

We are a **family** here at Mt. Hope.

Janet Addington Dec 9

Steven Stokes Dec 9

Bonnie Nichols Dec 11

Paul Cline Dec 11



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Garrett Reed, son of Forrest and Christine Reed has completed his Master of Science Degree in Artificial Intelligence through St. Louis University and will graduate Dec 14.



Mt. Hope Holiday Dinner

Meat, gravy, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring desserts and sides (dressing, potatoes, veggies, etc.)

Do you have a talent to share with our church family in **3 minutes or less**? Sign up on Church Connect until 12/12.

Dec 12-15

Stained Glass Theatre

Nichole & Abigail White



Winterfest Update: Sign-ups going on now!

Nate emailed a link to all the parents of youth. Or, use Church Connect to complete the form for the Branson trip by **12/31**. There will be a parent meeting of all kids who are going, TBD.

Winterfest is a youth conference in TN, AZ, and TX. 2025 Theme "Jesus Is...A Friend, The Word, More...Mt. Hope teens and sponsors will watch the Winterfest sessions in Branson **January 31-February 2**.

Have news to share? Send an email to the church office mthopecofc@live.com or call 417-624-1795



O Holy Night | Victor Knowles | 12.08.2024

Luke 2:1-12 ESV

The fascinating story behind the song:

I. WHAT MADE THIS NIGHT A **HOLY** NIGHT?

- A. Because God waited 6,000 years to send Jesus. (Gen. 3:15; 22:18; Jn. 8:44; Mt. 1:16; Gal. 3:16; Col. 3:15; Rev. 13:8)
- B. Because God sent Jesus "in the fullness of time." (Gal. 4:4-5)
- C. Because God created a special star to lead wise men to Christ. (Num. 24:17; Mt. 2:2, 9)

II. FOR **WHOM** WAS IT A HOLY NIGHT?

- A. Mary, the birth mother of Jesus. (Luke 1:31, 35-36, 46-49; 2:7, 19)
- B. The Bethlehem shepherds. (Luke 2:8, 10-11. 1 Pet. 5:1-2; Heb. 1:3)
- F. All those dwelling in darkness. (Isa. 9:2; Mt. 4:13-16)

III. WHY AND HOW IT CAN BE A HOLY NIGHT FOR **YOU!**

- A. You were lost in sin. (Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Isa. 53:6)
- B. Christ died for your sin. (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 4:10)
- C. You can have salvation from sin through Jesus. (1 Thess. 5:9; Heb. 5:9"

"Take the 5:9 train to glory!"