

## WHAT IS THE IOSCO MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION?

The Iosco Ministerial Association (IMA) is an association of pastors and churches in Iosco County. All churches and pastors are automatically members of IMA. We work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ in this county and beyond.

IMA has for 28 years sponsored a nursing home chaplain who visits the four nursing homes in the greater Tawas area. Our current chaplain is the Rev. Lori Ulman. She conducts services for all residents weekly as well as doing pastoral care and counseling, bringing special joy to those who are often Iosco County's most forgotten residents.

She is supported by gifts and offerings which can be made to IMA. Become a regular supporter of this important ministry.

IMA also hosts several community services a year which includes Christmas, Thanksgiving, Good Friday and National Day of Prayer.

Want to know more or get involved? Please call Rev. Bruce Shields, president at (989) 820-1401 or write [bruceashields@gmail.com](mailto:bruceashields@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE—2023

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## 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Host Churches: Light of the Bay and  
House of Faith Church of East Tawas

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### Gathering

#### Greeting:

P: Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born to save a fallen world. Today the promise has been redeemed; we are now a people of hope, peace and joy!

#### \*Entrance Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Welcome: Rev. Bruce Shields, President of IMA

Collect (Together): O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

#### \*A Medley of Christmas Carols

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#### Reading of the Word

*By Rev. Bruce Shields*

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14

Prayers of the People

### The Message: Does it Really Matter if Jesus was Born?

*By Most Rev. Dr. Jan L. Beaderstadt, Senior Primate, Worldwide Anglican Church and President of the Jesus Seminary of Kathmandu, Nepal and Mbale, Uganda*

### The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into Heaven, is seated at the right hand of Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. AMEN.

### Offering

*Checks may be made payable to IMA*

#### \*Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

#### \*Benediction