



2023 Advent Devotional Submission Material

We believe there is a story in **you** that can faithfully encourage others this Advent season! Submit a short written devotional, 2-D art, or photo (based on one of the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, or Love) now through October 1. More details, examples, and possible scripture passages to choose from can be found on our webpage at www.fountaincityumc.org. Our Devotional Team will be glad to help you edit your submission and offer suggestions. Due to space limitations, it's possible not all submissions may be used. Contact advent@fountaincityumc.org for more information.

The final devotional will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 26 in the welcome center and distributed digitally starting the first Sunday of Advent, December 3.

Please Complete The Following And Include With Your Submission

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Permission of Use Agreement

By submitting your written work, 2-D art, or photo you understand and agree that you are giving permission to Fountain City United Methodist Church (FCUMC) to distribute your original work in part or in whole, for free, including by example but not necessarily limited to, in print, on social media, in video, in a podcast, and in self-developed newsletter and bulletin publications. Additionally, you are giving permission to FCUMC to use your material in promoting future Advent Devotional efforts.

_____ I agree to the Permission of Use Agreement

Written Devotional Instructions

1-Due Date: October 1

Your submission must be received by October 1 to the church office.

2-Theme

Advent is the four-week season that precedes Christmas. Each week has a specific theme. Please designate which theme your submission represents best.

- HOPE (The Prophecy Candle), December 3-December 9
- PEACE (The Bethlehem Candle) December 10-December 16
- JOY (The Shepherd's Candle) December 17-December 23
- LOVE (The Angel's Candle) December 24-December 30

3-Length and Style Guide:

Written submissions need to be between 250-300 words. Please include your name, a title, a brief summary statement, and a short closing prayer or mediation with your submission.

4-Final Product

We will self-produce this booklet on folded 8.5X11 inch paper. Your devotional will also be used through our social media outlets, and may also be read by a volunteer for a video or podcast for the season of Advent.



Some suggestions when writing your devotional:

- When you write your devotional, be sure to speak from your own experience or feelings. Pick a scripture passage to anchor your thoughts and direction.
- Allow a title to emerge from your writing.
- Provide a brief “summary” of the devotional. If possible, keep this to 30 words or less.
- Provide a short prayer for your reader to use with your devotional. Keep this to 20 words or less.

Digital Art and Photo Submission Instructions

1-Due Date: October 1

Your submission must be received by October 1 to the church office.

A high-quality file will be needed to properly reproduce your art. Contact Stan Kelly, through the church office (865.689.5175) for help in taking a picture or scanning your art. Please be sure you read and understand our permission of use policy before submitting.

2-Size

We will self-produce this full-color booklet in a 8.5X5.5 format (on folded 8.5X11 inch paper). Your art will also be used through our social media outlets. Original art needs to include a title and your name. Art will be sized to no more than 4.5 inches by 10 inches and will be full color. It may be in landscape or portrait format.

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Need help?

If you have questions, contact our Advent Devotional Team by emailing us at: advent@fountaincityumc.org, or give us a call through the church office: 865-689-5175

Thank You For Helping Out!

Thank you for being part of this important church-wide project! We anticipate that your work will help illuminate the path to Christmas, offering inspiration, hope, and a deeper connection to the meaning of the season.

Thank you, and we wish you a very Merry (early) Christmas!

The Advent Devotional Team