



**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 17, 2023

LIGHTING OF THE ALTER CANDLE Pearl Michels

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Bang-Wool Yim

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (JOY)  
Jon Floming with Tom & Wallene Neumiller

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 3 only)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**"Journey to Bethlehem Follow the Star"**

DIRECTORS: Kris Yingling and Sharon Guilinger

Characters:

Joseph (Jesus' earthly father): Billy Green  
Jacob (Joseph's father) Ryker McCombie  
Betty (The Magi) Ellie Johnson  
Donna (The Magi) Violet Robbins  
Jane (The Magi) Annika Law  
1<sup>st</sup> Century MP3 Player (A woman who sings) Sound System  
Bud (Shepherd) Jiwon Yim  
Tex (Shepherd) Blaine Johnson

Junior (Shepherd) Jisung Yim  
Ralph (A talking sheep) Faith Gonzalez  
Gabriel (Angel) Pearl Michels

Speakers: Asia LaShelle, Jon Floming, & Jiho Yim

Bible Readers: Asia LaShelle, Jon Floming, & Jiho Yim

SPECIAL MUSIC Annika Law  
"Jingle Bells" & "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

INTRO  
SONG: "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 1 only) Congregation

Sketch #1 – Jacob & Joseph  
SONG: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 1 only) Congregation  
WORSHIP 1

Sketch #2 – The Magi  
SPECIAL MUSIC "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Jiwon Yim  
WORSHIP 2  
SONG: "What Child Is This?" (vs 1 only) Congregation

Sketch #3 – The Shepherds, Sheep, and Angel  
SPECIAL MUSIC Ryker McCombie  
"Away in a Manger" & "Angels We Have Heard On High"  
WORSHIP 3  
SONG: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Sunday School Children

Sketch #4 – Joseph and Baby Jesus  
SONG: "O Holy Night" Worship DVD  
WORSHIP 4  
SONG: "Joy to the World" (vs 1 only) Congregation

OFFERING OURSELVES  
\*DOXOLOGY #95  
\*OFFERTORY PRAYER  
**Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and let them work in this world, which you have entrusted to us, to make light shine in the darkness and make peace an attainable goal in all conflicts. We offer these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING  
\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Bang-Wool Yim

**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, 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), 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, Barb & Ed Jepsen, Paul Mayer, Will Bussan (Bonnie's grandson), Angie Lennon (Paula Mayer's friend's daughter), Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Pearl Michels, the family of Darlene Ritenour, the family of Mitchell Glazier, Shirley Fritz, Becky Weidman, Bob Grissinger, the Michels family, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), 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 Yenney, 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, the people in Tennessee dealing with the aftermath of the tornadoes, and the victims of everyday gun violence and their families.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December 18 – Bituin Michels  
 20 – Kurt Dreger  
 24 – Mary Ann Larsen

## CALENDAR

Monday December 18

Last day for Telstar items!  
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
 3:30 to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry

Tuesday December 19

7 pm – Finance meeting (zoom)

Wednesday December 20

Church office closed!  
 5 pm – Advent Bible Study

Thursday December 21

9 am – Bible Study

Saturday December 23

2:30 to 9 pm – Confirmands Church visit

Sunday December 24 (Christmas Eve)

10:15 am – Worship  
 7 pm – Candlelight Service with Communion

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

Church office closed!

## WORSHIP HELPERS

	Dec 24 AM/PM	December 31
Acolyte	Jiwon Yim/Boyd Law	Dalton Shaw
Liturgist	Bonnie Davies/Molly Andersen	Ronda Rathje
Counter	Lori Miller – AM	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Pam Darrow - AM	???

Last Week's Attendance: 57 + 2 dogs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WC Food Pantry –Remember all food items are due no later than 10 am on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>!** I simply can not wait to see how much food we will have for them!!!

**Blessing Basket** – You can still make a \$30 donation to cover all the items on the calendar or purchase your own. **Blessing basket items/donations are due no later than Wed., Dec 27<sup>th</sup>!** Again, you all have been so incredibly generous for this advent promotion!!! 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.

**December Communion** – will go to WC Food Pantry

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

**Advent Bible Study** "The Acts of the Apostles" The last gathering with light supper, fellowship, and prayer will be Wednesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 to 7 pm.

**Acolyte training** – will be Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 am (after worship)

**Telstar items due Monday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>!**

**Church office will be closed – Wednesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> and Dec 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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

**Pastor Dave will be on vacation December 25<sup>th</sup> thru Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Rev. Bonnie Davies will be covering pastoral care.

**Blood Drive** – will be January 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 6 pm.

**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!!!



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## 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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