

# Welcome to Solon United Methodist Church!

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

## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship God, looking for peace in our world.

**People: We gather, waiting for a sign of peace.**

Leader: God sent a messenger, a voice crying in the wilderness.

**People: Telling us to prepare the way of the Lord.**

Leader: The way of the Lord is peace and grace.

**People: We gather to be signs of peace and grace for the world.**

**\*Opening Song**      *O Come O Come Emmanuel*      UMH 211 v. 1,6,7

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle**      Response in song:      UMH 692

**Creator of the stars of night,  
thy people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, thou Savior of us all,  
we pray thee, hear us when we call.**

## The Children Gather

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Time of Prayer

*Gathering of Joys and Concerns*

*Silent Prayer*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Lord’s Prayer*

**Song of Prayer**      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      UMH 206

**Scripture Reading**      *Isaiah 64:1-12 & Mark 1:1-8*      Projected

**Message**      *Unrelenting Grace Connects Us to Each Other*

Rev. Peggy Garrigues

**Offering**      *We Will Come*      Chancel Choir

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

**Doxology**      *Emmanuel*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel!  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Lord of life, Lord of all,  
He is the Prince of Peace,  
Mighty God, Holy One,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!**

**Sacrament of Communion**      UMH pg. 15-16

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**      *In The Bleak Midwinter*      UMH 221

## Prayer of Thanks

## Announcements for Living Out Our Mission

**\*Closing Song**      *People Look East*      UMH 202 v. 1-4

### \*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

Celie – Sue Wilkinson’s son-in-law’s mother, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.  
The Stodola family, after Scott Nicol’s nephew Mark Stodola died recently.  
Erin Whitfield, Lisa and Don Evans daughter, who is serving in the Navy in the Middle East, cards available in Fellowship Hall, and Erin’s husband Tyler, also in the Navy.  
Safety for all of those travelling home from the Thanksgiving weekend.  
Julia Woessner lifts up prayers for all the college students going into the time of final exams.  
Hostages who have been released and their families. And all those who are still hostages.  
Peace somehow to become more possible in the Middle East.  
General prayers for our world.

#### Joys

Pastor Peggy’s mom recovering well after surgery  
Pastor Peggy gives thanks for Phil Kakacek and Jill Mack preaching for her the two Sundays she was gone.

## SUMC Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 3 -Communion Sunday

Message: *God's Unrelenting Grace Connects Us to Each Other*

by Rev. Peggy Garrigues

Worship, 9:00 AM—Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:00AM—LL

Adult Sunday School, 10:15AM , FLC LL

### Monday, December 4

Food Pantry, LL (2:00PM)

Adult Bible Study, 5:30 PM, FH

### Wednesday, December 6

Coffee Connection, FH, 9:00 AM

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

UWF Annual Potluck, 1:00 PM, FH

Treasure Seekers, 3:30-5:15 PM, 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 7

AA Meeting, LL, 7PM

### Friday, December 8

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

### Saturday, December 9

UM Men's Group, FH, 6AM

## Bulletin Announcements

(\* Indicates New or Updated Items)

UWF have their Annual Potluck on Wednesday December 6th at 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. All women are welcome!

**Save the date! Wednesday December 20th** as our after school program children will present their Christmas Pageant at 5:15pm in the Sanctuary. Also, 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.

## Worship Volunteers Sunday December 3rd

Lay Reader:	Julia Woessner
Greeter/Usher (s):	Nadine Sojka
Acolyte (s):	Marla Dyer
Fellowship:	Lauderbaughs
AV Volunteers:	
Sunday School Volunteers:	Alan Harrington Keela Herr

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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## SUMC Staff

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