec 12	No meetings
Saturday,	Dec 13	No meetings
Sunday,	Dec 14	Christmas Cantata & Scout Soup Supper
10:00am	Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Kids Church	Sanctuary
10:00 am	Blue Room Church	Middle/High School Youth ~ Blue Room
11:00am	Adult Sunday School	Conference Room ~ Dan Rooks: teacher
7:00pm	Service Rebroadcast	Spectrum 181
7:00pm	Advent Bible Study	Parlor
Usher/Greeter:	10am Jim Franz & Jeff Moore	
Liturgist:	10am Ellie Q	
Coffee Hosts:	11am Kids Church ~ Middle/High School Youth	
Counter:	Dale Kruse & O N E	

PRAYER CENTER: Alan Streeter, Janet Parde, Sharon Bellamy, Wayne & Jan Price, Kay Hicks, Betty Deats, Dean & Marilyn Marples, Charles Higgins, James Hicks, Deanna Holland, Linda Husa, Karen Probst, Duane Smith, Lois Moore, Richard Dunn, Diane Weldon, Marjorie Kassik and the family of Jackie Stake.

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But the greatest of these is love”*
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REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK
“May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him. For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given to him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long. May grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of the hills may it sway. May the crops flourish like Lebanon and thrive like the grass of the field. May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Then all nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.”
(Psalm 72:11-17).

Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”

If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE Our Father

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. AMEN.

PEOPLE'S PRAYER Joys and Concerns

***ANTHEM** Hail to the Lord's Anointed **203**

***SILENT PRAYER/TIME OF PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

***PRAYER RESPONSE** Blest Be the Tie That Binds **557**

ADVENT CANDLE Love, “We Three Kings” **254** (1-2) The Fort Family

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Joy to the World **246** Children sing vs.1 and Congregation sings remaining verses while children exit at the end of the program.

OFFERTORY Advent Lullaby arr. Mark Burrows Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Sung to the tune of 94*)

SCRIPTURE Bonnie Bartlett

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3:1-6

PREPARATORY PRAISE SONG It Came Upon a Midnight Clear **218** Jane Nider

THE EUCHARIST 13

CLOSING PRAISE SONG** King of Kings *2075**


***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress

The altar flowers are given today by Duane & Deb Smith for everyone to enjoy!

Remember to **sign the weekly attendance** sheet located at the end of each pew. Please provide a contact phone number if you are visiting. If you are viewing on the Spectrum channel 181, let the church office know.

We Collect...

- www.beatricemethodist.org to access E-giving for your donations.
 - **December Food Pantry Items:** Any of the “Helper” meals, chunky soups, hot cocoa, oatmeal, cranberry sauce and stuffing mix, .. and always TP.
 - **December Epworth Items:** Cleaning supplies of all kinds, dish soap and size 4-5 diapers.
 - Don't Forget! Recycling aluminum pop can tabs supports the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. They also accept tabs from canned soups//vegetables.
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Have You Noticed? This is particularly relevant for this week’s text and our Advent journey. Here we have John the Baptist, that locust-and-honey-eating prophet living in the wilderness and calling people then and now to repent. This is a story we might associate more with Baptism of the Lord Sunday, when we encounter the fulfillment, the “end of the story” of this passage. But this is Advent. We don’t resolve stories in Advent. We live in the tension of the not yet. And in this tension, John the Baptist invites us to repent, to change our story, to redefine our “once upon a time” in light of the good news—the good news John the Baptist hoped for but had not yet seen.

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The Big Red Book is available in the church office and will continue to be utilized for 2026. It is a great way to keep our Sunday schedules organized and all have access to its contents. Sign yourself up as you know your schedule for helping with Sunday Services. Ushers - liturgists - coffee hosts.

- Upcoming important dates to remember!
- 07DEC ~ Children's Christmas program
- 07DEC ~ Harmonizers & Orchestra Hevelone Center ~ 2pm
- 07DEC ~ PEO Holiday Tour of Homes ~ 1-5pm
- 07DEC ~ 7pm adult Advent Study in Parlor ~ "The Promise of His Coming"
- 11DEC ~ Dick Terhune's "A Christmas Carol". Special Event | December 11-14, 2025. .  
Community Players, 402-228-1801. Box Office Hours. Monday - Friday 12:00pm
- 14DEC ~ Christmas Cantata
- 14DEC ~ Scout pack 223 soup lunch after church service in the dining room ~ free will offer
- 14DEC ~ Church Christmas Caroling at 12:30pm contact Kyla Moore - please share people's names we can carol and come join us for a special afternoon. Cookies and Cocoa afterwards.  
*As the word carol, (a joyful song) suggests, carols bring us together and connect us through shared experiences and feelings. O Come, All Ye Faithful and Angels from the Realms of Glory, for instance, are rousing hymns of communal praise. Perhaps the most familiar to many of us is the children's favourite, Away in a Manger, with its gentle invocation: "Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray."*
- 21DEC ~ Bell Choir Performs
- 24DEC ~ 7PM Christmas Eve Service