#### Prayer Needs Support

Austin Smith

Jacob Martin

Jan Wiford

Bob & Marlene Berryman

Family of Regina Hittepole

Angie Slagle Michael Ceyler Tammy & Chace Hindall Jahn, Sophie, & Theodore Swob Family of Shirley Sheffer

Healing

Nick Welker Brook's Uncle Steve Mike South Jr. Ben Sherman Adam Schulze Jim Rankin Rob Wagner Jodi Keiser Josh Baldwin Jim Smith Rhonda McKibben Pat Kauffman **Tim Hughes Cindy Barhorst** John Harding Tammy's Aunt Dawn Macey Bryant Joannie Fishback's daughter Susie Altizer Scott Will

Josh Center Lee Stark Bonnie & Danny Loomis Shirley Lawson John Jackson Dan Jacobs Bruce Michael Tom Larger Dave Rose Peyton Cartwright Barry Gill Wayne Bowman Greg Slagle Deb Savage Mary Lou Yinger Rvan Strunck Terri Yinger Andrea Kittel Jennifer Gillespie Dave Nagel Sr.

**Shut-ins:** Marcia Atkinson, Bob Berryman, Sandy Bowman, Carol Ann Slagle, Carolyn Stone

### **Military Personnel**

TSGT Dan Hall, Nathan Hill, Clint Morgan, Lt. Nate Lukey, SSGT Therron Galesky

#### **Missions and Ministries**

Alpha Center Gideons International Kobonal Haiti Mission Salvation Army Our College Students Agape Ministries Red Bird Missionary Conference Jackson Area Ministries Revive Ohio Brad Hurtig/Stand for Truth Discover, Experience, and Share God's Love At Jesus' Country Home



New Hope United Methodist Church 8985 W. Mason Rd Sidney, OH 45365 Rob Berryman, Pastor Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ and to bring hope, grace, and salvation to God's people December 24 – Christmas Eve

**Gathering** Prepare for worship by silencing cell phones and ending conversations

# Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Leader: We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

# All: Soon the Light will shine in the darkness, soon the Baby will be born.

Leader: Soon God will once again break into our lives,

# All: coming in a way that is expected yet unusual, challenging our expectations and calling us to see life differently.

Leader: Let us pray: God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence,

# All: Reawaken in us the awe of Christmas.

Leader: As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor,

# All: Remind us that we are called to respond to You in unexpected ways.

Leader: And when we leave this place,

### All: May we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said "Yes!" and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.

Leader: We pray in the name of the Child, who even now is starting to push from the womb, who would later teach His friends to pray, saying,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Carol

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Christ Candle All: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the longawaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ, our hopeis fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

Leader: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

All: A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

Scripture Lesson		Psalm 96
Special Music	"Hark"	Ella Lu Ashby
Scripture Lesson		Isaiah 9:2-7
Carol	"O L	ittle Town of Bethlehem"
Scripture Lesson		Titus 2:11-14
Carol		"The First Noel"
Scripture Lesson:		Luke 2:1-20
Message	"It Came l	Jpon the Midnight Clear"
Song of Preparation	"It Came L	Jpon the Midnight Clear"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The United Methodist Church celebrates a table open to all. Parents decide when children may participate.

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Closing Song \*Benediction and Sending Forth "Silent Night"

(\*You are invited to stand as able)

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