

This Week and Beyond

Sunday, December 14

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Children's Christmas Play

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 am Advent Bible Study
6:00 pm Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

10:30 am UMW Circle #7 Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Fellowship
6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Ruby Spearman
- Caron Cannon
- Family of Debby Maier
- Tony Lizzi
- Beverly Vickery
- Riley King
- Jean Carey
- Frances Downie
- Jim Ruud
- Buddy and Shirley Dallas
- Clarice Bobo
- Lisa Cassell, Sister-in-law of Joe and Phyllis Venable
- Carolyn Eppard, Mother of Markley Hidde
- Hannah Davis, Niece of Markley Hidde
- Paul Nathan Davis, Friend of Alison Hood
- Katie Jordan, Neighbor of Judy Daughtridge
- Jennifer Lewis, Sister of Brooke Henderson
- Franco Corvera, Son-in-law of Jean Carey
- Conflict in Ukraine
- Our Church

Our Stewardship as of 12/10/25

Offering week of 12/07/25	\$10,107
Weekly need to meet 2025 budget	\$10,404
Balance in General Fund	\$10,868
Estimated expenses for 12/17/25	\$1,250
Reserve Fund	\$3,535
2025 Apportionment Paid YTD	\$2,000
2025 Received for Budget	\$417,519
2025 Expenses paid (including mortgage principal)	\$431,112
2025 Budget	\$541,018

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Pastor Michael Hood



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

***WELCOME!** We're delighted you are worshipping with us. Whether you're new to EFUMC, a returning friend or a member, please sign the attendance registration pad and pass it to others on your pew. May you be blessed as you worship today.*

December 14, 2025 | Third Sunday of Advent | Contemporary Service

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 8:45 AM

*Opening Song	“Angels We Have Heard On High” James Chadwick, John M. DeVries	Praise Team
Welcome and Announcements		Rhett Bush
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 35:1-10 Pew Bible Page 505	Diane Head
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Isaiah 61:1-3a	Roseann Woodham
We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God’s people.		
*Song of Praise	“Midnight Clear (Love Song)” Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin	Praise Team
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Matthew
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Michael
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 11: 2-11 Pew Bible Page 9	
Sermon		
Song of Reflection	“Manger Throne” Tony Wood, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham	Praise Team
A Service of Holy Communion	“The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer”	Hymnal Page 13
*Closing Song	“He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)” Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrew	Praise Team

*Those who are able may stand.

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.

Announcements

- Christmas in the Curiosity Shoppe Please come check out the Christmas items in the Curiosity Shoppe. All proceeds go to helping fund needed items in our church. Thank you for shopping and donating!
- 2026 Stewardship Campaign Over the next several weeks, Commitment Cards for 2026 will be available. You are asked to prayerfully consider and respond concerning your 2026 support for the mission and ministries of EFUMC. Although the proposed financial budget is a focal point, I would hope that your financial response is a result of your involvement and participation in the mission and ministries of our church home. Carl Klebe, Finance Chair
- Ingles gift cards for sale Cards will be available outside the Fellowship Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 am each Sunday morning. Cards are in \$50.00 and \$100.00 increments. Payments for the cards can be done with cash, check, or credit card. Cards will be available in the church office during normal business hours. The church earns 5% of the face value of the card.
- Please contact Anne Gray amg121@aol.com or 864-630-0479 if you would like to participate in the Angels/Lambs program for 2026. Angels send a card each month to someone who cannot attend church. Lambs are the ones who receive the cards.

Upcoming Events

- December 14 - Children’s Christmas Play - 4:00 pm (Covered dish dinner afterwards)
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 5:30 pm

Worship Volunteers

December 14		December 21	
Greeter:	Jessi Stevens*	Greeter:	Becky Noblitt*
Lay Welcomer:	Rhett Bush*	Lay Welcomer:	Gary Mathis*
Lay Readers:	Diane Head*	Lay Readers:	Rhett Bush*
Media:	Jeff Knox, TBD*		Ginnye Lusk**
	Harrison and Carson Daley**	Media:	Jeff Knox, TBD*
Nursery:	Meg Edwards*		Jo Hood, Nancy Pace**
	Caitlin Daley**	Nursery:	Danielle Perry*
Ushers:	Jeff Fogle**		Elizabeth Lawson**
	Jimmy Jones**	Ushers:	Ann Lyons**
	*Contemporary Service		Sally Smith**
	** Traditional Service		