CALENDAR

| Sunday, 3 December 2023 | | Wednesday, 6 December 2023 | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| 9:15 AM | Anchor Worship | 10:00 AM | Hope Arbor | |
| 9:15 AM | Traditional Worship | 12:00 PM | Lunch Bunch Christmas | |
| 10:30 AM | Hope Kids Sunday School | | Gathering | |
| 10:30 AM | Sunday School | 5:30 PM | Mid-Week Prayer Meeting | |
| 4:00 PM | Chancel Choir Feast of Light Rehearsal | 5:30 PM | Feast of Lights Practice with children | |
| 5:00 PM | Student Ministry Christmas | 6:00 PM | Youth 211 Worship | |
| | Party | 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry Supervision | |
| 5:30 PM | God Squad Christmas Party | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | |
| | (off-site) | Thursday, 7 December 2023 | | |
| 5:30 PM | Handbells | 9:00 AM | Young Moms' Small Group | |
| 6:30 PM | Arts from the Island Meeting | 10:00 AM | Hope Arbor | |
| Tuesday, 5 November 2023 | | 10:00 AM | Sassy Sowers | |
| 10:00 AM | Hope Arbor | 6:00 PM | Stephen Ministry Christmas | |
| 10:15 AM | Care Partner Support Group | | Gathering | |
| 2:15 PM | Ladies Chorus at Riverview | Friday, 8 December 2023 | | |
| | | 5:00 PM | K-5 Christmas Fun | |

Tithes & Offerings

| Year to Date | As of 11/30/23 | As of 11/30/22 |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Receipts | \$1,499,712 | \$1,963,719 |
| Total Expenses | \$1,647,332 | \$2,044,041 |
| **Status | (\$147,620) | (\$80,322) |

^{**}Please not that our revenue greatly fluctuates throughout the year and is not linear. Seeing periods that appear as "overspending" is historically common, particularly during the summer months when we see a slight decrease in attendance, but have an increase in expenses.

Ways to Give

- In Person On Sunday mornings, before or after worship, place your offering in the designated box or basket at church.
- Online Visit our website to make a one-time donation or recurring gift.
- Text GIVE to 855-712-6960
- •Automated Have your donation given automatically by setting up electronic bill pay with your bank.
- Mail Mail your gift to Isle of Hope UMC, c/o Marla Grady, 412 Parkersburg Road, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

🖏 Holiday Worship Schedule 🦠

Sunday, December 10

5:00 pm Feast of Lights

Thursday, December 14

6:00 pm Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

9:15 am One Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School)

Services of Candlelight and Holy Communion:

4:00 pm Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

4:00 pm Anchor Service in the Ministry Center

6:00 pm Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve

9:15 am One Combined Worship Service in the Ministry Center (No Sunday School)

Sunday, January 7, Baptism of the Lord

9:15 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

9:15 am Anchor Service in the Ministry Center

10:30 am Church-Wide New Year's Breakfast on the Ministry Center

Pastor On Call*

December 1-3 Meg Procopio (912) 663-5512

December 8-10 Jared Wilson (478) 960-6438

* If you are in need of a pastor to respond to hospitalization, death in the family or other emergency.

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WELCOME TO ANCHOR!

December 3, 2023

Rev. Stephen Grantham
Scripture: Luke 1:5-25
"The Meaning of Memory: Promises Fulfilled"

New With Us?

Let us know by scanning the QR code!

Music for Today

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
We Have a Savior
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Light of the World



Angel Tree for Wesley Community Center • Help brighten the holidays for a child enrolled in one of Wesley Community Center's programs. Please visit the Christmas tree in the main hallway. Pick an ornament with a child's name, age, and gender, and purchase a gift listed as their choosing. Return the unwrapped gift with tag to the tree in the hallway by Wednesday, December 5. Please contact Julie Vann with any questions at jvann@iohumc.com. Thank you!

Feast of Lights • Sunday, December 10 - 5:00 p.m. Join us for this special service celebrating the joy of the Christmas season! Featuring the Isle of Hope Chancel Choir, handbell choir, children's choir, Anchor musicians, soloists, guest instrumentalists, and a live children's nativity, this is a service not to be missed!

Student Ministries • This Sunday, December 3rd, we will be having our Student Christmas Party. Our party will begin at 5:00 pm in the Green House. Please, bring a wrapped gift under \$20 for our gift exchange.

Join us at 211 Worship (Green House) on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for our Christmas Series titled *Grateful*. There will be Christmasthemed games, worship, and Bible study as we learn more about God's incredible gift to us. This study will end on December 13th.

this year, as we feel Amplify is a better fit for our needs.

We hope you will use this amazing resource for personal enrichment and family entertainment (awesome kids videos included)! If you have questions, please reach out to Marla Grady or Meg.

Change to Online Resource Reminder • In 2024, we will only be

using Amplify Media as our on-demand curriculum library for indi-

vidual study, as well as options for small group and Sunday School

curriculum. "Right Now Media" will be discontinued at the end of

To join Amplify, simply see the website below to join and get connected to hundreds of books and resources. Use the access code DCBYSJ to get started today!

https://my.amplifymedia.com/isleofhopeumcsavannahga

Wesley Community Center When doing your own grocery shopping this season, please consider picking up one or more of the items below for the Wesley Community Center. Thank you for helping others!

chicken cereal grits spaghetti spaghetti sauce peanut butter

Kindergarten - 5th Grade Christmas Fun Friday, December 8, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. • Join us for an evening of fun with dinner, games, crafts, cookie decorating, and a movie! Bring a blanket to get cozy on the floor for the movie. Register on our website under Event Registrations by Monday, December 4, or by emailing Beth Parr. (bparr@iohumc.com)

Christmas Cookies and Carols • Our Anchor Band would like to invite you to a night of Christmas cheer! Join us in the Ministry Center, December 20th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a night of Christmas Cookies and Carols. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share as we all gather together to sing our favorite songs of the season! For more information, contact Rev. Josh McLemore.

Zoom and Dinner with AJ Levine • Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 PM, we will have the rare opportunity to spend time with *Light of the World* author, Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine, via Zoom in the Ministry Center. We will have a time of conversation and to answer questions as we complete her book.

Following our time with AJ Levine, you are invited to join us for Chili and Grilled Cheese in the Ministry Center. Prepared by some of the finest cooks around, you won't want to miss this!

2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

- •2023 contributions must be received in the Church Office by **Friday, December 29, 2023**. Checks mailed **AND POST-MARKED** in 2023 will be included as 2023 contributions.
- •2023 online contributions must have a transaction date of **December 29, 2023**, to be included as 2023 contributions. It is best to do these *several days ahead of time* due to banking holidays.
- •For 2023 stock contributions, please start processing as soon as possible, as these transactions can take time to complete, specifically with the holidays.
- •Have you ever considered an IRA rollover? If you are over the age of 70½, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to a charity. The rollover is <u>Tax-Free</u>, so no need to hassle with a tax deduction. This option is a simple and effective way to make a tax-free charitable gift, while also making a difference in the lives of others through supporting IOHUMC.

The Prayer Room in the Tabby House is always available.

The door code is 1110.