

Sunday, December 17 2023

Combined Christmas Celebration Service at 10:30am 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.

**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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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

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 17, 2023

The Third Sunday of Advent



Waiting with Expectation

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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10:30 Combined Service

3rd Sunday of Advent

** Please stand if you are able

Prelude	Clara Sneed
Welcome & Announcements	
Joy to the World/Our God Saves	Congregation
Invocation	Lisa Bonadio
Advent Candle Reading	The Turnow & Pilkington Families
Living Prayer	Tigris Nevans
Offering	
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem	The Pierce Girls
O What a King	Molly Hughes
Manger Throne	
God Made a Way	Levi Stumbo & Lilly Tucker
The Manger	Pat Roper & Leigha Miller
Away in a Manger	Congregation
O Come All You Unfaithful	
Behold with O Holy Night	
Benediction	

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 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



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
TAYLOE, Jane N.	01/17



BARGER,
Steve & Cathy
12/22

Advent Reading Week Three – JOY

(Light the first two candles again)

Reader 1: We have lit again the first two candles in our Advent wreath, to remind us of God’s gifts of hope and peace. Today we will light the third candle, the candle of **joy**.

Reader 2: *As we wait for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, we look forward to the **joyful** celebrations we will share and those we love. The prophet Zephaniah calls us to shout for **joy** because God will transform the people. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the angel told the shepherds not to be afraid. The angels brought “Good news of a **great joy**, which shall be to all people.” The good news of Jesus’ birth and the promise of Shalom are still “tidings of **great joy**” for us today.*

Reader 1: We are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their **joyful** demeanor. Let’s not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

Reader 2: *Philippians 4: 4-6 says, “**Rejoice** in the Lord always. I will say it again: **Rejoice!** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.” The third candle reminds us of our **joy** in Jesus Christ.*

(Light the third candle.)

All pray: **God of Joy, thank you for the excitement and delight we experience at this joyful time of year. Help us to share your joy with others, so that they too will be filled with your spirit.**

Amen.



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

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.



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



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

Read Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.
Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- ___ What name did the angel Gabriel tell Mary to name her baby?
- ___ What does the name 'Yeshua' mean?
- ___ Who ordered a census at the time of Yeshua's birth?
- ___ Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem for the census?
- ___ Who was king of Judea at this time?
- ___ Yeshua was of which tribe of Israel?
- ___ Which prophet said a king would be born in Bethlehem?
- ___ What gifts did the Magi give Yeshua?
- ___ What sacrifice did Joseph and Mary offer after Yeshua's birth?
- ___ Which country did Joseph, Mary, and Yeshua live in until King Herod had died?

ANSWERS

1. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
2. Two turtledoves or pigeons
3. Herod (the great)
4. Egypt
5. Micah
6. Judah (Mat 1:1)
7. Joseph was a descendant of King David
8. Augustus Caesar
9. God is my salvation
10. Yeshua



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH

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

JUDAH
HEROD
CAESAR
CENSUS
ANGELS
YESHUA

MAGI
BETHLEHEM
PARTHIA
KING
JOSEPH
MANGER

APPOINTED TIME
SHEPHERDS
MARY
STAR
TRUMPETS
EGYPT