



Pastor Sue's Message

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Today is November 15, which means it's only one month and 10 days until Christmas! Sooner or later, the air will be filled with lots of holiday music including one of my favorite songs, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Let me ask you a question. Why is Christmas season the most wonderful time of the year? Is it because in this season everything is just wonderful? I doubt it. It seems like many people are more stressed out in this season than any other times, because they have more things to figure out; decorations, gifts, dinner, dinner at whose house this year? And things will be more challenging if there has been a recent separation, divorce, or death in their family. So why is this season so special?

This is the most wonderful time of the year not because things are always wonderful in this season, but because the most wonderful and amazing thing happened 2,000 years ago. And this was what happened. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ***The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Emmanuel: God is with us.***" (John 1)

That was what happened on the first Christmas, and it continues to happen to us when we open our hearts and minds to see and accept Jesus' presence in us and among us. Our Lord Jesus came to this world to bring joy to the joyless, hope to the hopeless and light to those who are in dark. **That** is the reason why this season is the most wonderful time of the year.

To celebrate this holy season, our church offers special services during the month of December. Please see them listed on our website.

This season of Advent is a just wonderful time to invite someone or anyone to our church. Please don't pass along this season without inviting somebody who doesn't know the Lord yet to MUMC. Beautiful invitations cards are prepared for you to give someone who needs to hear God's love story for her/ him through Jesus Christ. The cards are on the table in the narthex area, or you can get them from ushers on Sundays. Now, I'd invite you to pray, I mean really pray, that the Lord may put someone in your mind who needs your invitation to come to the Lord in this season and beyond. And invite her/him when the Lord answers to your prayer. I'm sure He will.

Merry Christmas!
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