

Announcements

- 1. ADVENT BOOK STUDY-** Our Advent book study starts this Thursday, December 4th at 10:00 am for *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. There is still time to join- books are available online through Amazon, Walmart, and Christianbook.com. If you signed up before the 9th, please stop in the church office to collect and pay for your book.
- 2. HOLIDAY HOPES TREE-** This year we will again be supporting AIDCARES.ORG with our Holiday Hopes tree. AID's goal is to empower people with physical, developmental, intellectual and mental health challenges to enjoy lives of dignity and purpose. Tags are available in the narthex. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to BFV **by Sunday, December 7th**. Please contact Kelly Tucek (630)337-7531 with any questions.
- 3. GREAT AGERS-** Great Agers annual Christmas luncheon will be **December 12**, so circle the date on your calendars and pick up your invitation on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will be serving a complete meal and then enjoy holiday music by the Saddle Shoe Sisters, a Chicago retro girls group specializing in music from the 50's and 60's. **All reservations must be in by December 10 so don't delay!**
- 4. DORCAS CIRCLE-** The next Dorcas Circle meeting will be on **December 10th** at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for some light refreshments, grace, and fellowship!



THE MEANING OF ADVENT- THE HOPE CANDLE

The candles of the Advent Wreath reflect the light of Jesus coming into the world. Advent candles are purple and pink to symbolize the transition from a season of preparation and penance to one of rejoicing. As the weeks of Advent pass, a new candle is lit each Sunday, gradually increasing the light to combat the darkness. The first purple candle is called the Hope Candle. The purple color symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. We can have hope because God is faithful and He is coming to be among us.

Next Week: The Candle of Peace

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am)
Children's Church (9:20 am)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director John Kwon / yoahn4piano@gmail.com
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This Week at Bethany

SUN Nov. 30	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am
	Loyal Leaders		10:15 am
THU Dec 4	Advent Book Study		10:00 am

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Jacquee Lawrence**
Ushers: **Charles Bibbs & Don Stern**
PowerPoint Preparer: **Jacquee Lawrence**
Greeters: **Jan Allman & Laura Garvey**
Children's Message: **Jacquee Lawrence**
Children's Church: **Joni Javier**
In-Person Slide Operator: **Ken & Jacquee Lawrence**
Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Ryneearson**
Advent candle lighting & reader: **Mary Wolf**

	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	57	44	37	56
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	2	3	3	2
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$8,019	\$7,600	TBD	TBD
2025 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION: \$27,396				
PAID THROUGH OCT: \$4,780				

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ANSWERED PRAYERS

BETHANY OF FOX VALLEY
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1st Sunday of Advent

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.
Congregational responses are in bold print.

Worship Leader: Jacquee Lawrence

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	“ Light the Candle ”	John Kwon
Greetings		Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements & Nativity Dedication		Jacquee Lawrence

Advent Candle Lighting

“**Light the Candle (Hope)**”

Shake the shadow from every heart, light the candle of hope. Shine your faith and let worship start. Light the candle of hope. Raise a candle and warm this place. Lift it high with your praise, reaching out with golden grace. Alleluia, alleluia, light the candle of hope.

Opening Hymn	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	UMH #234
1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;		
**Refrain: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.		

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten not created; **

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **

*Call to Worship

In this season of Advent, we gather to wait for God's promise to come alive among us

We wait with hope, trusting that Christ's light will break through.

When the world feels uncertain, God's hope does not fade.

We lean into the hope that only Christ can give.

Come, Lord Jesus. Fill our hearts with hope today.

Come, Lord Jesus. Our hope is in you.

Passing Peace of Christ	“ O How He Loves... ”	TFWS #2108
O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!		
He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;		
O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!		

New Members Welcome:

Joyce Bedell
Bill & Billie Small
Shirley Sucharzewski

Children's Message	Jacquee Lawrence
Children's Church	Joni Javier
Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer	

The Lord's Prayer	(Screen)
Contemplation Hymn	“In His Time” TFWS #2203

1. In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me everyday as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time.

2. In your time, in your time; you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Jacquee Lawrence
¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’		

This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Offering Our Gifts to God's Service

Offertory Anthem	“Far Away In the Depths of My Spirit” John Kwon (W.D. Cornell)
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*Doxology	“ Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ”	UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, help us remember that all belongs to you. Take these offerings and use them for your glory. Take our lives, and use us, always and everywhere, for your glory. In Christ's name. Amen.

You may give your offering at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving, scan the QR code to the right, or mail it to:

Bethany of Fox Valley UMC
2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504



Message:	“ God's Promises ”	Rev. Sang Hun Han
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SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	UMH #251
**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.		

- 1.** While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **
- 2.** The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **
- 3.** Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **

*Benediction	Rev. Sang Hun Han
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*Postlude	Benedictus from Schubert Mass, D.167	John Kwon
We are glad that you joined us this morning in worship. We hope that you find strength, renewal, and a sense of peace going through the coming week.		