

Sunday, December 24 2023

Contemporary Service at 9:00am

Sunday School at 10:15 &

Traditional Service at 11:00am

Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5pm  
followed by a come and go communion  
with Pastor Layne officiating from 6pm to 8pm

*\*If you don't feel well, stay home, worship with us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchdayton>*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAYTON  
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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**

# First United Methodist Church

“Advancing Christ’s Kingdom locally and globally”

December 24, 2023

Thank you for joining us on  
the Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Welcome!**



Layne Pennington, Pastor

Bailey Moore, Youth Pastor Julie Burton, Children's Coordinator  
John Blevins, Lay Leader John Bamber, Lay Leader/Music Director  
Elissa Wilcox, Administrative  
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9:00 AM Worship Service  
4th Sunday of Advent

**Welcome**

**Advent Wreath & Reading**

**Praise & Worship**

**Prayers & Offering**

**Announcement**

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

**Scripture** Matthew 2: 1-12, John 12: 20-30

**Sermon** “Olly, Olly, Oxen Free”

Pastor Layne Pennington

**Praise & Prayer**

**Joining the Church** Alina Valeriivna Peftiieva Hamilton

From Mariupol Ukraine

**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  
4th Sunday of Advent

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** Faith Young

**Invocation** Jenny Nevans

**Hymn** It Came upon the Midnight Clear— UMH 218

**\*\*Statement of Faith** UMH 889

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

**Advent Wreath & Reading**

**Offertory Prayer** Jenny nevans

**Offertory** Faith Young

**\*\*Doxology** UMH 95

**Children’s Message**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture** Matthew 2: 1-12, John 12: 20-30

**Sermon** “Olly, Olly, Oxen Free”

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**Hymn** O Come, All Ye Faithful— UMH 234

**\*\* 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 **Fol- lowed 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 the youth and then on January 24th 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-(NO TRIP IN DECEMBER)** 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– 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, 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)*



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
TAYLOE, Jane N.	01/17
BEATON, Jose	01/22
Tornow, Blaine	01/24



BROWN, Robert & Rebecca  
01/20

## Advent Reading Week Four – LOVE

**Reader 1:** Today we will light the fourth candle in our Advent wreath.

**Reader 2:** Before we do that, we remember God’s blessings, symbolized by the candles of hope, peace and joy.  
(Light the first three candles again.)

**Reader 1:** The fourth candle helps us to remember that God is love.  
(Light the fourth candle.)

**Reader 2:** The Bible tells us that the greatest blessing is love. It is because God loved the world so much that Jesus came to share God’s love by being the sacrifice for our salvation. Mary sings her song in praise of God’s love and goodness. Because God loves us, we must love and care for others.

**Reader 1:** This candle reminds us to share our love with others through words and actions.

**All pray: Loving God, thank you for expressing your love through the life of Jesus, through our lives, and the lives of those around us. Help us to remember that your love will never end. Amen.**





Your Christmas cards are ready to pickup!  
The cards are in bags at the back of the sanctuary

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 place it in the donation plate on Sunday.

*Congratulations*

**Carisse Arseneaux**

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CLARA WARD SCHOOL OF

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TO THE

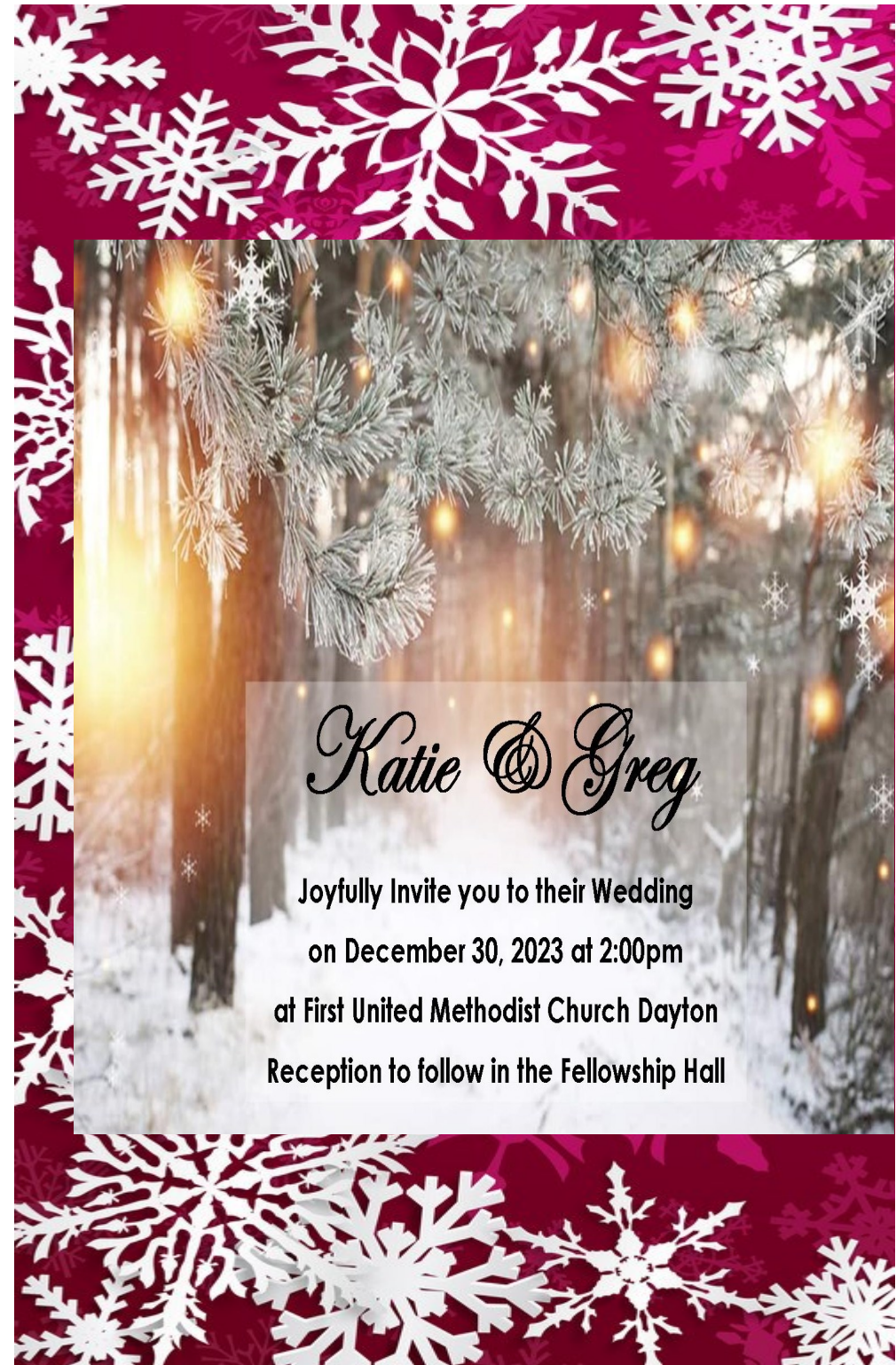
**INAUGURAL BSN  
WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024  
AT 7:00 PM

IN RUDD AUDITORIUM

*Reception with light refreshments to follow*

Please RSVP to [pgiles4652@bryan.edu](mailto:pgiles4652@bryan.edu)



*Katie & Greg*

Joyfully Invite you to their Wedding  
on December 30, 2023 at 2:00pm  
at First United Methodist Church Dayton  
Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

