

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**Worship Schedule 10:30 a.m. in Main Sanctuary**

**Communion Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School-will resume on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Pastor Maridel A. Whitmore**

**Children's Sunday School will resume in the Fall.**

**Childcare is available.**

**Choir practice after service.**

**MONDAY**

**Church Office Closed**

**Advent Study 7:00 p.m. – “The First Christmas”**

**FRIDAY**

**Bible Study 1:15 p.m. All are welcome**

**NEXT WEEK AT HOPE**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**Worship Service 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary thru January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Pastor Maridel A. Whitmore**

**Adult Sunday School will resume in the new year.**

**Childcare is available**

**Choir practice after service**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adult Sunday School with Pastor Maridel is suspended until January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us for the Advent Study, “First Christmas” on Monday evenings 7:00 p.m.



**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 26 Chase Elizabeth Carlin

28 Larry Sneddon

Dec. 1 Bill Hoyle

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Pastor Maridel has made arrangements with Kenny's Flowers in Media to provide a fresh altar arrangement each Sunday for \$20.00. There is a sign up sheet on the table outside the chapel for anyone who would like to dedicate an arrangement in honor of or memorialize a loved one.

**ADVENT STUDY**

Pastor Maridel will conduct a four-week Advent Study, **THE FIRST CHRISTMAS**, on Monday evenings through Advent; 7:00 p.m. The first session is Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by: December 4, 11, & 18.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**December 3 thru January 7 WORSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT 10:30 A.M.**

**Christmas Eve – Sacrament of Communion Available in Chapel between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
**Evening Candlelight Service in Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.**



**COMMUNITY ACTION TOY DRIVE**

We will be collecting toys for Community Action of Delaware Co. These toys are distributed to the homeless children and families in transitional housing programs. The drive begins November 21<sup>st</sup> and the last pick-up will be December 20<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years there will be a toy barrel in the narthex. Also, gift cards are acceptable for the older children. Thank you for your support.  
The Outreach Committee



**COMMUNITY ACTION TOY DRIVE**  
**SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR**

Hope United Methodist Church will continue its Holiday support of “Community Action of Delaware County” collecting toys in our narthex barrel. This year we’ve added something new. We’ve asked the good folks at Community Action to provide us with the Christmas Wish lists from some of the children and parents in their care. Gift tags will be hung from a small Christmas Tree in the church entry way on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, each with an individual item from one of the wish lists. You are encouraged to choose a gift tag, take it with you as you shop for your family, purchase the wished-for item, and return it to the church on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Community Action of Delaware County is

located in Chester and serves those who are less fortunate than us. Please participate in Hope UMC's Christmas Giving ministry!



**HOPE'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Our Holiday luncheon will take place after worship on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> in Thomas Hall.**

**Please plan to attend and sign up to bring a salad or dessert to share!**

**HOPE FOOD BANK**

*Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:*

- Paper towels
- Laundry Detergents
- Liquid Dish Detergent
- Jelly in plastic containers
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chicken (NO Tuna, thank you)
- Juices
- Fruit
- Applesauce
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Rice
- Condiments:**  
Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo
- Personal Care Items especially:**  
Shampoo and Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant,
- Thank you all for your generous donations.*
- The Food Bank Team*