**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Jeff McDowell

**Pastor’s Email:** [pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com)

Guest Pastor: Rev. Rhonda Kouterick

**Music Director:**  David Peckham

**Liturgist:** Norma Whatman

**Greeters:** Barb Burdette

**Ushers:** Pauline LeShure; Ande Tubbs; Carolyn Ryan; Norma Whatman; Carol Crandell

**Secretary:** Sandy Crane

**Church Phone:** (607) 739-1943

**Email:** [office@horseheadsumc.org](mailto:office@horseheadsumc.org)

**Production Team**: Larry Crandell, Bob Aiello, Bob & Jamie Olcott

**Production Team e-mail:** production@horseheadsumc.org

**Check us out on our Web site, Sundays at 9:30am**

\*Facebook: Horseheads United Methodist Church

\*You Tube: Hh 1st United Methodist Church

**Sermon Theme:**

“Let us focus on the Christ the King aspect of the day, including Thanksgiving for all our blessings of family, friends and especially for Christ our King.”

A poster of a candle and fruit

Description automatically generated

***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**November 24, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude**: Voluntary XIII                          Maurice Greene

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King # 715 UMH

**Unison Prayer:**

**Joys and Concerns** Chad Miller

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**Gift of Music:** Kumbaya                                  arr. Paul Sjolund

**Young Disciples Time**

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

**People: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

Leader: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

**People: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

Leader: Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

**People: We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

Leader: Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

**People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

**People: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

Leader: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

**People: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

Leader: Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

**People: We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

Leader: Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

**People: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hide your truth in our hearts, dear God, for we are a people who are attracted to the error of our ways. We make bad choices, O Lord. We find ourselves in predicaments that make us sigh and groan. We have brought upon ourselves many of the disasters that have come our way. We were not honest and truthful in all situations. We even try to hide from ourselves when we realize that we are responsible for our own mistakes. O Lord, do not remove yourself from us. Forgive us, we pray, for the many sins, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and lies. Fill us with your grace and blot out our transgressions. Give us genuine love for each other, we pray. We thank you for the assurance of your forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us, we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Written by T. Anne Daniel in The Africana Worship Book

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer (on screen)** p.#895

**Gift of Music:** Great is the Lord                        Michael Smith

**Young Disciples Time**

**Scripture: Psalm 93** p.#549

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**\*Hymn:** In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful    2x #2195 FWS

**Scripture: Rev. 1:4-8** p#245

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon: Christ, our King**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Concert Waltz in G              Scott Joplin

**Doxology**

**\*Hymn:** All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name       vs1-4 #154 UMH

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God                Siegfrid Karg-Elert

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude]

\*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements Nov. 24th, 2024**

***Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and for a Happy Thanksgiving to our Church Congregation from Sylvia Sullivan***

**Welcome to Worship today! If you are visiting today with us, please stop by the visitor’s table just outside the sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!**

**Sunday, Nov. 24th:**

**10:45am**, Sunday School: Grades k-8 Fellowship Hall; Jr. High-Class

Rm 18; Parent Class-Rm 21; Adult Sunday School, Large Conference Room; Choir Practice each Saturday at 3pm, CR.

**Thursday, Nov. 28th**, Church Office is closed.

**Friday, Nov. 29th**, Church Office is closed.

**Soup to go: Today!** Pick up your soup right after the service. Free will donation. If you have a favorite soup let Jamie Olcott or Jean Paul know. This month Tomato Basil and Sausage Florentine (not spicy).

**Dates to keep on your schedule for the Advent Season.**

**Saturday, December 14**, 9:00-12:00 Church Decorating Party

**Wednesday, December 18**, 12:00 pm Women’s Christmas Luncheon

**Saturday, December 21**, 6:00 pm Longest Night Service in Chapel

**Tuesday, December 24**, 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

**Christmas Events/Concerts**

\*Winter Fantasy Craft Show, December 7th, 9am to 3pm

\*Lessons and Carols, December 8th at 5pm in our Sanctuary

\*Crystal Chords Christmas Concert, December 17th, 6:45-8:15pm in our Sanctuary

\*Be part of the Living Nativity (Schedule coming soon)

**Printed copies of the newsletter** are in the Narthex.

**Have you ever thought about going on a mission trip?** Sid Spencer is leading a mission trip to Honduras Jully 10 thru July 19. If you are interested, you can contact him at sspencer@stny.rr.com.

         

**Outreach:** It is hard to believe that Christmas will be here before we know it. Once again, Outreach is hoping to purchase gift cards for 8 families who need help to bring Christmas to their homes.Beginning today, Nov. 24, we will be asking for donations so that gift cards can be purchased in time for families to shop. If you are willing to help, please take an envelope from the small Christmas Tree and be a Christmas Angel. Cash or checks written to thechurch, (if writing a check, put *Christmas Giving* on the memo line) should go in one of the envelopes. The envelopes can be put in the mailbox by the tree, in the collection plates, or given to Sandy in the office. All donations need to be in by Dec.13.

**Annual Coat Give Away:** Karren’s Clothing Cupboard along with Outreach continues our coat give away. If you have a coat you don’t need any more and it is in good to excellent condition (infants through adults-all sizes), we would love to help you find a new home for it. Please no wool or dry clean only. Coats are now located three different locations. If you need a coat, please take one. Find them in the narthex, near the chapel and across from Karren’s Clothing Cupboard. Thank you for all your support.

**Karren’s Clothing Cupboard** is still looking for good to excellent winter coats, preferably not wool and men’s jeans, pants sizes 29- 32 waist, children’s clothing in smaller sizes especially and larger sizes for men and women, 1x up. December 8th will be open after church for anyone wanting to check out our new set up. The sign-up sheet is in entranceway for the month of December.

**Winter Fantasy, December 7th, 2024.**

Winter Fantasy sign-up sheets are posted in the entranceway for Set-Up, Clean-Up help and Kitchen help. Please sign up for any donations for the Holy Grounds Kitchen that you could help us with! We are still in need of kitchen helpers and donations of food items/drinks. For any food donations/kitchen help questions, call Janell Sullivan, 607-739-3797. Please sign up to help setting up tables/chairs on Thursday and cleaning up on Saturday. Any questions please contact Bob Aiello, 607-331-6121, Larry Crandell: 607-731-1816.

**Winter Fantasy Help Needed**: Our list of Vendors for Winter Fantasy has filled the building!! With more calls each day asking for space. Unfortunately, the committee had to turn away some, but all rooms are filled! So please come shop, even just to buy just a small ornament or a large lawn decoration, a homemade gift, and of course our own sweet shop has something you should not have but are going to buy anyway! And don’t forget, lunch made by our own Holy Grounds kitchen staff. On December 7th we are asking you, our congregation, to come over to help support the church and the vendors who make our fundraiser the successful event it has become for 22 years now! Please check the Facebook page and share the Winter Fantasy Poster on your own page.

**Our own Winter Fantasy Table:** We have several people that are donating to the tables for Winter Fantasy. Remember to price your items and make a list of your donations to give us and after the day remember to pick up unsold, (if any), to use for your Christmas giving. All proceeds will go toward the kitchen update. You can contact Mary Jane Austin (607-739-4928) or Ande Tubbs (607-739-7082) if you have questions.

**Lost and found:** A ring and an earring were found in the kitchen. There is an ID holder, and a necklace that were found in the parking lot. Also, a ball cap with Tractor supply on it was found in the sanctuary after the congregation meeting on 11/10. A pair of glasses in a purple case was found in the parking lot on 11/18. If you lost these items, please find them on the ledge by the church office.

**The Mission Committee** thanks all our pie bakers and all those who took home a pie last Sunday. The donations support our missionary, Florence Mefor and her important work at Mutambara Hospital in Zimbabwe. Sid Spencer led a spirted auction at the service and Dick Williams was the successful bidder who took home a delicious apple pie for $60 made by Dalton Flatt. Thanksto our generous congregation, we raised $725 which we believe is a new record!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS.**

(Poinsettia’s will be put on the altar on December 24th.)

A red and green plant in a red pot

Description automatically generated

**POINSETTIA ORDER**

It is time to begin planning for this Advent season. The worship Team will be purchasing poinsettias from Emily’s Florist. Orders may be placed by returning the form to the Church office by November 24th. The cost is $10 each.

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Given by**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Enclosed

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY**