

The Altar flowers today are given
To the Glory of God

Would you like to purchase flowers for a special Sunday?
Call the church office to place your order.
The cost is \$20 per vase.

Outreach

Loose Change

These donations will go towards missions.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

DEADLINES

Items for the **Prayer List** are due by the end of business hours on Wednesday of each week.

Be sure to submit no later than Wednesday prior to desired posting for The Weekly Messenger.

Send those requests to Rachelle Heldt at: rachelle@uticaumc.org

Information received after the deadlines will be added the following week.



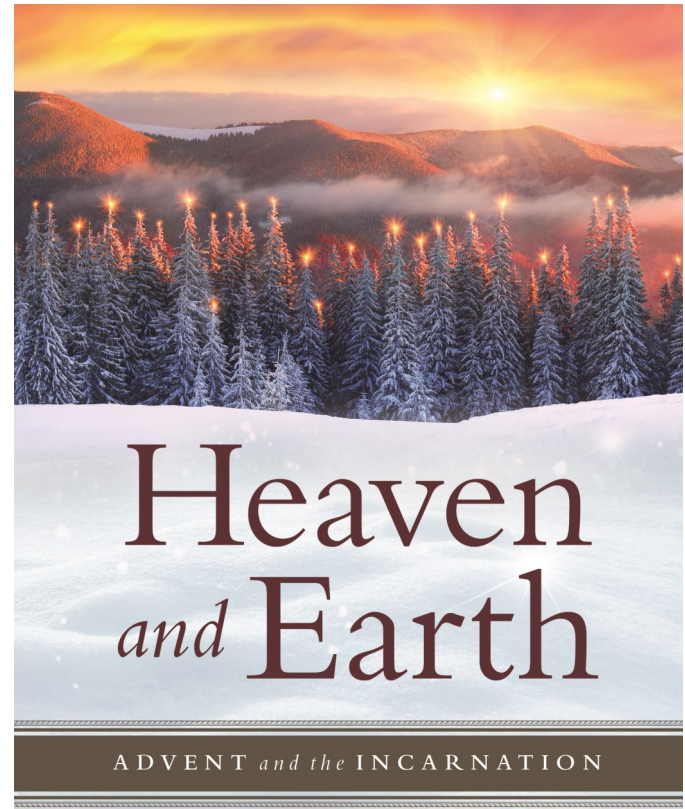
Utica United Methodist Church

1823-2023

"We've Only Just Begun"



December 10, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 10, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **“Prepare the Way, O Zion”**

***Advent Reading and Candlelighting**
Bernie and Donna Cox

***Opening Hymn** **“In the Bleak Midwinter”**
UMC Hymnal #221 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer **See Screen**

Prayer Response **“Like a Child”**
FWS #2092

Scripture Lesson **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** **See Screen**
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Offertory Prayer

Offertory **“O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort”**
The Chancel Choir

***Doxology** **UMC Hymnal 94**

***Song of Preparation** **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**
UMC Hymnal #206

***New Testament Lesson** **John 1:1-8** **See Screen**
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Message **“Light”**
Rev. Don Gotham

Song of Celebration **“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”**
UMC Hymnal #240

***Benediction** ***(Stand, if able)**

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Prayer Ministry Team

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