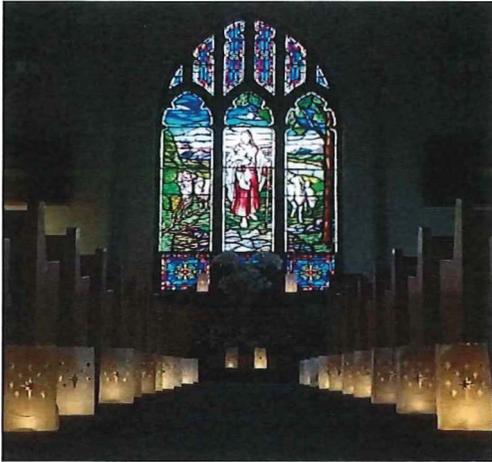


# ADVENT AT TUMC 2020

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## *I Believe... Even When...*

**TUMC Christmas CONNECTIONS during ADVENT – We are coming to you this week with bags that include the following:**

Dear Church Family – Advent 2020 will be different in many ways compared to previous years. Despite the challenges of not being able to sing safely and to be physically close, we believe that we can enjoy the songs of the season and be connected to one another. With this in mind, the worship team has developed five

opportunities for us to be united during this Advent season in addition to worship each week. Our Advent theme is "**I Believe.... Even When...**"

**1. Devotional Meditation** – Christmas carols have been selected to be our weekly focus. A devotional meditation for each week's song has been prepared for us to use at home. As you read and reflect on its message, may you feel the love of Christ and your fellow church family members.

**2. " I Believe.... Even When...."** is the weekly worship Advent Theme. As we reflect on the weekly messages, we would like YOU to share how you respond to the following statements so that we might share these thoughts as part of worship.

" I Believe in **Hope** even when.... \_\_\_\_\_."

" I Believe in **Love** even when... \_\_\_\_\_."

" I Believe in **Joy** even when ... \_\_\_\_\_."

" I Believe in **Peace** even when ... \_\_\_\_\_."

Email your thoughts to [office@thorndaleumc.org](mailto:office@thorndaleumc.org) Please use **ADVENT** in the subject line.

**3. "Christmas Connection" Zoom Meetings** – Please join us for a time of sharing on **Sundays in Advent at 7 p.m.** Pastor Shauna will be sending the Zoom links, via email, for the meetings held on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec 13, and Dec. 20. During the Zoom gathering, we will light our luminary candles together and have an informal sharing/connecting time.

**4. Luminary Kit** – To continue to feel united, we are offering a Luminary connection. If you are not able to join the Zoom meeting, you can still connect by lighting your candle on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. on the four Sunday nights in Advent. we hope that you will light the battery-operated tea light, place it in the small white bag and place it in your window or front door.

**5. Crismon Kits and Directions** – Crismons are decorations using symbols of our faith. We hope you will create Crismons for the **church tree** with the supplies provided. We have included enough supplies so that you can also make Crismons for your tree. You will need to supply scissors, glue and creativity. Remember to include your name on your Crismon before you hang it on the tree at church or drop the decoration off to the church. We will be happy to hang it for you.

Be in touch with any questions, and invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

We pray that you and your family stay safe and healthy this holiday Season.

May you feel God's love and peace as you celebrate the birth of His Son.

**TUMC Worship Team**