

December 1

Open/Close Church	Don Hiscox
Provide Bread	Betty Lou Lundy
Comm. Preparation	Gretchen Pope
Greeters	Russ Lundy
	Betty Lou Lundy
Candle Lighter	Derek Roberts
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Diaconate	Jerry Bane
	Wanda Bane
	Corby Roberts
Communion Prayer	Erin Hiscox
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Refreshments	Karen Vroman

December 8

Open/Close Church	Don Hiscox
Provide Bread	Betty Lou Lundy
Comm. Preparation	Donna Rusk
Greeters	Lair family
Candle Lighter	Calvin Young
Worship Leader	Drue Cavanaugh
Diaconate	Marsha Ratashak
	Donna Rusk
	Hal Rusk
Communion Prayer	Karen Vroman
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	Jane Shane
Fellowship Refreshments	Jane Shane

Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8
Adult Sunday School <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Children's Sunday School <u>10:15 a.m.</u> Hanging of the Greens/Lunch Shofar 2-5:00 p.m.	Shofar 5-9:45 p.m. Office Closed		Centering Prayer 12:-12:30 p.m. SPLASH/ Dive Deep <u>6-7:15 p.m.</u> Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	CFUM Supper First Friday 6:30 p.m. Shofar 6-9:00 p.m.	Men's Group <u>8:00 a.m.</u> Cookie Walk 9-noon Shofar 3:30- 10:30 p.m.	Adult Sunday School <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Children's Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Shofar 2-8:00 p.m.

**COOKIE WALK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
9-NOON**

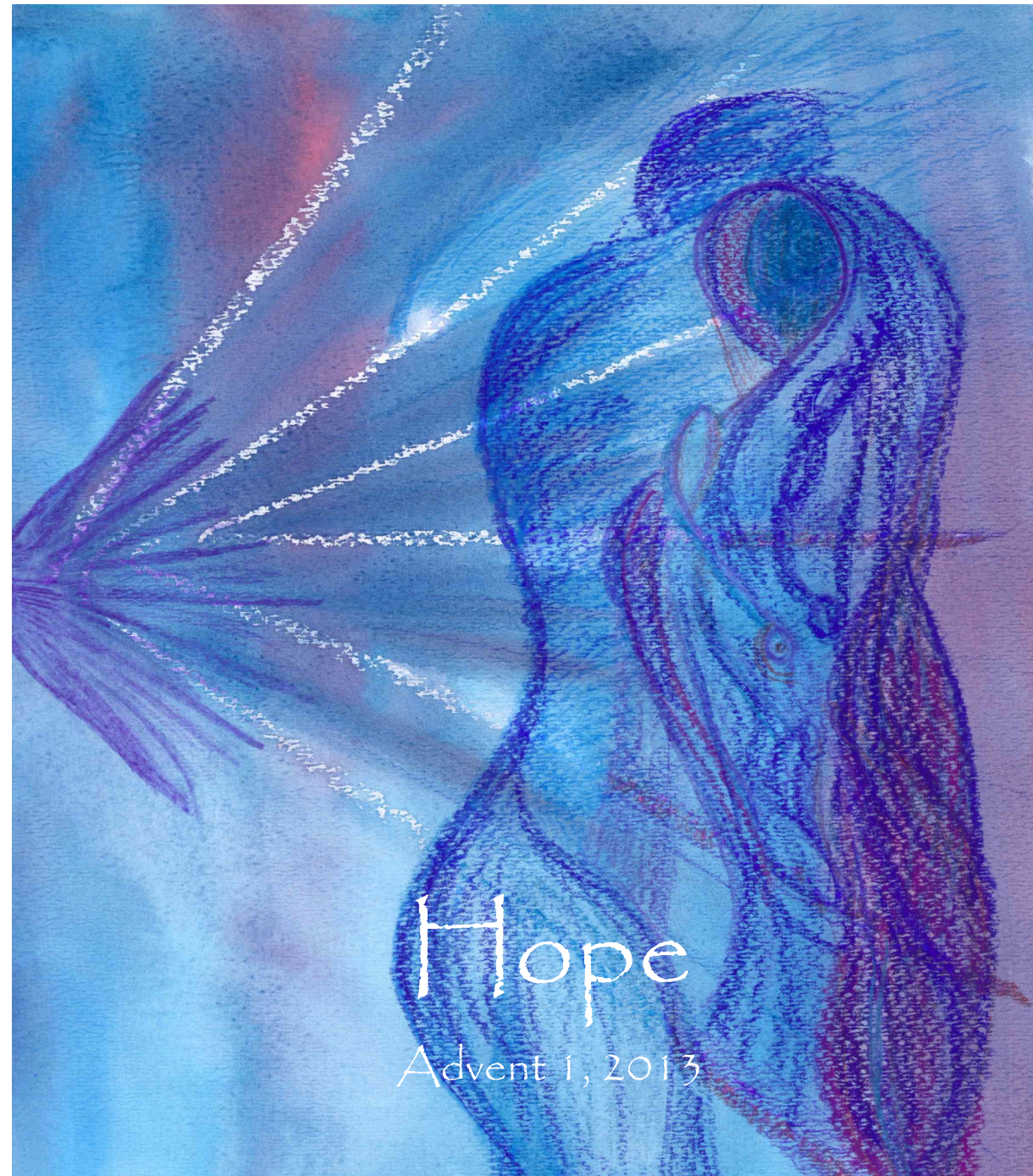
Hanging of the Greens

Join us following worship today for a light snack lunch and time for fellowship and hanging the greens to prepare the sanctuary further for Advent.

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 15
Immediately Following Worship**

Join us for a brief congregational meeting on December 15 for the purpose of approving a 2014 budget and electing a slate of board positions.

Copies of the budget are available in the Narthex.



covenant christian church
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Worship 10:00 a.m.

WORD OF WELCOME

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.)

PRELUDE "Believe" from Polar Express Julia Friedrich (Judith's Student)

***OPENING HYMN #119** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)** Karen Vroman

Expectant God, teach us in his time of worship the lessons of waiting.
Calm our restless hands

so we may learn deeply the ways of quiet preparation.

Help us know the wisdom of being faithful in your presence.

Waiting God, grant that we learn to live with our questions
rather than demanding instant answers.

Guide us to live in peace with what we cannot understand.

**Help us rest in the confidence of your abiding presence
and your abundant promises, soon to be fulfilled.**

Indwelling God, fill our hearts with your love
that we may offer praise befitting your holiness.

**Strengthen us that all we do and say, all we think and feel,
will be avenues of your praise—
one great magnificat of love lifted to you.**

All this we pray in the name of the coming Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Cavanaugh Family

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Everything Will Change" Riddle/Seay arr Kingsmore

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Romans 13:11-14 pg. 162 Karen Vroman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Put on the Light" Rev. Paul Witmer

HYMN OF PREPARATION #138 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(During the Sundays of Advent, we will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our
commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are
unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.)

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING Karen Vroman

COMMUNION PRAYER Erin Hiscox

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr Lanz

All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift
of communion and make your gift in response.

***HYMN OF PRAISE AND COMMITMENT #144** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

***POSTLUDE** "Believe" (reprise)

***BENEDICTION**

Please join us for fellowship, light snack and hanging of the greens following worship today.

*Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director*

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.