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4th Sunday of Advent
Worship in chapel @ 8:30 a.m.; Worship in sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m.
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
Neighborhood Meal Prep (Hyde Park)

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

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The church will be closed in observance of Christmas

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*Advent Theme — Christmas in the Movies
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*It's a Wonderful Life
'Friends, Angels and Carrying One Another's Burdens'*

*Hammond First United Methodist Church
6635 Hohman Avenue Hammond, IN 46324
(219) 932-5915 www.hammondfumc.org
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December 22, 2019
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Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candles, *John 1:14; 3:16-17; 1 John 4:10*

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* **Opening Hymn** *The First Noel* UMH 245

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer Hymn *The Gift of Love, vv1-2* UMH 408
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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Reading of the Word

Epistle Readings *Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:1-3*

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The Message *'Friends, Angels and Carrying One Another's Burdens'* Pastor Mary

* **Closing Hymn** *Precious Name* UMH 536

* **Dismissal with Blessing**

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Children's Time

Cheryle Seljan

Following Children's Time, children ages 1st through 5th grade are invited to go to Junior Church and children (birth through kindergarten) are very welcome in the Nursery. *Terrific* activity bags are available at the Welcome Center.

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