

COURTS

United Methodist
Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

HOPE



December 3, 2017

Pastor Matt Hall

Couts United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 3, 2017
1st Sunday in Advent - Liturgical Color - Purple

COUNTDOWN

Gesu Bambino - instrumental

WELCOME / REGISTRATION

Cindy Hott

(Please fill out the registration on the last page of the bulletin, tear along the perforated line and place in the offering plate.)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211 vs 1

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH “Hope”

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211 vs 7

GREETING

Cindy Hott

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Matt Hall

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Matt Hall

Leader: All creation holds its breath.

People: **The time is almost here.**

Leader: The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

People: **Excitement is all around us.**

Leader: Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

All: **Hear the Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us. We gather to make ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, our hope.**

***PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC**

O Come, All Ye Faithful #234 vs 1 & 6

O Little Town of Bethlehem # 230 vs 1, 3 & 4

OFFERING / PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Matt Hall

“When Hope Came Down”

Lisa Cockerell, solo

CHILDREN'S STORY
DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lydia Bertram
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MESSAGE "Stay Alert"
SCRIPTURE Mark 13: 24-37

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Matt Hall

"Cornerstone"

***INVITATION**

Congregation

The First Noel #245 vs 1 & 2

(If you want to join Couts United Methodist Church and/or make a commitment to Christ, you are invited to join Pastor Matt at the front of the sanctuary.)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt Hall

**If you are able, we invite you to stand.*

Worship Volunteers

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Sound	Mar Rooney
Slides	Kathy Smith
Usher	Bobby Curry
Greeter	Eliza Utley
Children's Sermon	Lydia Bertram
Children's Church	Sarah Moden-Alliston
Stewards	Randy Samson & Jimmie Whitt
Hospitality Table	Couts Staff & Friends

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Sound	Butch Hott
Slides	Becky Bond
Usher	Ricky Torbett
Children's Sermon	Sarah Moden-Alliston
Children's Church	Sarah Moden-Alliston
Greeters	Nancy Martin
Stewards	Nancy Martin & Eliza Utley
Hospitality Table	GPS Sunday School Class

for the week of December 3, 2017

Today

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
11:45 a.m. - Church Council Meeting - Chapel

Monday

6:00 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Court of Honor-Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. - Men's breakfast at Wanda's Restaurant

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Force
3:30 p.m. - Kidzone
5:30 p.m. - Snack Supper
6:00 p.m. - Ephesians Bible Study
6:00 p.m. - Armor of God Bible Study
6:00 p.m. - Tweens
6:00 p.m. - Youth
6:00 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 a.m. - Holland Lake Christmas Shoppe
6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting - Conference Room

Friday

6:00 p.m. - Emmaus Community Gathering - Silver Creek UMC
in Azle - bring a covered dish to share

Next Sunday

11:45 a.m. - Cousts Care Corps Training

PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER



Couts UMC Youth

Loving God, Loving Neighbor



Sunday, December 3rd

9:30 am - Sunday School - ""

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH - November 29

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Snack Suppers

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

\$3.00 per adult - Children 12 and under \$1.00

Youth eat for free

Menu:

12/06/2017

Meatloaf / potato's & salad

12/13/2017

Turkey Tetrazzini / veggies & salad



**Debt Reduction
Update**

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As of 9/07/17

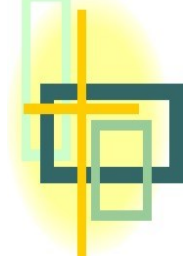
**Debt Reduction Commitment Total:
\$381,448**

**Debt Reduction Amount Collected:
\$115,100**

Loan Balance:

As of 1/31/17 - \$908,567.67

As of 12/3/2017 - \$774,597.37



**Church Council
Meeting
Today,
December 3rd
11:45 a.m.**

In the Chapel

2018 Budget Presented



**Boy Scout
Court of Honor**

**Monday,
December 4th**

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Christmas Shop

**Holland Lake Christmas Shop
Thursday, December 7th**

**Arrive @ Holland Lake
between 9 am & 10 am
to help with the shop**



**Trustee Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 7th
6:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room
(combined meeting for
November and December)**

Prayer Request

Please tear off on the perforated line and place in the offering
(Prayer requests that are submitted on this form are given to and prayed for by our Prayer Force the following Wednesday)

Name requesting prayer for _____

Comments: _____

Submitted by: _____

Comments _____

**Emmaus Community
Gathering
Friday, December 8th
6:00 p.m.
Silver Creek UMC - Azle
Bring a covered dish to share**



**Finger Foods
and 42**



**Tuesday,
December 12**

**6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
Bring a covered dish to share
Everyone is invited to attend.**



**Coats Center
of Hope Days**

**Wednesday and Thursday
December 13 & 14**

**Signups are in the
Welcome Center**



**Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24th**

**10:30 a.m. - Morning Service
(No Sunday School)
7:00 p.m. - Candlelight/
Communion Service**

Attendance Registration / Welcome Visitors

12/03/2017

If you are visiting Coats, we want to welcome you and we hope that you have a great worship experience with us today. Please fill out the contact information, tear on the perforated line and put in the offering plate.

Name: (Please list all of your family that are in attendance)

Street Address:

City

Zip

Email Address:

Telephone #

Member **Visitor** **Active in another church in Weatherford** **Out of town guest** **Wish to join** **Desire a call**
Attend Coats Regularly **First Time Visitor** **Comments** _____