

Welcome to Solon United Methodist Church!

To live as a congregation in which the love of God abides

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Music *Prelude on Adeste Fideles* SUMC Bell Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Bring tidings of hope and of wholeness.

People: We cry out in the wilderness that we are ready.

Leader: God will speak to us with gentleness and kindness.

People: We need a path, for there is none in this wilderness.

Leader: It seems as though God is delaying.

People: We will wait and hope, for surely peace and grace will come like the dawn.

***Song** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213 v. 1-3

Lighting of the Advent Candle *The Moses Family* Projected

The Children Gather

*Passing of the Peace

Special Music *Come, Behold the Newborn King* SUMC Bell Choir

Time of Prayer

Gathering of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer *To A Maid Engaged to Joseph* UMH 215 v. 1-6

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5 & Luke 1:26-38* Projected

Message *Unrelenting Grace Is God's Way of Life in the World*
Rev. Peggy Garrigues

Offering *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Marian Andersen & Angie Grecian-Bransky

Song Book Legend: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal W & S—Worship & Song TFWS—The Faith We Sing

Prayer of Thanks

Announcements for Living Out Our Mission

***Closing Song** *View The Present Through The Promise* W & S 3048 v. 1-3

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Prayer Requests

If you would like your prayer request shared with the congregation in next week's bulletin, please fill out the prayer card, or send a note to the church office. If you do not want it shared with the congregation or listed in the bulletin, simply check the box.

Prayers for

Maureen, a friend of Deb Ruff, having back surgery.

Dee and Alyssa, also friends of Deb who has breast cancer.

Greg, brother-in-law of Sue Wilkinson, recovering from a shoulder replacement.

Darcy Miller will be having a shoulder replacement on Wednesday.

Darcy's uncle Johnny Burns is going into a nursing care, her Aunt will be alone.

Liz Petrie—who recently had a kidney transplant.

Mary Gruber has kidney stones.

Kay Geguzis—one daughter-in-law having colon surgery related to cancer, another daughter-in-law having sinus surgery.

People with dementia, and those facing health issues as they grow older.

Erin Whitfield, Lisa and Don Evans daughter, who is serving in the Navy in the Middle East, and Erin's husband Tyler, also in the Navy overseas.

Gratitude for the hostages who have been released, prayers for the hostages who have not yet been released and their families.

Peace somehow to become more possible in the Middle East.

General prayers for our world.

Joys + Thanksgiving

Successful Christmas Kaleidoscope Saturday, with many people attending, and many dedicated volunteers!



Altar flowers provided by Kay Geguzis in memory of her father Merle Iserman

SUMC Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent, Candle of Hope

Message: *Unrelenting Grace Is God's Way of Life in the World*

by Rev. Peggy Garrigues

Worship, 9:00 AM—Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:00AM—LL

Adult Sunday School, 10:15AM, FLC LL

Monday, December 11

Food Pantry, LL (2:00PM)

Adult Bible Study, 5:30 PM, FH

Tuesday, December 12

SNCC, 9:30 AM

Finance Mtg, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 13

Coffee Connection, FH, 9:00 AM

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

Treasure Seekers, 3:30-5:15PM, FLC

Family Meal, FH, 5:30 PM

Chancel Choir, 6:15-7:15 PM, S

Youth Group, 6:15-7:30 PM, FLC

Bell Choir, 7:30-8:30 PM, S

Thursday, December 14

AA Meeting, LL, 7PM

Friday, December 15

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 16

UM Men's Group, FH, 6AM

Worship Volunteers

Sunday December 10th

Lay Reader:	Denny Gruber
Greeter/Usher (s):	Don & Lisa Evans
Acolyte (s):	Madelyn Moses
Fellowship:	Erharts
AV Volunteers:	
Sunday School Volunteers:	Melody Morris Janeen Moses

Pastor Peggy will be working in Solon on Mondays through Thursdays. Since she will sometimes be making visits, be at meetings, or may start at different times depending on when she has an evening meeting, please call, text, or email ahead to make a specific appointment to see her.

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Bulletin Announcements

(* Indicates New or Updated Items)

The Circuit Christmas Cantata Chorale for the Iowa City Area Community will offer a Christmas Cantata featuring John Rutter's Joy To the World. It will be held on December 15th, 7pm at The First United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation of Iowa City (214 E. Jefferson St.). Everyone is invited to enjoy the joyful sounds of the season.

Save the date! Wednesday December 20th as our after school program children will present their Christmas Pageant at 5:15pm in the Sanctuary. At 5:30PM we will have our Christmas Family Meal with a traditional carving of the ham! Following Family Meal that evening, we'll host caroling in the sanctuary and then have cookie decorating and cocoa in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you for an evening of holiday fun!

Please note that due to the holidays, Senior Dining will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

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9:00 AM