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Genesis Guild Rehearsal of Annie December 16-18 @ 6:30 p.m., room 8

Sunday, Dec. 15 *Casa De Oracion* Worship @ 10:00 a.m., chapel & rooms 1,4,5,6

3rd Sunday of Advent Private Event @ 2:00 p.m., rooms 8,k

Celebrating Dick Mackin after 10:30 worship, parlor

Birthday Party for Jesus after 10:30 worship, parlor

Missions @ 12:00 p.m., room A

Monday, Dec. 16 Trustees @ 1:00 p.m., room 4,5,6

Tuesday, Dec. 17 Finance @ 7:00 p.m., room A

Wednesday, Dec. 18 Quilters @ 9:30 a.m., rooms 4,5,6

Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m., room 1

Girl Scout Troop #15492 @ 3:30 p.m., rooms 4,5,6

Chancel Choir @ 7:00 p.m., choir room

Thursday, Dec. 19 AA (Women) @ 1:00 p.m., room 1

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Friday, Dec. 20 *Longest Night Service* @ 6:30 p.m., sanctuary

Christmas In the Movies @ 7:30 parlor

Saturday, Dec. 21 Private Event @ 3:00 p.m., room 8, k

Sunday, Dec. 22 Worship in chapel @ 8:30 a.m.; Worship in sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m.

4th Sunday of Advent Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m., kitchen

Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m., rooms B,1,4, & youth suite

Casa De Oracion Worship @ 10:00 a.m., chapel & rooms 1,4,5,6

Christmas Eve Worship @ 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., sanctuary

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Advent Theme — Christmas in the Movies
3rd Sunday of Advent

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'The Innocence and Courage of Choosing Joy!'

Hammond First United Methodist Church

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Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

December 15, 2019

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* **Lighting of the Paschal Candle in Memory of Carolyn Bryan**

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, vv1-2* UMH 216
Morning and Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer Pastor Mary

Receiving of the Gifts

Offertory
* Sung Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204
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An Epistle Reading *Galatians 5:22-23*
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The Message *'The Innocence and Courage of Choosing Joy!'* Pastor Mary

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* **Dismissal with Blessing**

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Receiving of the Gifts

Offertory *O Come to Set Us Free* Chancel Choir
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Children's Time *'Joyful Singing!'* led by Papa Joe and Mr. Mike
Jingle Bells, Feliz Navidad, If You're Happy and You Know It
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