



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”

10:15am Sunday Worship December 3, 2023

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Bang-Wool Yim & Vivian Eaton

HYMN #234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v 1, 2, 3) FUMC Praise Band

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ronda Rathje

L: In this special service of Advent preparation, let us make ready this house of God for the celebrations with which we will welcome again the coming of the Christ into the world.

P: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of his love through God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

All: For God so loved the world that God gave us God’s only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Amen.

1. The COLORS: Expectation of the King

SONG: “Ode to Joy/The Lord is my Shepherd”

Hammer Dulcimer: Lynne Finnicum

Pastor’s Cross Necklace – Bill Wright

Bible & Stand – Gary & Melinda Dykema

Alter Candles – Tom & LeaAnn Michels

2. THE GARLAND: Eternal Life

SONG: “Deck The Halls”

Congregation

Garlands – Sunday School Teachers and Kids

3. THE CANDLES: Victory over Spiritual Darkness

Acolyte – Jiwon & Jisung Yim

SONG: “The Candle Song”

Pastor Dave Yim

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE)

Asia LaShelle/Jason & Cori Moore

HYMN #211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs 1 only)

*SCRIPTURE John 1:9-14 Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

4. THE WREATH:

The Love of God, Eternal, Without Beginning or End

Wreath – Susan Shellhorn & Peter King

SONG: “The Holly and the Ivy” Accordion: Vivian Eaton

5. THE POINSETTIA: Flower of the Holy Night

Poinsettias - Congregants

SONG: “Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming”

Saxophone Solo: Sheri Benters

6. THE TREE: Blessed by the Child

Tree – Jon Darrow, Mark Rathje, Pastor Dave Yim

SONG: “O Christmas Tree”

Alto Sax Duet: Jiho Yim & Aidan Michels

7. THE CHRISMONS: Symbols of Christ

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

8. THE CRECHE: The Nativity

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7

Pastor Dave Yim

Mary – Hannah Lewis

Joseph – Cody Johnson

SONG: “Away in a Manger” (vs 1)

Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-18

Ronda Rathje

Shepards – Noah Johnson, Ryker McCombie, Blaine Johnson,

Jiwon Yim, Jisung Yim, Kirk Hoffman, Asia LaShelle

Angel – Ellie Johnson

SONG: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vs 1)

Congregation

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-2 and 2:10-12

Pastor Dave Yim

Wise Men – Jiho Yim, Carlo Stubbe, Jason Moore

SONG: “We Three Kings” (vs 1)

Congregation

CHOIR: “No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy”

FUMC Choir

***ADVENT HYMN OF JOY**

FUMC Praise Band

SONG: “Joy to the World”

Congregation

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Billy David, Emilee Derrer, Merry Florence, Matthew Foltz, Rod Furrow, Rhonda Harlock Smith, John Irons, Judy Law, Mike Foltz, John Ritchie, Gi-Tae Yim, Inga, Sandy Froehlich, Vanessa & Tom Grissinger (Bob & LaVona’s children), Deb Endress (Kris Yingling’s friend), Barb McFadden, Glen White, Baby Adrian & his mom, Alice (Esther’s sister), Janet Smith, Eli (Bob & LaVona’s grandson), Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Carol Eyerly (Cori Moore’s mom), Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda’s mom), Pastor Karen Schilling (Bonnie Davies’ friend), Donny Hughes, Jeff O’Leary, Kim Walker (Jackie’s daughter), Barb Green, Bentley Audi (Diane Brinkmeier’s grandson), Debbie Schriener (former member), Dale Wurster, Randy Law (Shirley Fritz’s son-in-law), Ancil Guilinger, Owen (Bonnie’s son), Cindy Westbrook (Pastor Dave’s friend), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s friend), Randy & Susie Bonjour, Tim Addie (relative of Bob & LaVona), Steve Runge (Ronda’s friend), Jim Eaton, Sharon Atherton (Kris Yingling’s aunt), Cody Rose (Courtney Johnson’s friend), Pam Darrow, John Jachino, Joann Badtke (Bruce’s mom), Connie Zink, Hazi (Cori Moore’s daughter), Barb & Ed Jepsen, Paul Mayer, Will Bussan (Bonnie’s grandson), Angie Lennon (Paula Mayer’s friend’s daughter), our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), and WC staff & students.

Our shut-ins: Mary Ann Larsen, Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenny, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, The safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 3 – Shelby Rathje

9 – Lynn Haas

10 – Rhonda Badtke

CALENDAR

Monday December 4

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday December 5

5:30 pm – UWF Xmas @ Mary Iron's house

Wednesday December 6

10 am – Choir practice

5 pm – Advent Bible Study

Thursday December 7

9 am – Bible Study

12:30 pm – Soul Sisters @ Sippi Side

Sunday December 10

9 to 10 am – Children & Youth SS (rehearsal)

10:15 am – Worship

2 pm – Christmas Concert @ FUMC

WORSHIP HELPERS

	December 10	December 17
Acolyte	Caleb Thornton	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	???	Children's Program
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Karen Hoffman	Linda Jachino

Last Week's Attendance: 47

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry – Keep filling your Advent Calendar and get into the drawing for prizes! Turn your items into Ronda in the office or into the fellowship hall to get your calendar stamped. You can also purchase a box of food items (only) for \$44. You will have to purchase Blessing Baskets items separately. Orders can be placed and paid for in the office or through Sullivan's directly. All orders will be picked up in the morning on Monday, Dec 18th. Remember all food items are due no later than 10 am on Monday, December 18th! Fill as many calendars as you would like. Share with your friends too! (Extra calendars are in the Narthex)

Blessing Basket – We need to restock everything and always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

Confirmation Class – will meet TODAY at 3:30 to 5 pm. All meetings will be the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month.

Youth Group – meets TODAY @ 5 pm. Lock in will be Feb 2nd.

December Communion – will go to WC Food Pantry

Now collecting for Children's Fund! – Please give your monetary donations to the office or Mary Irons.

Advent Bible Study with light supper, fellowship, and prayer is coming up!!! "The Acts of the Apostles" The next gatherings will be December 6th, 13th, and 20th at 5 to 7 pm.

UWF – will meet December 5th @ 6 pm for their Christmas party at Mary Iron's house.

Choir Practice – December 6th @ 10 am

UM Men – Meeting will be Tuesday, December 12 @ 5:30 pm. Soup, fellowship, and book discussion.

Christmas Concert – December 10th @ 2 pm. Offering will go to WC Food Pantry and Christmas Needy Kids.

Trustees/Ad Council – December 17th at 9 am/11:15 am

Children's Christmas Program – December 17th during worship

Acolyte training – will be Dec 17th @ 11:15 am (after worship)

Christmas Eve Services – there will be a morning service on Dec 24th at 10:15 am and a candlelight service with communion at 7 pm.

Blood Drive – January 10th – Stay tuned for more details

Pictures for Church Directory – Stay tuned for more details

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry but getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!

Watch today's service – go to YouTube and search for "Savanna IL FUMC". Find today's date and see the whole service. You can also listen to today's service at 815-599-1307.



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Sunday, 10:15 am
December 3, 2023

Vision 2023 – "Make Jesus' Disciples"

Focus on making Jesus' Disciples
to transform lives and the world!

Strong in Worship, Strong in Mission, Strong in Education

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

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