

MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service

December 15, 2024

Sundays at Millard

Worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. Our service can be viewed live (or later) on our <u>YouTube Sunday</u> <u>Worship playlist</u>. Upon request, an audio of the sermon is available by CD or view it on our <u>website</u>.

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Can you hear Andy Williams crooning? While that song is one of my nostalgic favorites, the reality is that the holidays are difficult for many of us. Whether because of grief, strained relationships, stress, or the shortage of daylight, this can be a tough time of year. Feeling the pressure to be extremely jolly all the time only makes us feel worse! You are invited to **Blue Christmas**, a service of hope where forced merriment is not encouraged. Worship with us and cling to Christ's light at 5:30 pm on Sunday, December 22.

Poinsettias have been given in memory of Ken Rowley, Percy & Joyce Aldrich, Sue Bjork, Russell Schut, Michael James Dillner, Matthew Christopher Fletcher, the Dillner/Schleiger parents and grandparents, Nancy Spaulding and Matthew Schleich. It's not too late to make a donation and a dedication. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

Board Meeting, Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm.

Sunday School Update: The adult class will take a break until the new year when they will begin to study the Twelve Disciples of Jesus.

Upcoming Events the children/vouth to presen

It's time for the children/youth to present the annual Christmas Pageant. They have prepared a very special "Lessons and Carols" to share with the congregation this Sunday. Children and youth should arrive at 9 am for costumes and final rehearsal time before the 10 am program.

Youth Fun Night is at the Bruns house December 15, 5-8 pm, RSVP to Ashleigh; all are welcome!

The **Choir Cantata** has a powerful message of the meaning of Christmas. Join us at 10 am on Sunday, December 22 for the story in song.





2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in Fellowship Hall. For those who give by cash or check, envelopes enable the church to provide you with an end-of-year giving statement. Thank you all for your ongoing generosity.

Happy Birthday!

December 13	Sheri Alexander
December 13	Gerald Chamberlain
December 13	Jaxson Gunyon
December 15	Megan FitzGerald
December 15	Adeline Berg
December 15	Madiline Boyd
December 22	LouAnn Getzen

Happy Anniversary

December 21Jerry and Michelle Morgan
December 23Jim and Carol Dillner

Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.

If you're looking for year-end tax deductions, consider a donation to Millard Community Covenant Church.

Christmas Eve by candlelight is a very special night! Hear from God's word and sing carols with your church family, while welcoming visitors! We'd like to have cookies and hot chocolate after the worship service. Let us know if you can bring some cookies.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip: We are collecting supplies: salad dressing packets, brownie and cake mix, chocolate chips, hand soap refills, jelly, popcorn, zip lock bags, school supplies and more. See list in the Fellowship Hall or talk to Mary Anderson.

Preparation has been in the works for our children/ youth presentation

Don't miss out on seeing this in person on Sunday!





Sunday, December 15

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader: Navis Family Lessons and Carols, presented by the Millard Children and Youth

Greeters/Ushers: **NEEDED**Sound/Video: Jan Baker
Coffee Set Up: Carole Stanczak

Sunday, December 22

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader: Bruns Family
Scripture: Ps 98:4-9, Luke 1:46-55,
Readers: Bruns Family
"Silent Night! Holy Night!" Millard Choir
Greeters/Ushers: NEEDED
Sound/Video: Jan Baker
Coffee Set Up: Donna Marshall

5:30 p.m. Blue Christmas

John 1 & Matthew 1, God with Us, Braelyn Fletcher

Greeters: **NEEDED** Sound/Video: **NEEDED**

Tuesday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve 7pm

Advent Candle Lighter/Reader:
Anderson/Radloff Family
Scripture: Luke 2:1-14, Mary Anderson
Msg: "Prince of Peace", Pastor Chris
Greeters/Ushers: **NEEDED**Sound/Video: Brit Radloff

Thank you for serving God through this church— Millard Community Covenant Church!

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