Sunday, November 30, 2025

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

Post-Thanksgiving with Max

HOUSE OF RAEFORD FARMS

Come back Friday

Our family in Ottawa

Shirley and Stewart

Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

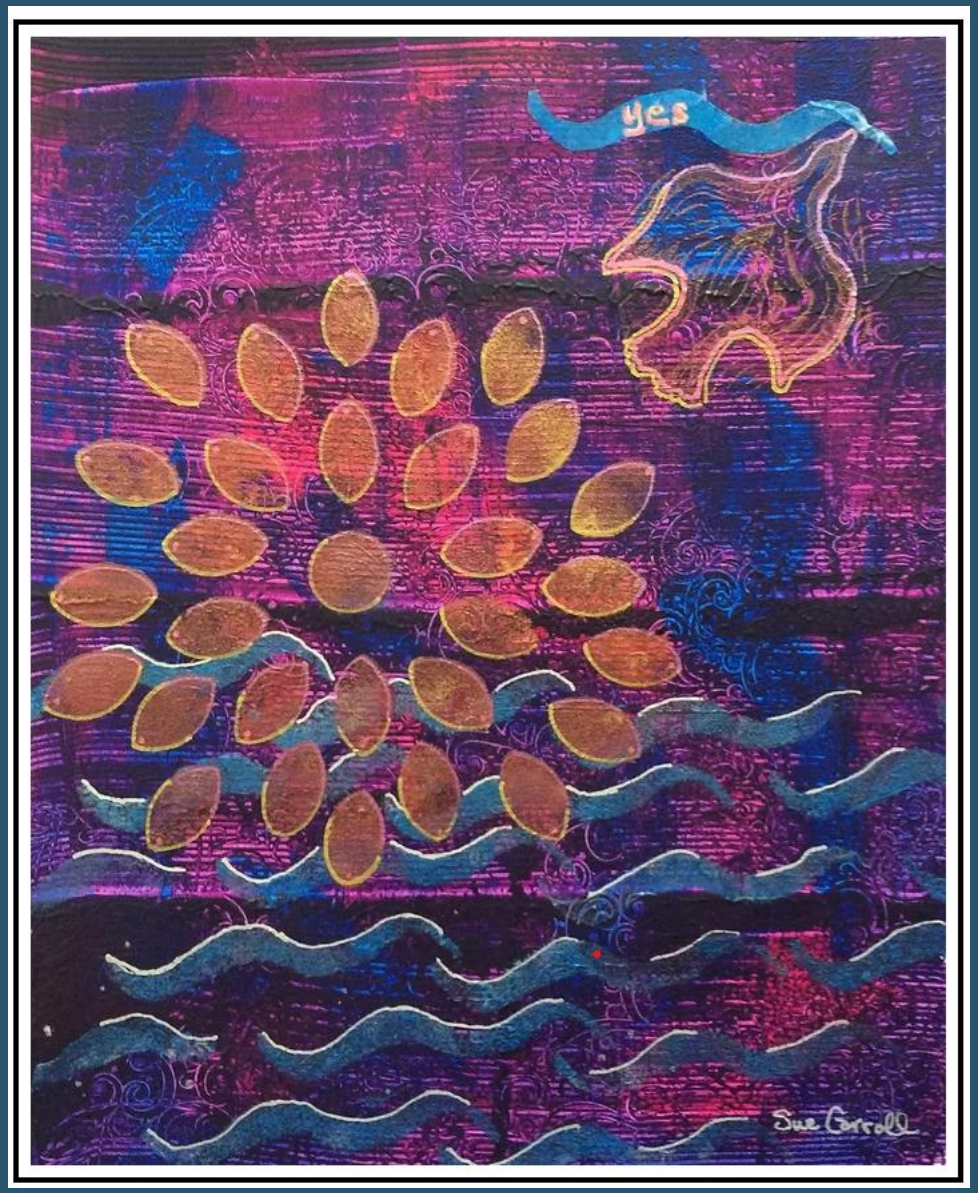
Each Sunday of advent, we light another candle, reminding us of the hope, the joy, the peace, and love that Christ brought into the world. Today we light the first candle of advent: the candle of ***hope***.

All creation waits, in the stillness of the night for the Jesus the Light of the World.

We wait for Jesus, our ***hope***, the Light in our darkness.

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned.

—*Isaiah 9: 2*



Worship and Song: 3056

See the bright and Morning Star, Jesus the Light of the World.
He has risen in our hearts in our hearts, Jesus the Light of the World.

He's the lamp that lights our way, Jesus the Light of the World.
Step by step and day by day, Jesus the Light of the World.

No more darkness, no more night-- Jesus the Light of the World.
He will shine forever bright, Jesus the Light of the World.

Walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where his love and his mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the World.

Prepare the Way

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

What joyful anticipation fills our hearts! It's the time of year when we celebrate the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us ***prepare our hearts and minds*** to receive this amazing gift of grace. Let us truly embrace the wonder and glory of such love.

Christ's light overcomes our darkness. His light never ceases to shine. Oh Lord, we wait for Jesus, the Light of the world.

Amen

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7; 40: 1-5

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing

and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on

and forever.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

Go, Tell it on the Mountain –UMH 251

The shepherds all were watching while seated on the ground
A light from heaven descended and glory shone around

This light shone in the heavens to cover all the earth
it was a night to tell men about our savior's birth

The wise men came to worship the holy child that day
They found him in a manger asleeping on the hay.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Preparing our hearts is a journey,

with many twists and turns…

It's not easy, but *well worth the effort*.

(We're #2)

Matthew 3: 11

I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 25: 1-13

First Reader

The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but did not take any oil with them.

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Second Reader

The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

Photo by James Gardner

First Reader

At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamp. The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.”

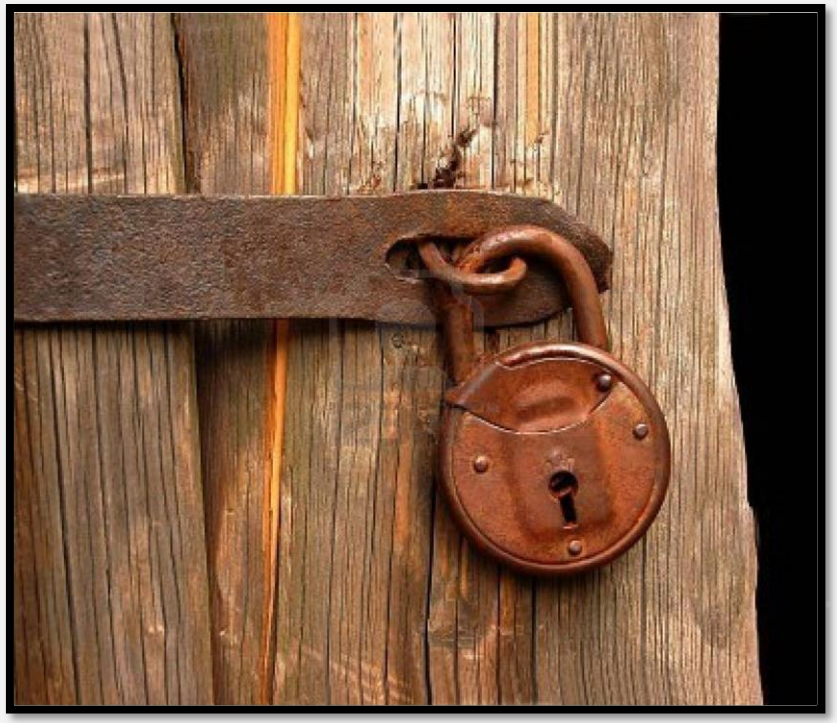
Photo by James Gardner

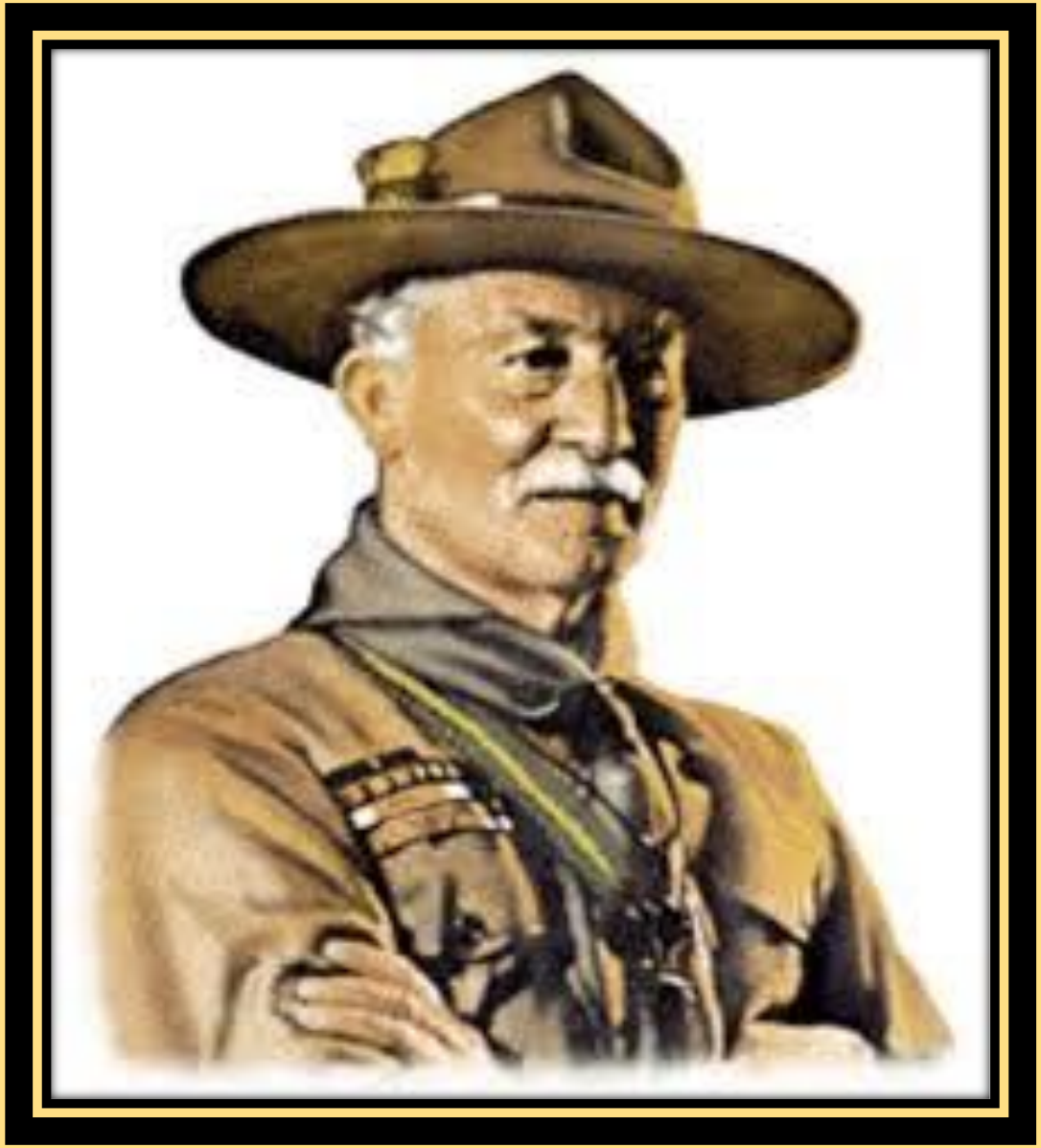
Second Reader

“No, they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you.
Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.”

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived.
The virgins who were ready went in with him
to the wedding banquet.

And the door was shut.





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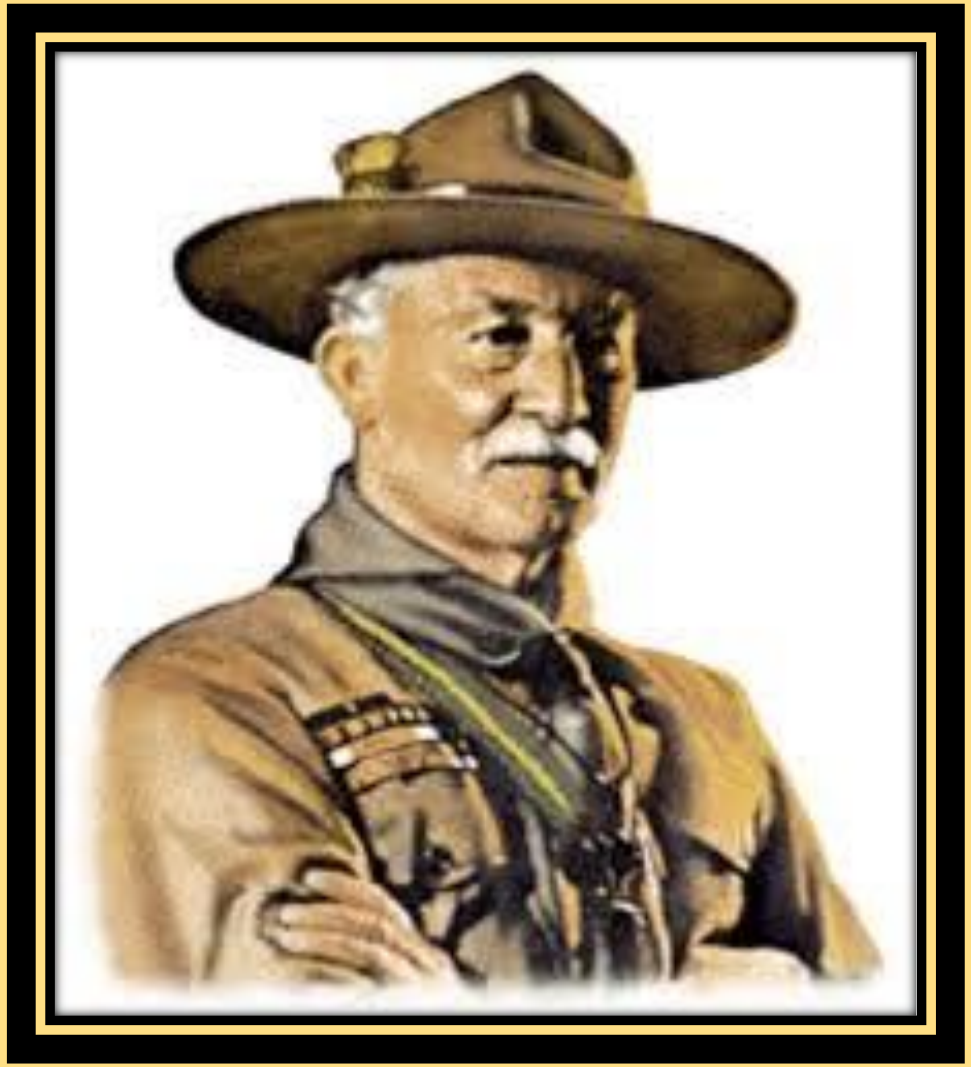

B.P.’s idea was that Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens, strong leaders and to bring joy to other people. He wanted each Scout to be ready in mind and body and to meet whatever challenges await them with a strong heart.

For God so loved
the world...
Art by Sue Carroll

Community Prayer

Loving God,

You know we often lose sight of what advent is all about. Scripture emphasizes the preparation and joy expectation of God's people as they awaited Your coming.

Remind us anew of what truly matters: that our Savoir has come and we are all Your beloved children. ***Amen***

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Benediction