



# THE PAPER

SUNDAY, December 14th, 2025

## **SIP & STITCH- A COZY HOLIDAY HANGOUT**

Let's meet at the Starbucks in Marion on December 15th from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Whether you're finishing a gift, want to learn something new or just need to take a peaceful moment in the middle of the mess, come sip, stitch, and enjoy good company.

## **SERENDIPITY**

Serendipity, a group for retired and seniors in our church family, are meeting on Tuesday, December 16th, at noon. Members are asked to bring finger foods, salads, and desserts. We will celebrate the season with Christmas Music by Gene Goolsby and Dan Fruge. Please be sure to sign up on either the Church Center app or the sheet at the back of the sanctuary so we are prepared to welcome everyone!

## **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

Join us in a special project this Christmas season by sharing generosity and love with people in our community. This year, we're sharing a special new tradition called the "reverse advent calendar" project. As you count down to Christmas, you and your family will collect a food item in a box at home, adding to the box each day. Then bring your box of food donations to the church on Christmas Eve to share with our local food pantries. It's a great way to remember giving back at Christmas! Instructions can be found at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING LITURGY**

We would love for you to share the tradition of the Advent Wreath lighting at home. Stop by the Welcome Desk to grab special instructions on how to set up your Advent Wreath, prayers to pray, and scripture texts to read together as you light a candle at home each Sunday of Advent. Help keep your focus on the coming birth, and return, of Christ in this special way.

## **INTERACTIVE KIDS CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Come experience our Kids Christmas Worship on December 21st at 4:00 pm. Every kid who attends will have a chance to participate in telling the Christmas Story. Bring your family to celebrate Christ's birth!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Come celebrate Christmas Eve with us, and welcome the Christ Child with candle light and Silent Night. Worship services will be held December 24th at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

December 17h: This is our last meal before Christmas Break and is hosted by our Aldersgate Staff. We will resume our regularly scheduled meals January 7th.

Wake-Up Call



## SUBSCRIBE TO "THE WAKE-UP CALL"

The Wake-Up Call is daily devotion powered by Seedbed; a publishing house

focused on sharing Wesleyan materials. It is offered through email, podcast or on YouTube. Click on the QR Code to the right to subscribe. We want the whole Aldersgate family to reflect on the same devotions so we can run after awakening together!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK** This Advent, we'll be walking through "Brought to the Light," a resource from Seedbed that will help prepare our hearts for Christ's coming and all it means. You can pick up a hard copy of "Brought to the Light" at the welcome desk. The "Brought to the Light" materials are also available for free through Seedbed's Wake Up Call. Subscribe to The Wake-Up Call Podcast to listen to the devotion every day, or subscribe on the Seedbed website to receive it in email format every day. Whatever way you follow along, we hope you join us in discovering the light Jesus brings this Christmas.

## STUDENT CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN

What is better than a Christmas party? We're glad you asked. A Christmas Party Lock-In! This year's Student Lock-In will be December 21st starting at 3:30 p.m. Pick up will be Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. after a great breakfast.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES PAUSED DEC. 31ST & JAN. 1ST

Just a reminder that we will not have our regular Wednesday Night Ministries at Aldersgate December 31st and January 1st as we take a break to celebrate Christmas and ring in the New Year! All ministries, Bible Studies and the meal will resume on January 7th. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a hopeful New Year full of promises and expectations God awards us by His goodness, provision, and grace.



[WWW.MARIONALDERESGATE.ORG](http://WWW.MARIONALDERESGATE.ORG)

618.997.6065 - ASSISTANT@MARIONALDERSGATE.ORG