

Memorial First India United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 4, 2022 10:30 A.M. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ministers: *The Whole Congregation*

Together We Can Make a Difference

****** Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. At those places marked “*unison*” or printed in **bold** you are invited to join in reading aloud with the entire congregation

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE:

Peter Kotiah

GREETING & WELCOME:

Rev. Saroj Sangha

CHORAL INTROIT: (Telugu)

*Lokamulo...Nee ..Prati Roopam Maanavali, Rudhi Papaharam,
Paraloka Nivasa... Karuna Kara... Kavara...Naravathara Deva Kumara, A...A...men.*

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Angela Cornelius

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

People: The spirit of the Lord rests upon his shoulders.

Leader: Wisdom guides his feet.

People: Righteousness is the belt around his waist.

Leader: Faithfulness is the mantle upon his shoulders.

People: Counsel and might cover his head.

Leader: A shoot has come forth from the stump of Jesse.

ALL: God's promised salvation is at hand.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH #238

SERVICE OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor

Living God, we long to wake from sleep, for your kingdom has drawn near. Already, the axe is lying at the foot of the tree, and we yearn to return to you once more. May our spirits bear the fruit of repentance. We desire the blessings to be found when we respond to the prophets of old by dedicating our lives to you in word and deed. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Hold fast to the promises of God--promises of steadfast love and forgiveness. Abide in the grace of Christ. Rest in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do this and you will know life eternal.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

PRAYER RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE:

*Mr. Sumanth Raj Durgam and
Mr. Jayakumar & Mrs. Suneethy Durgam*

****DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING:**

Pastor

Minister: Live in harmony with one another,
through the hope we find in Christ Jesus.

**People: We act with righteousness and peace,
that justice may flourish, and peace may abound.**

Minister: Love with hope and grace, that joy may fill your days
like sunshine on a cold winter's day.
May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His
face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up
His countenance and give you His everlasting peace

ALL: Amen.

****BENEDICTION**

“Seven Fold Amen”

*Yehova ninnu aashirwadinchi kaa-paadugaaka.
Yehova thana Sannidhi prakashimpa jesi.
Ninnu karuninchugaaka – ninnu karuninchugaaka.
Yehova nee meeda, thana Sannidhi-kanthi nudayimpa jesi.
Neeku samadhanamu kalugajeyu gaaka.
Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen... Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Peter Kotiah

**We welcome all our visitors, friends and online worshippers to our
Worship Service, this morning.**

**Even if you are coming early, could you kindly leave the Upper Level parking for the elderly
and handicapped. Rest of the members, please
try and use the lower level parking. Thank you!!!**

We express our Christian sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Rachel Samuel and Pastor Honnappa and family in the passing away of **Mr. Richard Raja Rathnam**, brother of Mrs. Rachel Samuel, on December 1, 2022 in Bidar, India. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and host of friends and relatives. May God's comforting arms surround the bereaved family.

Christmas Carols *Please Contact Praveen Anchula (coordinator) and You may sign-up on the Bulletin Board with Day & Time you wish the “Carolers” to visit your homes. Thank you!*

*It is time to order **Christmas Poinsettias**, in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The price is \$10.00 per plant. Please complete your order form and give it to Liz or John Roth (301-924-2211) no later than **Sunday December 18, 2022.***

*Make checks payable to **MFIUMC**
and please print “Poinsettias” on the memo line.*

2022 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The MFIUMC Choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata called “**JOY**”. It is composed by Joel Raney, and will be performed on December 18, 2022, during the Worship Service, starting at 10:30 AM.

Choir practices during December will be held on both Saturdays and Sundays, beginning at 1:30 PM on those days.

Please invite your family and friends to attend this special cantata service in person at MFIUMC, or witness it online.

SHEPHERD’S TABLE

Holiday Canned Goods “WISH LIST”

We would like to encourage the congregation to share their blessings with those who are in need during this holiday season. The Shepherd’s Table is one of our Missions Projects and they are collecting canned goods to provide meals for their guests.

This Donation drive will start from November 20th - Sunday, December 11th. You will see boxes in the Narthex in which you can place your donations. We would like to thank Mr. Paul Hanreeder and the Family Ministry for taking up this Project..

Cream of mushroom soup
Canned tomato products
Green beans
Cranbury sauce
Yams in syrup
Cornmeal

Mashed potato mix/flakes
Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Rice

Thank you, for your generosity and may God bless you all.
Pastor Saroj Sangha,

December 2022

Dear Members and Friends:

We invite you and your family to celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at MFIUMC. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events. Your presence is very much appreciated.

Below is the list of CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

December 02, 2022	CAROLING at Hillhaven Nursing home	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 03, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 04, 2022	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 a.m.
December 04, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 09, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2022	CHRISTMAS PLAY & DINNER	Starting at 5:00 p.m
December 11, 2022	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 a.m.
December 11, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 16, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:30 p.m.
December 17, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 5:00 p.m.
December 18, 2022	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CANTATA	10:30 a.m.
December 18, 2022	CHRISTMAS CAROLING	Starting at 6:00 p.m.
December 24, 2022	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	7:30 p.m.
December 25, 2022	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10:30 a.m.
December 31, 2022	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	10:30 p.m.

Our God is an awesome God! Let us worship and adore Him for the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. We continue to live stream our Sunday Worship Services. May God's blessings be upon you and your family.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!!!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Saroj Sangha

“Jesus, the Light of the world”

Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the Light of the world!

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,
Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night;
Jesus, the Light of the world!

Joyful, all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Join the triumph of the skies,
Jesus, the Light of the world!

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,
Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night;
Jesus, the Light of the world!

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the Light of the world!

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,
Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night;
Jesus, the Light of the world!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace,
Jesus, the light of the world;
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the Light of the world!

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,
Come, where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night;
Jesus, the Light of the world!
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.....
Jesus, the Light of the world!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar flowers are presented to the Honor and Glory of God!

Please inform the Pastor or the Church Office if you are planning to host a Fellowship hour in the Parlor, so proper arrangements can be made.

Please remember to take home the altar flowers you placed in celebration or memory of your loved ones.

Please don't forget to place your donations to the Breast Cancer Awareness in the PINK Box that's kept in the Narthex next to the bulletins.

TODAY – 2nd Sunday in Advent. Please sign in the Caroling sheet if you want the carolers to visit your home. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Following the Worship Service, please join in the Parlor as Michael and Nishita Kola celebrate their second son, Nolan Kola's birthday.

Saturday, December 10, 2022 – Children's Christmas Play based on, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" followed by Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 3rd Advent Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study has been at 7:00 pm. Via Zoom.

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study is held via Zoom.

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is in the Church Parlor.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. John Punith, Mr. Sikander Henry, Mr. Scott Whittemore (Liz Roth's Cousin), Mr. T. Vishwas Rao Jude, Mr. Sandeep Keshiah, Dr. Prabha Clarence, Mr. Moses Peram (Kalyani Bezwada's brother), Mr. Paul Jerome Kola, Mr. Anil Keshiah, Mrs. Pauline Robinson and her son Mr. Anthony Robinson, Mrs. Victoria Jaipal, Mrs. Stella Samuel, Mr. Sherlock Ratanjee, Mr. Raphael Neville Victor, Mr. Richard McMullen, Mrs. Esther Cornelius and Mrs. Asuntha Francis (Mrs. Rachel Samuel's sister).

CHILDREN RECEIVING CARE AT HOME: Elysia Durgam and Abigail Channuri.

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Office hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday thru Friday, www.mfumc.org

Our Sunday attendance and Offering for Thanksgiving Sale on November 27th, 2022

Total Thanksgiving Sale \$10,606.00 Tithes and Thanksgiving Offering = \$8,110.00

Attendance: 86 Adults 16 Youth 10 Children = 112

Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Angela Cornelius; **Readers:** Dr. Anil Kumar & Paul Hanreeder; **Acolyte:** Pranay Medapally

Communion Steward

Liz Roth