

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

9am Contemporary Service,  
10am Refreshments in the fellowship hall  
10:10 am Sunday School includes several classes–  
inquire with your greeters  
11am Traditional Service

**\*If you don't feel well, stay home, worship with us on Facebook**

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**Sunday School Classes meet every Sunday morning  
beginning at 10:15 unless otherwise announced.**

THE KETCHERSID CLASS	Room 110	Ages 9 to 90+
THE PHILADELPHIA CLASS	Room 111	Ages 19 to 90+
THE UPPER ROOM CLASS	Room 211	All ages
YOUTH /COLLEGE CLASS	Room 208-210	
INFANTS TO AGE 4	Nursery	
GRADES K-6	speak to Julie Burton or inquire in the fellowship hall in between services at 10:00am	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Volunteers needed:** Read to children at Little Learners–  
contact Lorraine Garren
- **WE ARE IN NEED OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS K– 4th GRADE EACH  
SUNDAY– See Lindsey Bamber for information.**
- **FOOD PANTRY FOR DECEMBER Winter is Coming– Comfort foods,  
canned soups, stews, chili, mac & cheese, hot chocolate.**  
Food Pantry Sunday is the 4th Sunday , but food is  
accepted at ANYTIME during the month– Just place it at  
the altar rail
- Youth Resurrection 2024 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge Dates  
are **January 19 thru the 21st.**
- Church Council meeting is **Jan. 28th at 6pm**
- **Christmas service on the 17th If anyone wants to be involved please  
let me know. Music practice Dec 13 6-7:30, Sat Dec 16th  
9am. Looking for singers and musicians and someone to  
coordinate the kids doing something small. See Angie  
Stumbo for details.**

# First United Methodist Church

“Advancing Christ’s Kingdom locally and globally”

December 10, 2023

## The Second Sunday of Advent



## Prepare the way of the Lord

Layne Pennington, Pastor  
Bailey Moore, Youth Pastor Julie Burton, Children's Coordinator  
John Blevins, Lay Leader John Bamber, Lay Leader/Music Director  
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9:00 AM Worship Service  
2nd Sunday of Advent

**Welcome**

**Advent Wreath & Reading** The Castro Family

**Praise & Worship**

**Prayers & Offering**

**Announcement**

**Blessing of the Children– The Nursery is open**

**Scripture** John 10: 1-21, John 8: 58 & Exodus 3:14

**Sermon** “Like Herding Cats”

Pastor Layne Pennington

**Praise & Prayer**

**Closing Worship**

We are so glad you are here this morning!! Join us in the fellowship hall beginning at 10:00 for Coffee and Pastries

11:00 AM Worship Service  
2nd Sunday of Advent

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Faith Young

**Invocation** Ann Blackburn

**Hymn** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice– UMH 224

**\*\*Statement of Faith** UMH 888

**\*\*Glory Be to the Father** UMH 70

**Advent Wreath & Reading** Richard & Trish Cole

**Offertory Prayer** Ann Blackburn

**Offertory** Faith Young

**\*\*Doxology** UMH 95

**Children’s Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture** John 10: 1-21, John 8: 58 & Exodus 3:14

**Sermon** “Like Herding Cats”

Pastor Layne Pennington

**Hymn** Go, Tell it on the Mountain– UMH 251

**\*\* Benediction & Response** God be with you till we meet again–  
UMH 672

**Postlude** Faith Young

## WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

- **Monday Night** English as a Second Language Classes from 6:00-7:00 Call Kristin Urani for more info.
- **Monday Night** DIVORCE CARE 7pm -8:30 Call Leigha 423-802-8445
- **Monday Night ON BREAK UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR** Women's Bible Study 7pm. Childcare provided. Lindsey Bamber : 423.775.6520
- Faith Ministries is cooking on **Tuesday mornings** 8am– noon
- TOPS– **Tuesday Nights** from 5-6, Meet in the Library
- Zoom Bible Study – **Wednesdays**, at 11:00am., **No Study on Dec. 27th. Returning Jan 3rd.** for more info message Cyndie (240-0187) or Pastor Layne **Followed by Lunch @ 12:30.**
- **1st Wednesday** from Noon to 1 Rhea Health Council in Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday Night Live**– begins @ 6pm **WNL will be returning after the Christmas Holiday on January 10th– for ALL AGES! If you would like to help, speak with Julie Burton**
- Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6pm– See Pastor Layne for details
- Tri County Quilters meets the **2nd and 4th Thursday** 10-2. & 5th Thurs The Quilt of Valor group meets on the **1st Saturday** 9am-2pm
- **THURSDAY Night** Brownies Meeting from 5:00-6:00pm
- **Thursday Night**—5:30 to 6:30pm is Girl Scouts
- Dayton Art League– **2nd Thursday @6:30pm**–Contact Phyllis Bekemeier at 423-315-1132
- Church Veterans Breakfast– **8:30am Fridays Bryan College Cafeteria**
- Rotary Meeting: Lunch & Meeting- Every **Friday** 11:30– 12:30
- The Jail ministry: **Monday evening** for men, **Wednesday afternoon/Thursday nights** for women. For info: Heather Sneed
- Feed America– Every **Wednesday & Friday** from 10:00 to 11:30
- Senior Ministries– **2nd Sunday** : Covered Dish Luncheon after 2nd Service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share–Meat & drinks are provided. **Every 4th THURSDAY-** is our Dinner Trip– We usually meet in the church parking lot to carpool or take the bus. The location is usually announced the week prior. We ask for everyone to RSVP to Katie Trotter– so that we know how many will be attending. Call/text Katie at 816-830-7074
- MEN’S BREAKFAST– **1st Saturday of the month at 8:00 am** in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend– bring a friend! Come and join us. Contact Pastor Layne to be included in a group text
- MMW: **December 14th at 5:30** at the home of Jo Travis. MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH MISSION MINDED WOMEN 2024 MEETING DATES : February 8, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10 and December 12th.

## PRAYER LIST

Be in prayer for Lynn Price for health & healing during her continued treatment and also pray for both Lynn & Rick as they travel back and forth to Birmingham for her appointments. Kelly French, Katie Trotters sister, has a health concern and is asking for prayers.

Keep in your prayers Isabella Urani, Donna Taylor, Trish Cole, Ursula Brown and Sue Ann Walker for health and healing. Be in prayer for young Rodrigo Lopez Morales— a DCS student who is undergoing some serious health issues— please pray for him and his family. Pray for Curt Stinnett, Bob and Sheila Larson, Gary Gillen, Greg Saul and Ed Lawson. Pray for Helen Kallen for strength & healing ( Lynn Price's mother in law), James Knuckles & Tammy Wilkey. Pray for Pat Holsberry for healing, Robbie Garren, Nancy & Carl Shores for recovery & healing. Prayers for Kella Price, Garry Robinson, Dr. Lynda Moore & the family of Paul Wilhelm. Prayers for Adair McElynn, Arnold Fitzgerald, Billie Doty, Rebecca Hollingsworth, Winifred Thomas, Betty Fortner, Darlene & Carolyn Davisson. Pray for Brenda, Phyllis, Mark, Janie, Terry, Lisa, Frankie, Gerald, Tristen, Ann & Family, Lois & Family, Tammy & Family. Healing Prayers for Gail

If you would like to add a prayer request— please fill out a needs form—found at each pew or you can email [fumcdayton@gmail.com](mailto:fumcdayton@gmail.com)



ABEL, Lori	12/10
SNEED, Isabelle	12/11
STEPHENS, Judy	12/11
VANDERWALL, Alex	12/19
YOUNG, Faith M.	12/19
SHIPLEY, Renee	12/23
BEATON, Ashley	12/24
ABEL, Steve	12/31
ORCUTT, Kathy	01/04
BROWN, Joe	01/06
LOCKE, Sara Jane	01/09
ABEL, David	01/10



BARGER,  
Steve & Cathy  
12/22

## Advent Reading Week Two – PEACE

**Reader 1:** Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. Let us light it again to show that our hope continues. ([Light the first candle.](#))

**Reader 2:** *John the Baptist called on the people of his day to prepare the path for the coming of the Messiah. He called them to repent, turn around, change their ways. To live in peace with others, we need to repent and change directions.*

**Reader 1:** We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He shows us how to share God's peace with others. ([Light the second candle.](#))

**Reader 2:** *The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be peacemakers. Let us say it together:*

**All:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;**

**Where there is doubt, faith;**

**Where there is despair, hope;**

**Where there is sadness, joy;**

**And where there is darkness, light.**

**Grant that we may seek**

**not so much to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**



## The Christmas Card Exchange

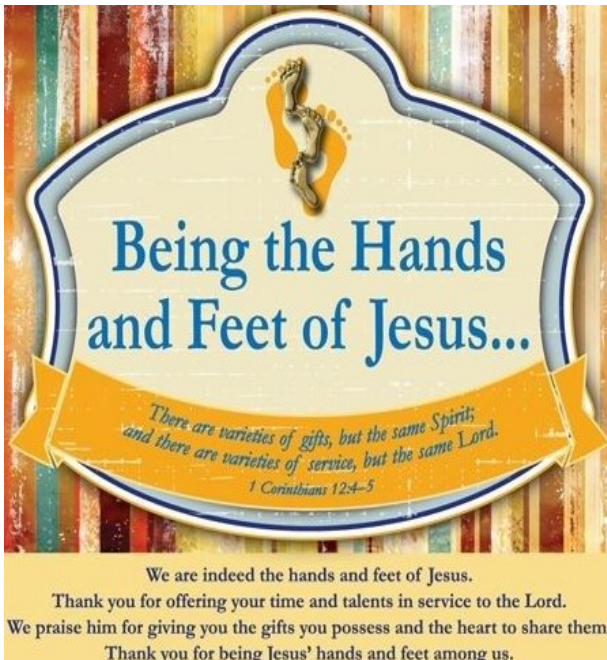
Get your Christmas greeting cards filled out & ready for your fellow parishioners.

We will have 2 wrapped boxes: one in the front of the sanctuary and one at the back for you to deposit your Christmas cards

Volunteers separate the cards and place them in labeled bags for each family. Family bags can be picked up beginning Dec 17th.

This is a fundraiser for the youth, so that they can raise money for Resurrection in January— so any donations would be appreciated— you can include them in your card packets when you drop them in the box— or place it in the donation plate on Sunday.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer your time to help— you can call Linda Blevins at 423-240-3925



## THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM, OUR CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAMS, AND IN DECORATING THE CHURCH & THE HANGING OF THE GREENS— WE THANK YOU.

OUR CHURCH SHINES BRIGHTLY BECAUSE OF YOU.

Little Learners Christmas Program will be **December 14th** at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

- **December 14th**— MMW Christmas Meeting, 5:30pm at the home of Jo Travis- 502 Horseshoe Circle in Dayton

## DECEMBER 17th at 10:30am

Combined Christmas Celebration Service followed by a CATERED Luncheon Everything will be provided, BUT if you have a “signature” side dish or dessert that you would like to share, it would be a blessing.

CHRISTMAS EVE  
REGULAR SERVICES AT 9AM AND 11AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10AM  
  
Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5pm  
followed by  
a come and go communion  
with Pastor Layne officiating from 6pm to 8pm



If you have a loved one who has passed during 2023 please email the church office at [fumcdayton@gmail.com](mailto:fumcdayton@gmail.com) So that we can have a candle placed in their memory in the sanctuary.

# The Shepherd and His Sheep



John 10:1-10

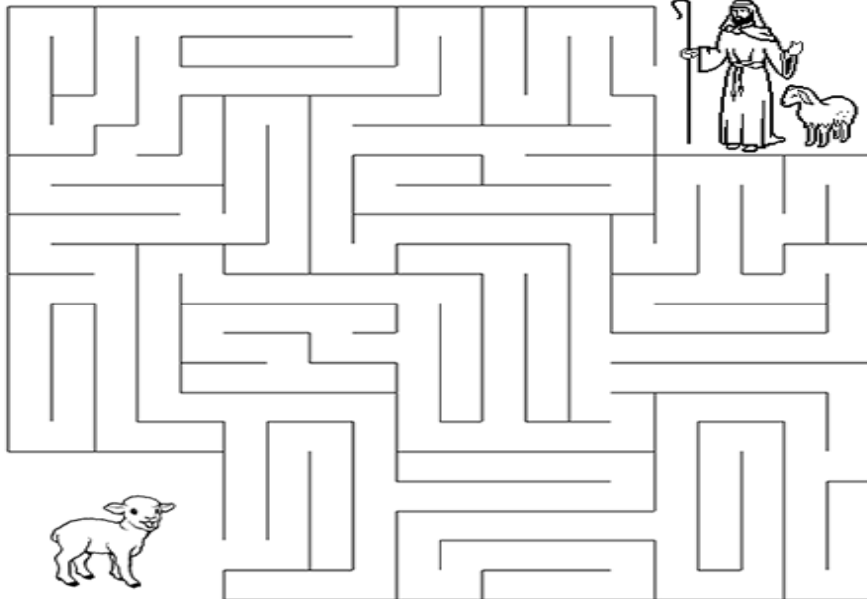
Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the \_\_\_\_\_, but climbs in by some other way, is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. The man who enters by the gate is the \_\_\_\_\_ of his sheep. The \_\_\_\_\_ opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by \_\_\_\_\_ and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his \_\_\_\_\_. But they will never follow a \_\_\_\_\_; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

The thief comes only to \_\_\_\_\_ and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have \_\_\_\_\_, and have it to the full.

John 10:1-6, 10 (NIV)

gate	name	shepherd	stranger	voice
life	robber	steal	watchman	thief



F C N L V E S A N F T C W M H  
 U J Q I M D Z H N A D R S A L  
 R O I Y S Z W G E K M N U F U  
 G U D D G F S A G P T E T T N  
 H L A L T D O M T C H D K B H  
 N E R R P H T L D C R E A E R  
 L A J O E V I B L E H I R S G  
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 S O S C T R E L G I D X U B B  
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 G Z E S R V W B Q E A G E Y R  
 O S E A E O J S Y T G O W P Z  
 S C J R L Y Y H B X L L T L L

LEADS	ROBBER	PEN	WATCHMAN	TRUTH
FOLLOW	DESTROY	THIEF	STRANGER	GATE
VOICE	STEAL	SHEPHERD	NAME	SHEEP

