

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...

Sunday, December 22, 2024

9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday
Library

10:30am-11:30am Worship Service
Sanctuary

11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship
Youth Room

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

7:00pm Candlelight Service
Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Friday, December 26, 2024

5:00pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Community Room

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:30am-11:30am Worship Service
Sanctuary

*We wish you and your family a
very Merry Christmas. May you
enjoy your time celebrating
Jesus, Our Savior!*



Coffee Bar provided by:
Armida Conley

Altar Flowers:

All of December will be
the beautiful Poinsettias



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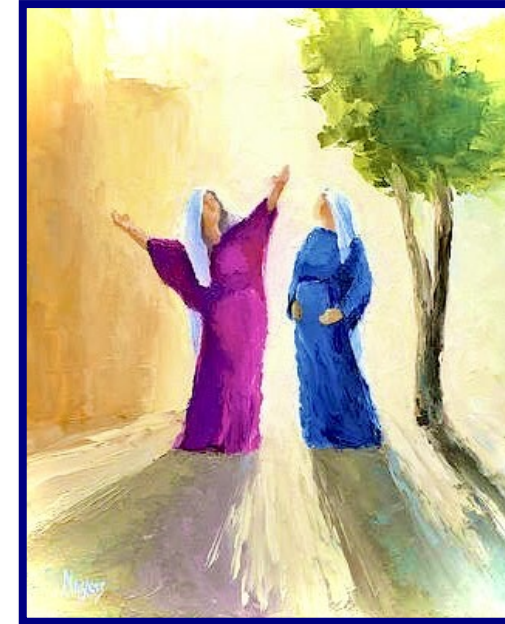


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First United Methodist Church

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



“Mary’s Song & The Promise of Christmas”

Luke 1: 39-55

*Welcome! We pray that worship here at First United Methodist is a blessing for you, as your presence blesses us. The Church newsletter, brochures, devotionals and refreshments are available in the gathering area. Children are **always welcome** in worship and we embrace their presence, their joy and the fun things they often do and say as we worship God. In the welcoming area we have crayons and children’s bulletins available. Please fill out the clipboard at the end of your row to register your attendance and tell us a little more about you.*

“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

10:30AM

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Whether this is your "usual" church home or the first time that you have entered our doors, we extend a warm welcome to you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Anne Strickland

(At this time please register your in-person attendance on the clipboards placed on each pew or if you are watching on-line register at www.1umcm.com)

INVITATION TO PASS THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you....and also with you."

TRINITY CHIMES

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

"Let's Worship And Adore Him"

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

P: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

L: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

P: God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Holy is God's name!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

#238/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

CONFESSION

L: In the world, and in this season, there are many claims on our lives. We take this time to remember that in our baptism, Christ claimed us as his own. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed Jesus Christ with all our heart and mind and strength. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray.

P: God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our indifference into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

A big thank you to our Choir and Musicians!

We want to thank all those who helped make our Christmas Cantata such a wonderful time of worship last week. A big thank you to all our Choir members, and their dedication to practice together each week. Also, a huge thank you to our pianist Bev Taylor and our organist Mary Alice Huff. Lastly, we want to thank Sue Hamilton for all her work and tireless dedication to guide our wonderful choir ministry.

New Prayer Requests

- ◆ Fink family
- ◆ Dopkins family
- ◆ Houvenagle family
- ◆ Susan Pulliam's missionary friend
- ◆ Scott and Julie Nelson
- ◆ Doug Riddle and family (Williford)
- ◆ Family of Robin McCamey
- ◆ Carol Rapping's sister Theresa
- ◆ Dennis Dailey (Tweed)
- ◆ Matthew Slouka
- ◆ Allan and Bev Potts (Dopkins)
- ◆ Kim (Larson)
- ◆ Dalton Duckett (Sequoyah student)
- ◆ Family of Greg Davis
- ◆ Ken and Sarah Parris (Jones)
- ◆ The Barger family
- ◆ Kefauver family
- ◆ Kat Ahart and Barbara Baiz
- ◆ Conley family

Continuing Prayer Requests

- ◆ Kyle & family (Slouka)
- ◆ Shay Farnsworth (Vonore Baptist)
- ◆ Family and friends of Larry Davis
- ◆ Ken Hibbert and family (Wes' brother)
- ◆ Dossett family (Brown)
- ◆ Valerie Stratton (Nelson)
- ◆ Ruby Levinson and family
- ◆ Allan and Julia Reedy and family

- ◆ John & Judy Maiuri and family
 - ◆ Helga Bulger & family of Ronald McNinch (Ruppel)
 - ◆ Regina Moore (Penland)
 - ◆ Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
 - ◆ Gerald Picklesimer (Rapping)
 - ◆ Michael Benlardy (Christopher)
 - ◆ Mark Whitehead (Cafe' friend)
 - ◆ Robert Mitchell (Nelson)
 - ◆ Tara Stewart's sister Laura and family
 - ◆ Leamon family (Green)
 - ◆ Doug Warren and family
 - ◆ Andy Chermely (Alliman)
 - ◆ Shirley Leverton (Larry Davis' sister)
 - ◆ Betty Byrum Hicks and family
 - ◆ Wayne and Lucille Peery
 - ◆ Baby Thomas & family (Nelson)
 - ◆ John Stratton (Dora's brother)
 - ◆ Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)
- The complete Prayer List is updated live at www.1umcm.com***

Attendance

In-Person-114 On-line-7

Giving last Sunday

December 15th-\$5,083.00

Giving for December

\$14,350.05

Needed each month

\$23,153.00

Memorials

- ◆ Donations given in Memory of Larry Davis:
 - Steve and Kathleen Cornett
 - Peter and Jill Alliman
 - Reba and Duane Dopkins
 - Regina Warfel
- ◆ Donations given in Memory of Mary Margaret Mason:
 - Peter and Jill Alliman
 - Reba and Duane Dopkins

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Christmas Eve worship here at First United Methodist Church of Madisonville will be held at 7:00pm in our Sanctuary. We will have communion together and celebrate the birth of our Savior through song, scripture, sacrament, and light. We hope you can join us for this beautiful service of worship on one of the most holy nights of the Christian year.



December 29th is a fun & special worship service

On the first Sunday after Christmas, (which also happens to be the week leading to New Year's Eve) we want to invite you to join us for a casual and simple worship service at 10:30am. We will be having a hymn sing where you get to choose what hymns we sing together. Near the end of worship we will also have a brief time to consider a powerful passage of scripture from Jesus' childhood. You are invited to join us to have a little fun, sing some great songs, and prepare our hearts to continue to adore Him in 2025!

Office hours for the next two weeks

Monday, December 23rd-8:30am-12pm
Tuesday, December 24th-Closed
Wednesday, December 25th-Closed
Thursday, December 26th-Closed

Monday, December 30th-Regular Hours
Tuesday, December 31st-8:30am-12pm
Wednesday, January 1st-Closed
Thursday, January 2nd-Regular Hours

If you have a pastoral emergency please feel free to call/text Pastor Chris or Sue Hamilton on their cell phones.

Advent Study of Almost Christmas

We continue with this four week study that draws on scriptures and the writings of John and Charles Wesley as they consider God's gifts of the traditional themes of Advent: peace, hope, love, and joy. Bible Fellowship invites you to continue with us each Sunday through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons & fellowship. Contact Marlee Tierce for a book.

Into the Bible with Rev. Chris Black starts in January

Have you ever been intimidated by the Bible?

Or felt that you didn't know where to start with reading or studying scripture? Have you ever wanted to go deeper and to learn more?

Beginning on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm Rev. Chris Black is beginning a new Pastor's Bible Study Class that will help you approach the Bible with confidence. This class will meet in the fellowship hall and will be a home-style Bible Study for all ages! Pastor Chris will offer an in-depth exploration of the gospel of John, and then he will move into other areas of the scriptures. In the midst of our study the group will discuss some fundamental ways to engage with the Bible, so that you may apply it to your life today. It doesn't matter if you're new to the Christian faith, or have studied the Bible for years you are welcome to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming class please email Pastor Chris at cblack@firstumcmadisonville.org

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING	Love	Greenwood/Liszeski Families
PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS		Rev. Chris Black
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Chris Black
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<i>Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i>		
HYMN OF PRAISE	"There's A Song In The Air"	#249/Screen
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Chris Black
INVITATION TO OFFERING		
<i>(During this time we worship by the giving of our gifts and offerings for the work of the church in ministry and mission. For those who are watching online, you may mail your gifts to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Madisonville, TN 37354 or www.tithing.1umcm.com for other options.)</i>		
OFFERTORY	"Mary Was The First One To Carry The Gospel"	Choir
✘ DOXOLOGY		#94
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1: 39-55 <i>L: The Word of God, for the People of God. P: Thanks be to God.</i>	
SERMON	"Mary's Song & The Promise of Christmas"	Rev. Chris Black
✘ CLOSING HYMN	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	#211/Screen
✘ BENEDICTION		
✘ BENEDICTION RESPONSE	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Screen
✘ TRINITY CHIMES		
✘ POSTLUDE		
<i>✘ Please stand as you are able. Serve the Lord this week where you are able!</i>		