

## 10:00 AM COMING TOGETHER SERVICE

CHIMES		Connor Ricotta
PRELUDE		Righteous Ringers
	"Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella" "He Is Born"	
INTROIT	"Come, Thou Child of Love"	Senior Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME		Nancy Meyer
AND CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(read responsively)</i>	
Lector:	What's happening?	
<b>People:</b>	<b>A child is born.</b>	
Lector:	Who is this child?	
<b>People:</b>	<b>This is Jesus, God's gift to us.</b>	
Lector:	Let's go see!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>The baby is in a manger.</b>	
Lector:	Let's go tell!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Jesus is born!</b>	
Lector:	Let's praise God!	
<b>People:</b>	<b>Glory to God!</b>	
OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Beth Malone
ANTHEM	"Once in Royal David's City"	Senior Choir
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND OPENING PRAYER		Doug and Nancy Meyer
RESPONSE	"Light the Advent Candle"	<b>TFWS #2090, v. 1-4</b>
† PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor Beth Malone
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Pastor Beth Malone
SCRIPTURE READING		<b>Luke 2:1-20</b>
<b>People:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
MESSAGE		Pastor Beth Malone
	"Christmas is Only the Beginning"	
† HYMN	"The First Noel"	<b>#245, v. 1-2, 4-5</b>
JOYS AND CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Beth Malone <b>#895</b>
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		<b>#898</b>
† CLOSING HYMN	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	<b>#234, v. 1, 3, 6</b>
PRAYER AND CLOSING WORDS		Pastor Beth Malone
POSTLUDE		Righteous Ringers
	"Gentle Mary Lay Her Child"	

*Please take a seat and enjoy the special music provided by our Bell Choir.*

† **Please stand for these portions of the service if you are able.**

**WELCOME!** If you come as a visitor, it is our hope you will leave as a friend! Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to GUMC, we feel honored to have you. We invite you to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. We hope to see you next week at our 10:00 am Coming Together New Year's "Eve" worship service.



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**PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND:** Joe Kane, Jane Krenzer, Shirley Pascuzzo, Marion Taylor, and Ginny Youtzy

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room (6A) is open for prayer at any time. You may also drop off your prayer requests there at any time.

**GUMC PRAYER CHAIN:** Do you have a prayer request, joy or concern? Call Carol Becker (243-2324), to activate the GUMC prayer chain.

**USHERS**     **8:30 SERVICE**  
12/31        no early service  
1/7

**10:00 SERVICE**  
Ray Ingram & Fred Parker  
Ken & Julia Hathaway

**The 2024 Geneseo UMC Birthday/Anniversary Calendars** have arrived! They are available from the table outside the sanctuary.

Please, help us save the postage, and pick yours up today. If you've been inundated with calendars and don't wish to take yours home, find yours in the box and cross off your name (that way we know not to send it to you).

We ask, if you are able, to make a modest \$10 donation. All proceeds help support our mission partners through the Benevolence budget.



## *Holiday Services*

### *Christmas Eve Services*

6:30 pm - Family Service

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service

### *Coming Together Service*

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve Day)

10:00 am (no early service)

### *New Year's Eve*

9:00 pm - Watchnight Service

9:30 pm - New Year's Eve Party and Game Night

Snacks, board games, and kid-friendly movies in the Fellowship Hall.  
A terrific way to ring in the new year!



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

11:00 am - 4:30 pm, weekdays, except for Wednesdays

**PHONE:** (585) 243-3160

**EMAIL:** GeneseoMethodist@gmail.com

**MAIL:** 4520 Genesee Street, Geneseo, NY 14454

**REV. BETH MALONE**

Pastor Beth would love to meet with you!

Please call to make an appointment.

**PHONE:** (585) 721-0661

**EMAIL:** bsmalone7@gmail.com

**Sunday, December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am The Prayer Room (6A) is open throughout the morning for a quiet time of prayer.

**10:00 am COMING TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE – Sanctuary**

11:00 am Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall

**6:30 pm FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Sanctuary****10:00 pm CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Sanctuary****Monday - Thursday, December 25 - 28 OFFICE CLOSED**

*Kathy Rosier will be on vacation and the office will be closed December 25-28, and January 1-2. Pastor Beth will be available by phone at (585) 721-0661 in case of emergency.*

**Wednesday, December 27**

8:00 am Prayer Breakfast – Wesley Room

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice - Fellowship Hall

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The Geneseo Parish Outreach Center, Inc. is open, by appointment at (585) 243-3120, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**COMING SOON**

1/1-3 Office Closed

1/3 Morgan Estates Worship

1/4 Parish Welcoming Committee

1/5 Panic & Anxiety Support Group

1/6 UWF Reading Club

**MINISTER**

Rev. Beth Malone

**LAY LEADERS**

*Nurture* - Judy Beeman

*Witness* – Peggy Oltz

*Planning* – Bill Lewis

**SUPPORT TEAM**

*Administrative Assistant* - Kathy Rosier

*Custodian* – Dave Woodworth

*Nursery Attendant* - Marissa Ross

**MUSIC TEAM**

*Director of Music* - Cynthia Towler

*Accompanist* – Connor Ricotta

*Praise Team* – Gwyneth Jones-Wenninger

*Bell Choir* – Sandi Szymanski

**LECTOR 10:30 AM**

Nancy Meyer

**USHERS**

Chad Putnam & Brenda Mastin

# Christmas Word Search

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BETHLEHEM

HALLELUJAH

MANGER

BIRTH

HOLY SPIRIT

MARY

CHRISTMAS

IMMACULATE

REJOICE

DONKEY

INN

SAVIOR

EARTH

JESUS

SHEPHERDS

EMMANUEL

JOSEPH

STAR

FLOCKS

JOY

VIRGIN

FRANKINCENSE

KING

WORSHIP

GOD

LAMB

MYRRH (myrrh is misspelled in the puzzle)

*Geneseo United  
Methodist Church*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

*Following in Jesus' footsteps as a  
welcoming, caring, giving, and  
prayerful community of faith.*