

AMLIN UMC

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RECONCILING MINISTRY



Here at Amlin, all are invited to come as you are to praise the Lord and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that we are all called to love our neighbor and that all people are worthy of love. It is our differences that make us whole. If you are new to Amlin, we hope you'll find a place where you are warmly welcomed and feel at home.

OUR MISSION

Go and make disciples for the transformation of the world!

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BELOVED IN CHRIST,

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU IN THIS HOLY SEASON. AS WE ENTER THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WE STEP ONCE AGAIN INTO THE SACRED RHYTHM OF ADVENT, A SEASON OF WAITING, WATCHING, AND WONDERING. ADVENT IS NOT SIMPLY THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS; IT IS THE CHURCH'S BOLD DECLARATION THAT GOD IS NOT DONE WITH US YET. IT IS THE TIME WHEN WE LEAN FORWARD IN HOPE, TRUSTING THAT THE SAME GOD WHO SPOKE LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS CONTINUES TO SPEAK LIFE, HEALING, AND NEW BEGINNINGS INTO OUR WORLD TODAY.

ADVENT INVITES US INTO A HOLY TENSION: CHRIST HAS ALREADY COME, AND CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN, YET WE WAIT FOR CHRIST TO BE BORN IN US TODAY. IN THIS SEASON, WE LIGHT CANDLES, HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE, NOT BECAUSE THE WORLD IS ALREADY FILLED WITH THOSE THINGS, BUT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT CAN BE. ADVENT TRAINS OUR EYES TO SEE GOD'S PRESENCE NOT ONLY IN THE MANGER OF BETHLEHEM, BUT ALSO IN THE ORDINARY PLACES OF OUR LIVES: IN AN UNEXPECTED KINDNESS, IN A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT, IN THE COURAGE TO LOVE WHEN IT WOULD BE EASIER TO WITHDRAW.

THIS DECEMBER, I PRAY WE MAY ALL SLOW DOWN ENOUGH TO TRULY NOTICE THE WAYS CHRIST IS ALREADY DRAWING NEAR. IN A WORLD THAT OFTEN MOVES FASTER THAN OUR SOULS CAN KEEP UP WITH, ADVENT CALLS US TO BREATHE DEEPLY AND LISTEN FOR THE QUIET FOOTSTEPS OF GOD. THE PROPHET ISAIAH REMINDS US, "THOSE WHO WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH", AND ADVENT IS OUR SEASON OF HOLY WAITING,

WHERE STRENGTH, RENEWAL, AND COURAGE ARE GIVEN TO US AS GIFTS FROM GOD. AS A CHURCH FAMILY, MAY WE BECOME PEOPLE WHO PRACTICE HOPE. HOPE IS NOT WISHFUL THINKING; IT IS THE CONVICTION THAT THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE TRUSTWORTHY. IT IS THE BELIEF THAT RECONCILIATION IS POSSIBLE, THAT HEALING CAN COME, THAT JUSTICE WILL RISE, AND THAT LOVE, THE DEEP, STEADFAST, WORLD-REMAKING LOVE OF GOD, STILL HAS THE FINAL WORD. THIS IS THE HOPE THAT ADVENT PLANTS IN US LIKE A SEED.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU DURING THIS MONTH TO STAY ROOTED IN THE PRACTICES THAT

DRAW YOU CLOSER TO CHRIST: PRAYER, WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE, ACTS OF KINDNESS, COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING, AND TIME SPENT IN GENUINE COMMUNITY. THESE SMALL, FAITHFUL STEPS CREATE SPACE FOR CHRIST TO BE BORN IN US AGAIN. AND AS CHRIST GROWS IN US, WE GROW IN GRACE, IN PATIENCE, AND IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

AS YOUR PASTOR, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EACH OF YOU. YOU ARE A GIFT TO THIS CHURCH AND TO THE WORK GOD IS DOING HERE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS, YOUR GENEROSITY, YOUR PRAYERS, AND THE WAY YOU EMBODY CHRIST'S LOVE IN THIS COMMUNITY. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS GUIDING US INTO A HOPEFUL FUTURE, A FUTURE MARKED BY GROWTH, DEEPER DISCIPLESHIP, AND A WIDENING EMBRACE OF ALL GOD'S PEOPLE.

MAY THIS ADVENT SEASON FILL YOUR HOME WITH PEACE, YOUR HEART WITH JOY, AND YOUR SPIRIT WITH RENEWED HOPE. MAY CHRIST MEET YOU IN SURPRISING PLACES. AND MAY WE, AS A CHURCH, CONTINUE TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD, ONE CANDLE, ONE PRAYER, ONE ACT OF KINDNESS AT A TIME.

COME, LORD JESUS. COME AND MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

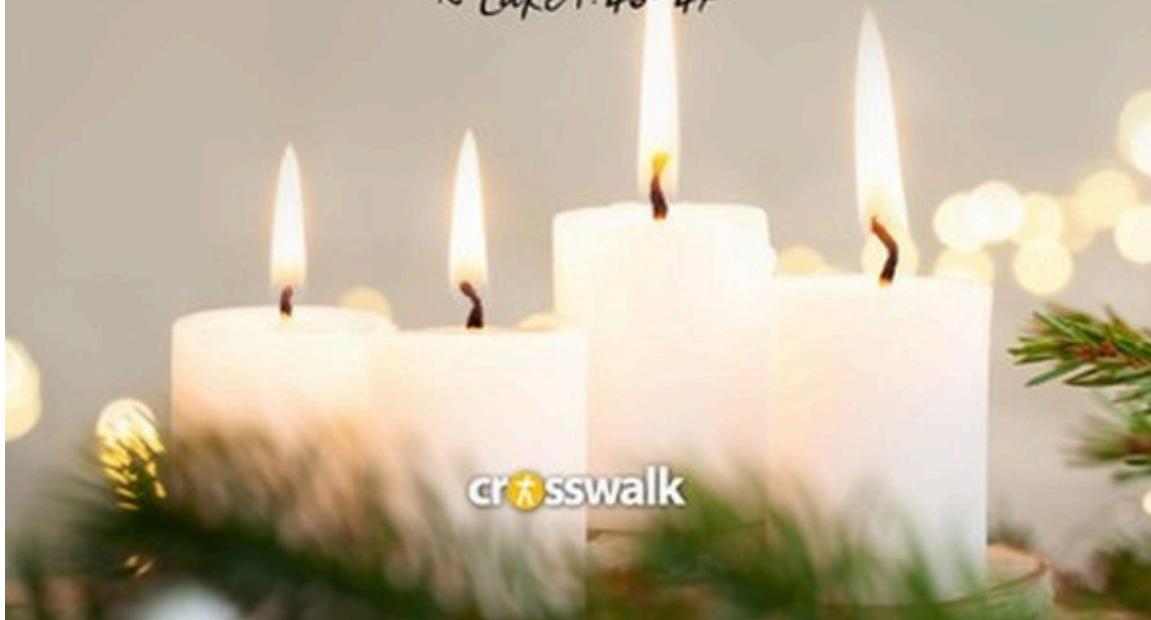
BLESSING,

PASTOR JACKSON

REJOICE

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies
the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior"

~ Luke 1:46-47



crosswalk



AMLIN

Advent 2025

12/7: WORSHIP @ 10 AM
IN THE CHAPEL

12/14: WORSHIP @ 10 AM
IN THE NEW LIFE CENTER

12/21: WORSHIP @ 10 AM
IN THE CHAPEL

12/24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
@ 7PM
IN THE NEW LIFE CENTER

12/28: CHRISTMAS HYMN SING @
10AM IN THE CHAPEL

Advent of Grace



AN ADVENT OF GRACE

This advent Season we would love to hear your testimony. Each Sunday in the month of December we would love one person to take five minutes to share what is on your heart. What is your testimony in the season of Advent? Check out the sign up genius if you are interested in signing up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AADA723A7FB6-60159069-advent>



We're collecting Winter hats and gloves for kids in need at Beacon Elementary. Drop off in the office before December 19th. Alli will drop off at the school.



New Year
New Plan

**BUCKET
O'BILLS
SUNDAYS**



**THIS MONTH WE WILL BE
COLLECTING GIFT CARDS OR CASH
FOR BEACON ELEMENTARY, TO
HELP PROVIDE WINTER COATS.**

COOKIES CAN BE PUT ON ALLI'S DESK SO SHE
CAN DROP THEM OFF ON MONDAY, DECEMBER
15TH.



**"A kind gesture
can reach a wound
that only compassion
can heal."**

—STEVE MARABOLI



Christmas Eve Worship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
@ 7:00PM IN THE NLC



Christmas Hymn/Carol Sing

Dec. 28 @10
in the Chapel



LET'S BE

FRIENDLY FARE

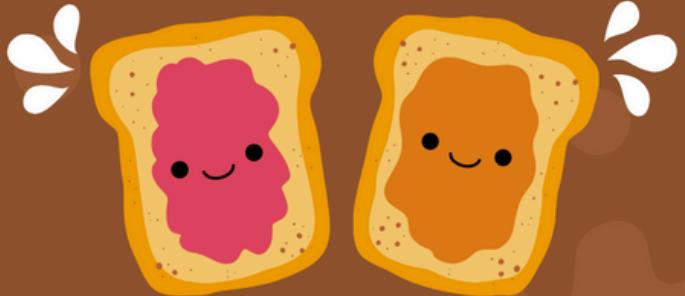
DONATIONS NEEDED:

- BREAD, PEANUT BUTTER, & JELLY
- INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS & GRANOLA BARS
- BROWN LUNCH SACKS, & ZIPLOCK SANDWICHES BAGGIES
- CASH DONATIONS



TOGETHER

JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH TO
PREPARE MEALS FOR
JORDAN'S CROSSING



FRIENDLY FARE

IN MISSION



Amlin Prayer
Whisperers Group

Text and Pray Together
John 16:24



Only \$160
per
Month

 **5441 COSGRAY RD.**
DUBLIN

PRESCHOOL

@ *Amlin*

- 2 teachers
- Mondays and Wednesdays
- Morning Classes 9:30-11:30
 - 2 openings
- For ages 3, 4, & 5, must be potty trained
Follow the Hilliard City Schools calendar

Play and
faith-based
learning



REGISTER TODAY



614-893-3260



Amlincommunitypreschool@gmail.com

STATE OF THE CHURCH

OCTBER GIVING: \$9,828.00

BUDGET: \$15,114.00

NOVEMBER GIVING: \$9,277.00

BUDGET: \$15,114.00

***BUDGET IS THE AMOUNT THAT IS NEEDED**

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

OCTBER: 29

NOVEMBER: 28

AMOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER DOES NOT INCLUDE NOVEMBER 30TH GIVING.



CALENDAR:

12/15: PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

@9:30

12/24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 7PM IN NEW
LIFE CENTER (NLC)

12/28: HYMNS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE
CHAPEL