

ADVENT

November 30, 2025

at North Chili United Methodist Church

Where all are genuinely welcomed, loved, & accepted as God welcomes, loves, & accepts ALL 

Welcome!

We're excited you've chosen to be here! As you're comfortable, consider completing the ritual of friendship pad in your pew or check in online. Join us for refreshments, coffee, and conversation in Adams Hall (opposite end of the main hall) after worship. Thank you for coming — We hope you will feel a sense of belonging & loving kindness!

Invitations for Fellowship & Ministry

Worship

Today's Worship Team — Thank you!

Liturgist: Sue Josephson
Ushers : Becky & Larry Cornell
Sunday School: Sandra Waterman
Music Director: Linda Moore
Camera: Linda Tague
Sound:
Coffee Fellowship..... Volunteers
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Phil Phaneuf

Advent Worship - "Awareness of Angels"

We're continuing our Advent theme today on the awareness of God's messages & messengers of love - "Keep Calm & Dream On" Mt. 1:18-22

Christmas Eve Service

4pm Candlelight Lessons & Carols with Anthems & Choral Arrangements! When inviting friends & neighbors — we can highlight the warm, easy-going welcome they would receive!

Study & Prayer

Prayer Requests

Wilma Richardson & Family, Michael O., Martha K., Ruth F, Chris H, Pete, Angelo, Harold, Mary, Bonnie H, Katie, Karen H.

Advent Study: Angels, Mysteries, & Miracles!

We're reading & discussing Bruce Epperly's Book "Angels, Mysteries, and Miracles". As always...All are welcome!
Sun. 6pm; or Tues. 10am; or Thurs. 10am.

Local Outreach

Thank You for Giving to the Coat Drive!

Linda & Chris Moore offer their deep gratitude to all of you for donating winter apparel so generously! The Open Door Mission received them with joy and appreciation!

Donate to the Grace Church Food Pantry

Toiletries: women's deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, paper towels, dish soap, toilet paper

Food: Egg Noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Kidney Beans

Please consider Small — Regular-sized containers so they may serve more families.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please see Becky or Larry Cornell. Our next delivery day is December 21st, 2025.

Community Engagement

Christmas Appreciation Gifts to Church Staff

Our church family's tradition is to donate financial gifts to our staff members in appreciation of their generous gifts of time and tal-

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🕯 Indicates to stand as you are able

🕯 **Opening Hymn**

UMH 220 (Red Hymnal)
Angels from the Realms of Glory

🕯 **Call to Worship (adapted from Luke 1)**

Liturgist: "Our soul magnifies the Lord, and our spirit rejoices in God our Savior;

People: for God has looked with favor on the humble state of God's servants.

Liturgist: the Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is God's name;

ALL: God's loving kindness is for those who love the LORD, from generation to generation.

Hymn:

WS3051 (Green Hymnal)
A Star Shone Bright

Invocation | Moment of Meditation

Children's Message

Chancel Choir Anthem

Love Is Born

Prayer for Understanding (unison)

Creator of this moment,
exchange our purchases of expectations
with Your wondrous gifts of expectancy. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-22

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Being a man of principle, and at the same time wanting to save her from exposure, Joseph made up his mind to have the marriage contract quietly set aside.

He had resolved on this, when an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home with you to be your wife. It is through the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will bear a son, and you shall give him the name Jesus, for he will rescue his people from their tragic circumstances."

Hymn:

TFWS 2094 (Black Hymnal)

Carol of the Epiphany

Meditation

Keep Calm & Dream On

Contemplative Call to Prayer

~ Ushers collect our written prayer requests at this time ~

Prayers of the People

Invitations | Offering | Offertory

☺ Doxology

UMH 221 v.4 (red hymnal)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him, give my heart.

☺ Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Deepen our awareness of the amazing dreams that may come to be through the compassion-filled generosity of our gifts. Amen.

☺ Departing Hymn:

UMH 229 (Red Hymnal)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

☺ Benediction

ent. This year includes Pastor Phil, Linda Moore (Music Director), & Susann Pruitt (recently retired Admin. Asst.). Of the gifts received, one third will go to each, unless otherwise specified by the giver.

Your gifts can be given to any member of Staff/Pastor—Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC). Please **do not** make checks out to North Chili UMC. These are gifts, not charitable donations.

Please have all of these in by Sunday, December 21st so we can distribute them on Wednesday, December 24 at the Christmas Eve service.

Thank you from SPPRC (Becky Cornell, Kathy Iannucci, Sue McCracken, Elizabeth Neider, Sue Norton; Janet Snyder (Lay Leader); Sandra Waterman (ex-officio))

Admin. Asst. Volunteering

As we search to hire a new administrative assistant, Pastor Phil will be preparing the monthly newsletter, weekly bulletins, and managing website/social media.

SPPRC is asking for volunteers to work three (3) hour time frames on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to handle the church phone, email/postal mail and general ordering. Please find the sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you! Hanging of the Greens

We appreciate the time and effort our volunteers invested in making our sacred space festive, cheery, & bright!

A Day of Caroling! December 21st!

Everyone is invited to a potluck lunch following our morning worship service on Sun., Dec. 21st. Linda Moore will lead the singing of Christmas carols and songs after the meal. Sign up sheet's on the main bulletin board. Join in for the food & song. . .two things our church does well! **AND THEN!!! at 4pm More Caroling with Friends!**

Bring your loved ones, friends & neighbors for a carol-sing event (simply calling out and singing our fave carols) in the sanctuary followed by a cookie reception!

Coffee Fellowship Volunteering!

Please volunteer to bake, set up or clean up so we may all enjoy our time together.

We welcome bakers to share your treats for Coffee hour. **With awareness to nut allergies (even nut butters)**, please label any shared food with labels accordingly.

Please sign up (on the main bulletin board) to help by setting up or cleaning up. Questions? see Sue Josephson.

Thank you, CARE Team

This Week's Events

Today

11:00 am Coffee & Refreshment Fellowship
11:30 am NCUMC 101 meeting
6 pm..... Angels, Mysteries, & Miracles Study

Tuesday 12/2

10am..... Angels, Mysteries, & Miracles Study

Thursday 12/4

10am..... Angels, Mysteries, & Miracles Study
1pm..... Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 12/6

8-10 am Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday's Worship Team - Dec. 7th

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