

**CrossWay Covenant**

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

**December  
2024**

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Dear Friends,

The four Sundays prior to Christmas mark the season of Advent for the church, a traditional time during which believers contemplate and prepare for the celebration of the Christmas season, which runs from Christmas Day through Epiphany, on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Advent has a collection of hymns all its very own, which are about the anticipation of Christ's birth. They differ from "Christmas hymns," which celebrate that birth.

I've been in a lot of churches in which Christmas hymns simply were not sung at all until the Christmas season. That may be liturgically proper, but I also think it's a bit of a Grinch-like rule for a church to follow. Nevertheless, it is important for us to incorporate some Advent hymns into the Advent season, and among the greatest of these is, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."



"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" was written by John Wesley's brilliant brother, Charles (1707-1788), who penned approximately 6,500 hymns. This beloved song speaks of our annual anticipation of the coming of Jesus into our world, he who was "born to set thy people free," and "born a child and yet a king." As one resource puts it, "This beloved Advent text by Charles Wesley touches the full range of biblical memory and human hope, evoking the promise of Christ's coming to transform human life in the present."

Published in 1744, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" is sung to the Welsh tune "Hyfrydol" (one of my favorite words!), which means "good cheer." The site Hymnary.org notes that the song has been published in at least 745 hymnals.

Advent gives us an opportunity to consider the miraculous blessing of Christ's entrance into our world. Hymns like "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," passed down through the generations, help focus our worship on this beautiful gift from God.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bill

**Pastor's Office Hours:**

Thursday, December 12th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

**PRAYER REQUEST**

- Austin Bartlett
- Dan Burns
- Dick Chadd
- Susan Cope
- Faith Ells
- Sue Foy
- Ann France's Family
- Kevin Fruits
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Grandbaby Korhorn
- Pam Malone
- Jamie McCormick
- Michael Organ
- Bill & Vivian Payne
- Heath Pickering
- Barb Runyon
- Tony & Camie Sciotto
- Norma Sillery
- Karen Swalley
- Darlene Thomas
- Jackie Thomas
- Matthew Thomas
- John & Karen Wilbur
- Hurricane Disaster Area
- Our Country's Leader
- Israel
- Christians around the world

*Our sympathy to the family and friends of Sue Abston*

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Prayer Meeting**  
Mondays at 4:00PM
- Holy Communion**  
Sun, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:45AM
- The Women's Group**  
Wed, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM  
Christmas Dinner at Cracker Barrel
- Men's Fellowship Group**  
Sun, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM  
Men's Christmas Party
- Administrative Council**  
No Meeting in December

**VOLUNTEERS**

- Greeter**  
Cathy Pointer
- Usher**  
Sheila Chadd  
Sylvia Green
- Liturgist**  
1st Marci Welliever  
8th Sheila Chadd  
15th Marcia Shaw  
22nd Mary Ann Lowe  
29th Rhett Welliever
- Nursery**  
JoElla Haffner  
Kelly Clifton

**BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

- October 27**  
Sunday School Attendance: 23  
Sunday School Offering: \$40.00  
Worship Attendance: 28  
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,010.00
- November 3**  
Sunday School Attendance: 21  
Sunday School Offering: \$ 27.00  
Worship Attendance: 32  
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,461.00
- November 10**  
Sunday School Attendance: 22  
Sunday School Offering: \$ 61.00  
Worship Attendance: 32  
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,368.00
- November 17**  
Sunday School Attendance: 22  
Sunday School Offering: \$ 31.01  
Worship Attendance: 37  
Sunday Offering: \$ 598.25
- November 24**  
Sunday School Attendance: 21  
Sunday School Offering: \$ 13.00  
Worship Attendance: 34  
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,547.26

**Global Methodist Charge Conference  
Thursday, December 5th at 6:00PM**

**Versiti Blood Center of Indiana** will be at CrossWay Covenant Church with their Mobile Unit Saturday, December 14th from 8:30AM to 12:45PM. You can schedule your appointment on Versiti's website or contact Judy Welliever for more information.

**Santa Claus is coming to CrossWay** Sunday, December 22nd at 10:15AM. We will have hot chocolate and cookies for Santa. All are welcome to come have your picture taken with Santa and enjoy the refreshments.

**Hanging of the Greens & Luncheon**

Sunday, December 1st, following worship at 11:45AM. Dress to work & bring finger foods to share.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

All are welcome to join us Tue, December 24th, at 9:00PM

***A celebration in song, story and light***

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS**

Judy Welliever has secured December 5th for our ringing of the Salvation Army bell. Reminder: the more people who volunteer to ring, the fewer hours everyone who volunteers has to ring. See or call her to get on the schedule.



# Thanksgiving Dinner 2024

*A special thank you to the Southmont FFA, our church family and our community for all of their help and support to make this years dinner so special.*





## The Women's Group

Five women met in fellowship hall November 6, 2024. President Marci Welliever opened the meeting with prayer at 7 PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 2, 2024, meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: Sheila read a thank you from Mountie Mission for the \$500 donation.

New Business: It was decided to invite the women of the church to the December meeting which will be at the Cracker Barrel restaurant December 4, at 6:00 PM.

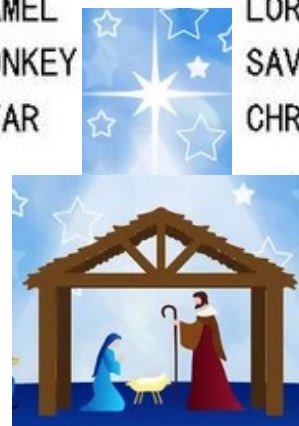
The women then planned the meetings for 2025. They also edited the scholarship application and decided the program for the Mother/Daughter banquet in May. In January 2025 the church will be invited to bring donations for the animal shelter. The women will provide a list of items needed and will deliver the donations.

Closing: Marci closed the meeting with prayer at at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is December 4 at 6 PM at Cracker Barrel.



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JESUS	HAY
MARY	ANGEL
JOSEPH	FAITH
WISEMEN	HOPE
MANGER	FRANKINCENSE
NATIVITY	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM	SILENT NIGHT
CAMEL	LORD
DONKEY	SAVIOR
STAR	CHRISTMAS

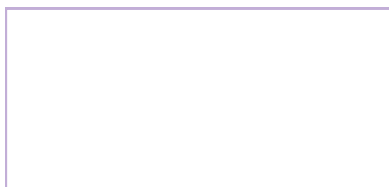




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Holy Communion 10:45AM</p> <p>Hanging of the Greens/ Lunch 11:30AM</p>	<p>2 Prayer Meeting 4PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Women's Group 6PM Cracker Barrel</p> <p>Angie Staggs Birthday</p>	<p>5 Salvation Army Kroger G M Charge Conference 6PM Jan Morse</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Men's Christmas Party 6PM</p> <p>Luke Hurt Birthday</p>	<p>9 Prayer Meeting 4PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Sue Foy Birthday</p>	<p>13 Brenda Hunt Birthday</p>	<p>14 Blood Drive 8:30AM-12:45PM</p> <p>Ryan Staggs Birthday</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Prayer Meeting 4PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Santa's Visit 10:15AM</p>	<p>23 Prayer Meeting 4PM</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9PM</p>		<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 Prayer Meeting 4PM</p>		<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

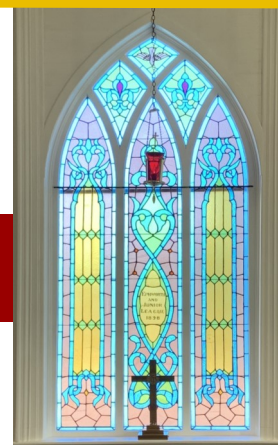
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**Come Worship With Us**

Sunday School: 9:30 AM  
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



## **Find Us On Facebook!**

Just search CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana and select Facebook.  
If you have any pictures or events you want posted, please contact Lori Hedrick.

## **Find Us On Our Website!**

Just go to [www.crosswaycovenantchurch.com](http://www.crosswaycovenantchurch.com) or google CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana  
If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, please contact Rachel Welliever