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Scripture and Prayer for the Week

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for him in the inn. Luke 2:7

*Light of the world, so bright this night,
shine into our heart and grant us your peace.
Enable us to feel your love. Be our hope, we pray. Amen.*

Starting January 4 and 5, 2020

A New Sermon Series

Three Simple Rules for Christian Living

January 4 and 5 Three Simple Rules: Do No Harm

January 11 and 12 Three Simple Rules: Do Good

January 18 and 19 Three Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God

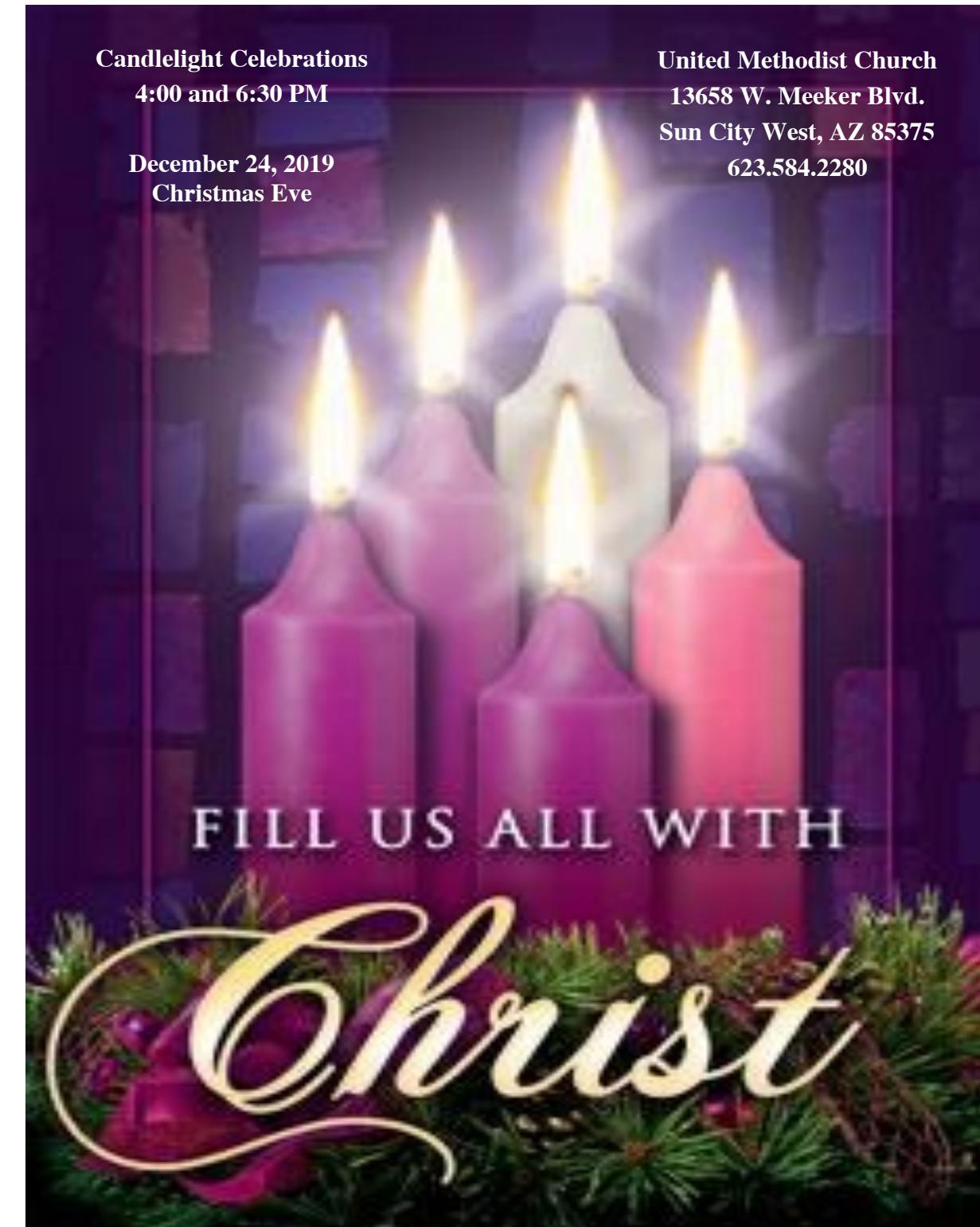
A 6-week companion class will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
starting January 8, 2020.

Candlelight Celebrations

4:00 and 6:30 PM

December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve

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As we worship . . . Please silence your cell phone.

We Are Chosen	We Are Blessed	We Are Loved
ORDER OF WORSHIP		
<i>* Indicates stand as you are comfortable</i>		
WELCOME		Rev. Lee Hirt
PRELUDE	“A Christmas Mosaic”	arr. Thomas Chesterton
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Deborah Lerner
Pastor:	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,	
All:	And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.	
*OPENING CAROL	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	UMH # 234 vs 1-4
*OPENING PRAYER- In Unison		Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
God of light and love, we gather to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Open our ears that we may hear afresh the story of his coming. Open our hearts and lips that we may proclaim with the angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all! We pray this in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen		
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
	4:00 PM	David & Judy Hodgins
	6:30 PM	Michael & Judy Moore
SUNG RESPONSE	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	UMH # 204
THE FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Rev. Lee Hirt
CAROL	“O Holy Night”	Ken Goodenberger
THE SECOND LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
CAROL	“Away In a Manger”	UMH #217
THE THIRD LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	Rev. Lee Hirt
CAROL	“Still, Still, Still”	arr. Norman Luboff
	Sanctuary Choir	

THE FOURTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-20	4:00 PM	Rev. Stephanie Soon
		6:30 PM	Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
*CAROL	“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”	UMH #240 vs 1,3	
THE FIFTH LESSON	John 1:1-5		Rev. Lee Hirt
CAROL	“What Child Is This”	UMH # 219 vs 1,3	
THE SIXTH LESSON	John 1:6-14		Ken Goodenberger
*CAROL	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH #238	
THE MESSAGE	“The Journey: At the Manger”		Rev. Deborah Lerner
*CAROL	“Joy to the World”	UMH # 246	
GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS			
OFFERTORY	“The Jesus Gift”		by Gilbert M. Martin
	Sanctuary Choir		
*SONG OF PRAISE	“Angels We Have Heard on High” (refrain only)	UMH #238	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION			Rev. Alma Aguirre-Olivares
*THE LORD'S PRAYER - In Unison	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.		
*SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST			Rev. Deborah Lerner
<i>As we sing Silent Night, the Pastors and ushers will bring the light to you. Please do NOT tip your candle after it is lit, as wax will spill.</i>			
*CAROL	“Silent Night”	UMH #239	
BLESSING			
Pastor:	Go forth in peace and joy, knowing that Christ is born!		
ALL:	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!		
	Merry Christmas!		
POSTLUDE	“How Great Our Joy!”		arr. Rex Koury