

Sunday, December 3, 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**

<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchdayton>

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAYTON

993 Market Street, Dayton, TN 37321

office (423)775-0262 www.firstchurchdayton.org

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

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| 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
- **December 6th–** Outreach at the Housing Authority 6pm to 8pm
- 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 Sunday, Dec 3rd 5-7, Wednesday Dec 6 & 13 6-7:30, Sat Dec 16th 9am. Looking for singers and musicians and someone to coordinate the kids doing something small.**

First United Methodist Church

“Advancing Christ’s Kingdom locally and globally”

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Hangings of the Greens The First Sunday of Advent

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

1st Sunday of Advent/ Hanging of the Greens/Holy Communion

Welcome

Advent Reading/ Chrismon Tree

Praise & Worship

Prayers & Offering

Announcement

Blessing of the Children— The Nursery is open

Scripture

Sermon Pastor Layne Pennington

Praise & Prayer

Holy Communion

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

1st Sunday of Advent/ Hanging of the Greens/Holy Communion

Prelude Faith Young

Welcome & Announcements

Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Joy to the World Congregational Hymn— UMH 246

ADVENT WREATH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mary Stickley and Ann Blackburn

Sing We Now of Christmas Linda Abel, Amy Ballentine & Jenny Nevans

CANDLES AND GREENERY

The Holly Bears a Berry Amy Ballentine & Jenny Nevans

O Christmas Tree Linda Abel, Amy Ballentine & Jenny Nevans

CHRISMONS

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

NATIVITY

Silent Night Congregational Hymn— UMH 239

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION Pastor Layne Pennington

RESPONSE God be with you until We meet Again

POSTLUDE Faith Young

Reader 1: Lisa Bonadio

Reader 2: Katie Trotter

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** "He's Where the Joy is" by Tara Lee Cobble- 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. Studying Acts, 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– Youth only (7th-12th grade) 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

Keep in your prayers Kelly French, who is Katie Trotters sister. Kelly has a health concern, she is seeing a specialist next week & is hopeful for a positive outcome. Keep in your prayers Isabella Urani, Donna Taylor, Trish Cole, Ursula Brown and Sue Ann Walker for health and healing. Thank you for all your Prayers of health & healing for Joe Vendetti of Sparta, NC. His MRSA infection has cleared & he is home and doing well. 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. Be in prayer for Lynn Price for health & healing during her continued treatment. 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, Richard Eidson, 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



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| ROBINSON, Jean | 12/04 |
| BENOIT, Addy | 12/05 |
| WALKER, Barry L | 12/05 |
| BEATON, Bryce | 12/06 |
| STUMBO, Sam | 12/06 |
| 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 |



BARGER,
Steve & Cathy
12/22

Advent Reading Week One – HOPE

Reader 1: The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God, and that God's love and caring for us never ends. The green branches are a sign of ever new life. The candles tell us of the light shining into the world with Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: Purple has historically been associated with royalty and kingship. The purple candles symbolize the supremacy and kingship of Christ, who is recognized as the "King of Kings." The purple candles also signify repentance as we prepare to commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Reader 1: The Pink candle represents joy or triumph and this candle marks a transition in the season of Advent away from repentance and to a celebration. We light it to represent joy and the nearness of the birth of Jesus Christ. The white candle, which we light on Christmas Eve, signifies the birth of Jesus.

Reader 2: Today we light the first purple candle, the candle of hope.

(Light the first candle.)

Reader 1: The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope in Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you,' says the LORD, 'plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." We hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

Reader 2: Hope is like a flame that warms and comforts us. As we light this candle, we celebrate the hope of the prophets and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

All: We continue to hope in God's promise that Christ will continue to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace.

All Pray: Thank you, God for the flame of hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share our hope with others.

We will be beginning 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 **STARTING AT ADVENT.**

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



This is our CHRISTMAS BASKET MINISTRY!

The Sheriff's Department works year round accepting donations of coats, clothing and toys as well as monetary donations from citizens, public service organizations and businesses. They begin taking applications for toys in October. The applications are screened and the families are placed on the list for help.

As a church body, every year we help by receiving names of these families that need assistance with Christmas. We are provided with a list of wishes for each family.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A FAMILY, MAKE A DONATION FOR A FOOD BASKET, OR ASSIST WITH OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE SEE KATIE TROTTER OR DROP A NOTE AT THE OFFICE.



- **December 7th**– Senior Ministry Christmas Dinner at the Community Room at Exit Realty.

The Christmas Basket Ministry program/distribution date will be Saturday, **December 9th.**

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
So that we can have a candle placed in their memory in the sanctuary.

Advent 1 - Hope

- Can YOU find all 8 : Mrs. Claus, a Grumpy Santa, a Snowman, a Bell, a Bow, a Polar Bear, an Elf and an Apple??

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