

# Humline

December 2022

## God With Us, God Among Us



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## As We Wait

by Pastor Jacob Eun

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner and then the New Year. December is always a busy month but definitely our favorite. This is a season where we go shop gifts, decorate our houses, send cards, plan parties and festivities, go to concerts and performances, and meet our friends and families. "It's the most wonderful time of the year" - the music swirls toward our ears from stores, on radio, and on TV.

In this season of waiting called Advent, I looked back at my calendar from January to now. Life did offer to me a wide array of emotions through ordinary and extraordinary events. I completed my last unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Yale New Haven Hospital. My time at Yale New Haven Hospital as a chaplain taught me that often, healing comes in forms of empathy and connection. I began my chaplain and pastoral position at a nursing home for individuals with AIDS and HIV in New Haven. I had to say goodbye to my previous church family in Wallingford in June. I met a new wonderful church family here in Huntington in July. My move was in August. I went to Korea to visit my family and girlfriend in September. My family came to the States in October.

Looking back the year, I can confidently say that God has been with me in amazing ups and devastating downs of my life. I do especially feel God's presence through your love and commitment to this church. Out of your busy schedule and precious resources, you chose to share yourself for the mission and ministry of our church, for the glory of God. So I give thanks to God for every one of you whom God called together to be one family.

In this season of waiting, I invite you to look back the year and count your blessings. Christmas is a special time of the year, and we love all the decorations, lights and candles, trees, holiday cheer, but I always think it's important to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. That is God with us. Name blessings in your life one by one, see what God has done, and celebrate God's presence that sustained you. When your family gathers, take the courage to invite your loved ones to a time of sharing and prayer of joy and thanksgiving and offer the prayer to God.

A simple but important prayer: God, thank you for this time when we can all be together. Thank you for this food on the table. Thank you for this joyful holiday. Thank you for making us one family in you. And above all, thank you for being with us. With joy we pray, Amen.

## December Worship Series God With Us, God Among Us

In the season of Advent, we prepare to welcome Jesus, the Messiah in God With Us. This year, as we await our Lord, we will put ourselves in the place of the first people who awaited and celebrated Jesus' birth. Through their stories, we will learn what it meant for God to be with them, and we will open our eyes to experience God with us, too.

### 12.4 Second Sunday of Advent

Six Miles from the King  
Matthew 2:1-8

### 12.11 Third Sunday of Advent (Carols and Cocoa after church)

God With Us  
1 John 4:11-16

### 12.18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata for 10:00am worship

12.24 5pm Christmas Eve Family Service  
10pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### 12.25 Christmas Sunday

Who Might Be the Messiah Among Us?  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Revelation 21:3



## Missions and Outreach for the Christmas Season

For our October mission and outreach project, we continued our tradition of Coat-tober. Thanks to your generous gifts and donations, we have collected about 100 coats and distributed them to our Social Worker at Covenant to Care, Mount Aery Baptist Church Warming Center (Bridgeport), Daily Bread Clothes and Food Pantry (Danbury) and Center for Family Justice, Domestic Abuse Homes (Bridgeport). They are greatly appreciated by the people at these centers. All glory to God!

And for our Christmas season, we have two missions for you to choose from to mark this holiday season. In anticipation of the birth of our Savior, we will be collecting food every day throughout Advent with a "**Reverse Advent Calendar**". Typical Advent calendars are filled with candy and you open one each day but our "Reverse Advent calendar" allows you to donate or give something back instead!

As an alternative, we ask that you participate in "**Operation Christmas Box**" by filling in a shoebox with simple children's gifts/toys and a letter to the child wishing them a Merry Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity for those in need.



**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

Huntington United Methodist Church in Shelton, CT is looking for a Sunday School pastor who has a heart for children's ministry and has a vision to build them up in faith. Children's Pastor is generally responsible for Sunday School (September to June) and special children's ministry events. These seasonal activities are a way for you to reach new families and connect current ones in the church. Our website is currently renovating and will be updated soon.

**Children Pastor Responsibilities**

- Lead children's Sunday worship from 10 to 11am (praise, worship, sermon, etc.)
- Oversee, grow, and coordinate children ministry with teachers
- Develop positive relationships with students and their parents
- Nurture children within the boundaries of United Methodist Church's theology and beliefs
- Plan and lead programs including but not limited to: (Easter Sunday, Rally Day, Halloween, Christmas, etc.)

**Children Pastor Requirements:**

- Evident relationship with Jesus Christ
- A servant leader with a deep love for God and children
- MDiv graduate or candidate
- Experience with children is a plus

**Position Information**

Job Title	Sunday School Pastor
Compensation	\$800 - \$1,000 a month

**Application Requirements:**

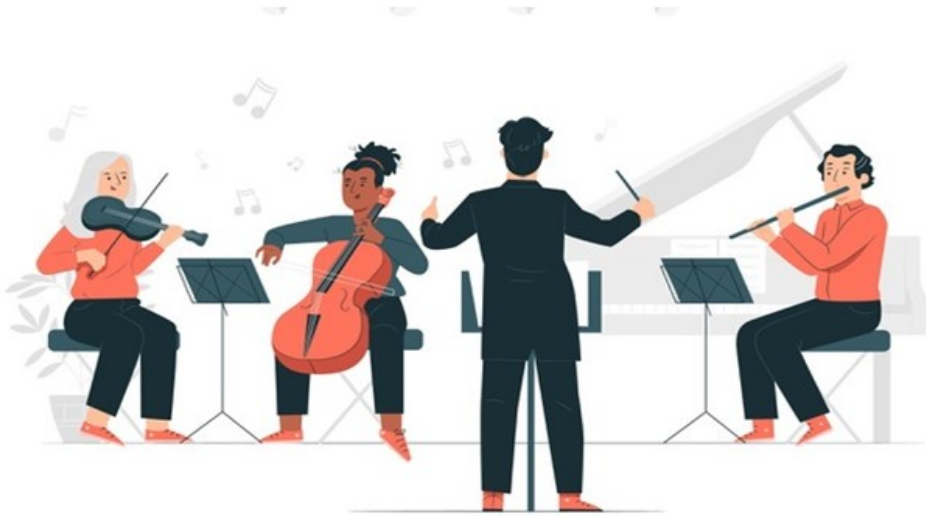
Resume & Personal statement or biography

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jacob at [hanbin.eun@gmail.com](mailto:hanbin.eun@gmail.com).



## Mini Orchestra

We are looking to put together a mini orchestra. If you play an instrument, let us know. If you are in school and need community service hours this might be a good opportunity.



Do you play an instrument?  
Volunteers Needed for Our Mini Orchestra  
(duo, trio, or quartet)

**When** Sunday Worship at 10:00am

**Where** Huntington UMC  
338 Walnut Tree Hill Road, Shelton, CT 06484

Feel free to contact us at  
[office@huntingtonumc.com](mailto:office@huntingtonumc.com) or 203-929-5545

## Snippets of Our Church





Thanksgiving / Friendsgiving Potluck Luncheon. Thank you all for coming and celebrating our church! Special thanks to those who brought food for all and Jones Farms for sharing their harvests with us!



During our church conference



## Mark Your Calendar

### Weekly Meetings/Events

Mon	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm HUMC
Wed	Bell Choir	7:15pm HUMC
Thu	Choir	7:00pm HUMC

### Mark Your Calendar!

Sun	12/04	Second Sunday of Advent	
Sun	12/04	Church Council	11:15am (at HUMC)
		Youth Outing	4:00pm (at HUMC)
Sun	12/11	Third Sunday of Advent	
		Carols and Cocoa	11:00am (at HUMC)
Sun	12/18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
		Christmas Cantata	10:00am (at HUMC)
Sat	12/24	Christmas Family Service	5:00pm (at HUMC)
Sat	12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc	10:00pm (at HUMC)
Sun	12/25	Christmas Sunday	10:00am (at HUMC)

### Happy Birthday (December)

11 Amy Miller	13 Steven Peiffer	14 Timothy Tyler
15 Sandra Smart	26 Donna Graham	29 Adeline Poach

### Happy Anniversary (December)

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## Announcements

### Welcome

1. If you need to schedule a time with Pastor Jacob, you can reach to him at 203-615-3214 or [leadpastor@huntingtonumc.com](mailto:leadpastor@huntingtonumc.com)
2. Join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30am (in-person) or 10:00am (in-person, Zoom, and Youtube). Meeting ID for Zoom is 867 9342 7439 and Youtube, search Huntington United Methodist Church.

### Announcements

1. Adult Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7:00pm at HUMC. Please join us as we study the Word of God.
2. The HUMC Ushers are making a come-back! We are looking for regular church goers but if you aren't able to make your assigned date, we always have others on the team ready to fill in. Please let Brian Kweder ([kweder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kweder@sbcglobal.net), 860-803-0760) know if you would like to be an usher.
3. Need a Ride? Please call Darlene Reilly-Lengyel (203-260-3067). Our team will be happy to help provide you with a ride to and from church.
4. Meal Train is here to help. Please contact Pastor Jacob or Membership and Evangelism co-chairs Amanda Wetmore ([akovacs38@gmail.com](mailto:akovacs38@gmail.com)) or Kate Kieley ([katekieley@hotmail.com](mailto:katekieley@hotmail.com)) for more information.
5. Spooner House Meals. We have just posted our new 2023 sign-up sheet. Please follow the link below to sign up for a date in 2023: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAC22A3F4C34-2023>

### Support Our Ministries

1. Mission Annual Coat Drive. The Missions and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for donating 98 beautiful coats and many hats, gloves and scarves! They will be divided and distributed to people in need.
2. Be sure to use Amazon Smile so that our church gets a portion of the profit. Same prices, same Amazon Prime and shipping. Only difference is that in the corner it says "Amazon Smile" and "you have designated HUMC to receive donations."

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