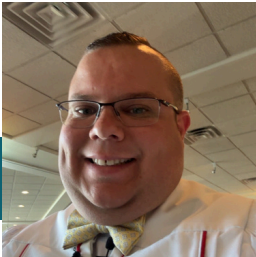


# CHUM NEWS

December 2024 Newsletter

*"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."  
- John 8:12*



## A Message from the Pastor...

**Pastor Samuel Mohn**

I burn candles in my home nearly every day. I love the light from candles; the flame seems to dance and almost come alive! I could watch it for hours. There's something beautiful and calming about watching the flames flicker and sway. And one thing I've noticed from watching the candles and flames is that no matter the size of the candle, even the smallest flame creates light in the darkness.

Have you ever thought about how the tiniest of lights can dispel any darkness, but darkness can never extinguish the tiniest of lights? Light is powerful! It exposes what may otherwise stay hidden.

The first chapter of the Gospel according to John is one of my favorites.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the

Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:1-5

Jesus came as the Light into the world. God doesn't want us to walk around stumbling through the darkness; God gave us the Light, Jesus, to follow. It is in the light of Jesus Christ that we experience all the wonder of God!

One of the most amazing wonders that light reveals is COLOR! Can you imagine a world with no color?! Can you imagine Christmas with no color?! God places tiny little cones in our eyes that interact with the presence of light to cause us to see the colors of the rainbow all around us.

God wants us to not only see the beauty of creation, but for it to be defined by colors and shades. Now that I am getting older, it seems I need even more light to help my eyes see the words on a page or to recognize the faces of people when it's dark or to see objects on the road up ahead.

In the same way, God desires for us to draw close to Light. Jesus is that Light and helps our eyes to see light and color, and goodness and hope in the world.

As you notice all the Christmas lights this season, let them remind you of our Amazing God and God's love for us! God loves us so much that God came into the world as Light and Life, Emmanuel, God with us. And with Jesus in our lives, we can shine His Light to others this Christmas season and throughout this New Year!

Besides pointing people to the Light, which is the most important thing that we can do this season, remember we can also be the light as we are out and about. We are lights to the world as we reflect the character of Jesus. So, in a world where people find this time of year particularly stressful and are apt to complain about the little things, let's be different. Let's not be short-tempered or sharp with people, but let's show people the grace and love of Jesus.

This Christmas season let's point people to the great Light of the world, the Savior of all people. Let's also be lights, ourselves, showing the greatness of the character of Jesus by reflecting His Light to a world that lives in darkness.

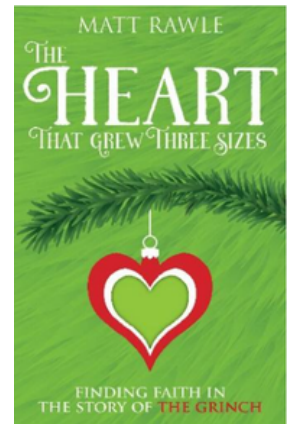
Live in Light and Be the Light My Friends!  
Merry Christmas!

Peace, Love & Light  
Pastor Sam



## Advent Study

During the season of Advent, we will be studying the book "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" By Matt Rawle. There are several times in which you can participate in this study. Monday evenings at 6pm at Trinity. Tuesdays at Noon with lunch at CHUM and for families you can join us at 6pm.



## Christmas Eve Worship

Come home for Christmas at Church Hill on Christmas Eve. You won't want to miss this great Christmas worship opportunity. There will be preservice music provided by Warren Brass Quintet beginning at 6:30 pm. Worship will begin at 7pm and will include music provided by our Choir, Children's Chat, a Christmas Eve reflection by Pastor Sam, Holy Communion and candlelight singing of Silent Night. You won't want to miss this worship experience as we welcome the Christ child into our world and our lives.

## Festival of Lessons and Carols

Join us at Historic Trinity United Methodist Church at 7pm on Monday, December 16, 2024. The service will include scripture readings, and Christmas Carols accompanied by the mighty Shontz Pipe Organ. All are invited.



## December Birthdays

12/1 Zachary

Camardese, Patrick  
Burke

12/4 Katie Taylor

12/7 Nolan Sefcik

12/8 Mackenzie

Seifert

12/9 Lynne Edwards

12/13 Barbara Taylor

12/14 Abby Sampson

12/16 Svana Pekalla

12/24 Tammy

Sampson

12/25 Emily Moyers

12/28 Patricia Chen

Audean Patterson

12/29 Jeffery Hecker

12/30 Julie Green

12/31 Susan Draghi



## Liberty Community Food Pantry

The December Pantry was Friday, December 6th, with set-up on Thursday, December 5 at 9:30am and 6pm.

Our January food pantry distribution will be January 10th (not the 3rd). It will be drive through only distribution. We will set up on January 9th, morning work only, no evening work.

Fewer volunteers needed on Friday with drive through. Trinity UMC will provide a sack lunch that will be given to our pantry families in the drive through.

## Blott Kids Holiday Project

Drop off dates for gifts – anytime when you are in the church using the carts near the nursery room.

Also, Saturday Dec. 7 from 9am til 2pm Sunday, December 8 from Noon til 2pm and Monday, December 9 from 5 til 7. All gifts must be delivered by December 9th.

Wrapping Day, Thursday December 12 from 9am til about Noon. Families pickup gifts on Friday, December 13. 9am until 2pm If you can volunteer on any of these dates, see Sharon Wathen.

## Children's Corner

We would like to thank everyone for helping us during our soup sale by making or buying soup, or by monetary donations, We made \$500 that will help us provide King's Kids free to everyone. We had 70 people including youth, King's Kids and their families enjoy our Thanksgiving dinner and hope to have everyone join us for our Christmas dinner on December 11th. That will be our last meeting for this semester. We will begin again in January. Our KREW kids and our King's Kids are looking forward to telling the story of Jesus' birth on December 8th during worship. We will have practice on Saturday the 7th from 10am till noon, We are happy that our nursery is open again during worship!

Wishing you love and joy at Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

In His Love,  
Terri West

## Join us for Christmas Caroling to our Homebound Friends

**Sunday, December 15, 3 to 5pm**

We will visit several homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes to sing and share the love of Christ. Meet at CHUM at 2:45 for carpooling plans.



## Thank You for Supporting the Soup Sale!

**We raised over \$500 for King's Kids/Youth Group!**

Funds will provide the meals for this Wednesday night ministry to young people and their families.



## Christmas Eve Poinsettia Sale

Order Forms for Christmas Eve Poinsettia are available in the lobby.

- **\$9 for 6 inch**
- **\$17 for 8 inch**
- **Red or White poinsettias**

Place money in offering, checks payable to Church Hill UMC. Orders are due December 1st. You may honor a loved one with your flower order.



## Mission Trip

Emergency Response Team from East Ohio Conference Going to South Georgia - December 2 to 6th. Bob Catchpole is joining the team to help with recovery from hurricane damage. You may offer a donation to support the travel expenses.



# December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1 1st Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm Advent Study Trinity</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon Advent Study CHUM 6pm Advent Family Study CHUM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:45-7:00 Kings Kids 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Pantry Set Up 6pm Pantry Set Up 6pm Grief Share</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pantry 10-Noon</p>	<p>7</p>
<p><i>8 2nd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm Advent Study Trinity</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon Advent Study CHUM 6pm Advent Family Study CHUM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:45-7:00 Kings Kids 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6pm Grief Share</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p><i>15 3rd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 3-5 pm Caroling to Shut Ins</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30Advent Study Trinity 7:00 Lessons and Carols Trinity</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon Advent Study CHUM 6pm Advent Family Study CHUM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Winter Begins</p>
<p><i>22 4th Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve 7pm Worship CHUM 9pm Worship Trinity</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 CHUM Worship 11:15 Trinity</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Years Eve</p>	<p>Pastor Sam is on Vacation January 3, 2025</p>			

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## Worship with us Sundays at 10am!

**Church Hill United  
Methodist Church**

189 Churchill-Hubbard Rd.  
Youngstown, OH 44505

**Livestream available at:**

[www.youtube.com/@church  
hillumc6144](https://www.youtube.com/@churchhillumc6144)

## Our Team

**Sam Mohn**, Pastor

**Jane Page**, Director of  
Worship

**Carla Jenkins**, Pianist

**Terri West**, Children's  
Director

**Deanna Slifka**, Youth  
Director

**Joe Seifert**, Sound Room  
Tech

**Charity Washington**,  
Custodian

## Prayer Requests

Lee Elmo, Dora Baker, Ron Baker, Elaine (friend of Gay M.), Nancy Smith, Dorothy Schultz, Becky Paul, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen Hawkins, Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Les Thomas, Jane Doughton, Kevin Vara, Lori Vara, Carol Smith, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), Alma Knupp, DeeAnn (Carla Jenkins' sister), Samuel M, Margie H and family, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Ken Hunter, Clara Jones, Frank Zedek, John Baksa, Viv Seifert, Tena Gerdes, Ellen Hardgrove and the students, teachers, military members and their families

**Contact Linda Toepfer at 330-718-2361 for the current prayer list and to request prayers.**

