

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH...

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30am-10:15am Adult Bible Sunday
Library
10:30am-11:30am Worship Service
Sanctuary
11:45am-1:15pm Bible Fellowship
Youth Room
6:00pm Hanging of The Greens &
Fellowship Time
Sanctuary/Gathering Area

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:00pm-6:00pm Community Café
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

12:00pm-12:30pm Midweek Communion
Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 cont'd

6:00pm-7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary
6:00pm-7:30pm Ignite Kid's Ministry
Fellowship Hall/Classroom
6:00pm-8:00pm United Methodist Youth
Fellowship Hall/Youth Room

Friday, December 6, 2024

5:30pm-6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
Community Room

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:30am-11:30am Breakfast with Santa
Fellowship Hall
2:00pm Monroe Animal Clinic
Fellowship Hall

Coffee Bar provided by:
Jan Johnson

Ignite/Youth Supper:
Dora Nelson and Vanessa Barr

Altar Flowers:
All of December will be the beautiful
Advent Flowers

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First United Methodist Church

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



“A Glimpse of the Road Ahead”

Luke 21: 25-36

*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 1, 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

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Screen

✠ WORDS OF INVITATION

L: There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

P: When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.

L: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

P: our redemption is drawing near!

L: Heaven and earth may pass away,

P: but the Word of God will stand unshaken.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates" #213/Screen

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation From Romans 8 UMH 887

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#70

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Hope

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Black

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Black

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory" Screen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Chris Black

Christmas Seasons. Also, a big thanks to Lois Green, Wanda Barger, Susan Pulliam, and Bev Taylor who helped decorate our Sanctuary on Monday!

New Prayer Requests

- Ruby Levinson and family
- Larry Davis
- Family of Bobby Richesin
- TWU's Love Thy Neighbor Outreach
- Mary Kefauver and family
- Brittany West and family
- Scott and Julie Nelson
- Valerie Stratton and family
- Armida Conley and family

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Jordan Watkins and family
- Kyle & family (Slouka)
- The family of Darrah Wiseman
- Allan & Julia Reedy and family
- John & Judy Maiuri and family
- Ann Byers and family (Johnson)
- Cheyenne Cruz
- Family of Mary Margaret Mason
- Strickland family
- Pat Rapping and family
- Helga Bulger & family of Ronald McNinch (Ruppel)
- Doug Riddle (Williford/Jones)
- Regina Moore (Penland)
- Kayla Couch and family
- Kellie Noe (Tierce)
- Jack and Janie Thomas (Hamilton)
- Gerald Picklesimer (Rapping)
- Krista Crabtree (McConkey)
- Michael Benlardy (Christopher)
- Mark Whitehead (Cafe' friend)
- Robert Mitchell (Nelson)
- Tara Stewart's sister Laura and family
- Leamon family (Green)
- Houvenagle family
- Doug Warren and family
- Andy Chermely (Alliman)

- Bev and Allan Potts (Dopkins)
- Shirley Leverton (Davis')
- Johnny Pickens (Davis')
- Betty Byrum Hicks and family
- Wayne and Lucille Peery
- Baby Thomas & family (Nelson)
- John Stratton (Nelson)
- Ray Sammons & family (Slouka)

The complete Prayer List is updated live at www.1umcm.com

Attendance

In-Person-80 On-line-1

Giving last Sunday

November 24th-\$3,974.45

Giving total for November

\$22,470.83

Needed each month

\$23,153.00

Memorial Donations

- ◆ Many donations made in Memory of Curwood Witt
- ◆ Many donations made in Memory of Mary Margaret Mason



Welcome the Holiday Season with Hanging of the Greens

This evening at 6:00pm we will be having our annual Hanging of the Greens service in the sanctuary. This is a beautiful worship service filled with scripture, carols, and symbols of the season of Advent & Christmas. In many parts of the world this ceremony has traditionally been used to kick off the season of expectation called "Advent." We hope you will join us for this meaningful service of worship.

Following the Service: We will have a time of fellowship and finger foods. Please feel free to bring your favorite finger foods for others to sample, and share.

Advent Study of *Almost Christmas*

The authors of this four week study, draw 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 join us each Sunday, starting December 1st, through Advent. We meet after church in the Youth Room for lunch, lessons & fellowship. Contact **Marlee Tierce** for a book.

Breakfast with Santa!

Our free annual Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday morning December 7th in our fellowship hall from 9:30am-11:30am. We will have lots of kid friendly breakfast food, crafts, games and a visit from Santa himself. Bring your camera (phone) and take pictures of your kids with Santa! Carolynn Greenwood will be in charge of breakfast food so let her know what you would like to bring or if you would like

to help in the kitchen/serving area. Vanessa Barr and Erin Strickland will be in charge of crafts and games, and they need LOTS of helpers. Let them know if you can help in that area. We always have lot of kids join us at this event! Join us for this fun event!

Christmas Cantata on December 15th

Please mark your calendars to be in worship on December 15th for our Annual Christmas Cantata! Our church choir has been working diligently and joyfully during the 8 weeks to lead us in worship on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. They are excited to share the piece "The Living Gift" by Michael Frazier. We hope you will make plans to be in worship with us for this celebration of the advent season through song.

Mark Your Calendars! Family Night Supper @ 6:00pm with Impromptu Nativity following

On Wednesday evening December 18th at 6pm we will come together as a church family for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Then all will be invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief, joy filled, funny, and exciting impromptu nativity that will be put on by our young people. This event is always a fun intergenerational way to remember the powerful story of Christ's birth. We hope that every child & youth in our church will be a part of the program. Bring plenty of covered dishes for dinner and join us for this exciting evening.

A Big Thanks!

Thanks to all those who stuck around after worship last week to help get our church ready for the Advent and

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(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.)

OFFERTORY

"Living In Me"

Lindsay Liszeski

DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 21: 25-36

L: The Word of God, for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Glimpse of the Road Ahead"

Rev. Chris Black

COMMUNION

CONFESSION

P: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have broken your law, We have rebelled against your love, We have not loved our neighbors, And we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal confession)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

✠ CLOSING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#211/Screen

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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✠ TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

Serve the Lord this week where you are able!