

CHRISTMAS

Joy



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DECEMBER NEWS

First Church *Chimes*

Dear Friends,

We've entered the season of shopping, eating, decorating, gift-giving, candle-lighting, caroling, parties, family-gatherings, and too-much happening. We've entered the season of Advent.

Even as we do these things, we realize that our task is deeper than our preparations seem to suggest. Preparing ourselves for Christmas means preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ—and yet we so often get caught up in all those other kinds of preparations that leave us exhausted, rather than the kind that bring us peace and joy and hope for the future.

We think of the babe in the manger. We recall sweet moments of little boys wearing bathrobes and glittery crowns and little girls with garland-covered angel-wings. We sing "Silent Night, Holy Night." But after all this is past and the decorations are packed away, can we say that the season has really changed anything? Have we allowed the babe in the manger to get under our skin enough to change us?

We've just finished reading and studying Adam Hamilton's *"Enough: Finding Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity,"* and it seems to me that some of the lessons learned in that study can help us to focus and stay on track with "the reason for the season."

1. *Live within your means*, not only in the way you spend, but in your use of time. Don't spend yourself into the point of needing to use credit or having to make payments into the new year, and don't over-extend yourself time-wise, either. Make sure you allow and plan for prayer time and scripture reading in order that you might be able to hear whatever gift God has in mind for you this season.
2. *Look toward and prepare for the future*, remembering that Christ came once, and that he will come again...he is a present and a future reality. There's no need to ignore sweet little baby Jesus, his birth is God's gift to the world and that's such good news! But God isn't done working in our world or in us. Keep watching, preparing, and expecting that God has good things in store for all of us.
3. *Give generously in response to what God has already done for you*. Your time, your presence, your financial gifts, your talents, your witness—when joyfully offered, each of these things bring such blessings! We have been blessed to be a blessing!

I invite you to join me this Advent season, in directing our focus on Jesus: the one who came as an infant, who lived and died and now lives again for your sake and for mine. And may we in turn, be blessed on the journey.

In Joyful Anticipation of what this season might bring,

Joni



**Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors**

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**Christmas
Worship
Schedule**

Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. ~ Candles and Carols
A Celebration of Christian Worship

7:00 p.m. ~ Family Christmas Service

11:00 p.m. ~ Candle Light Service
Communion/Sanctuary Choir/Ginn Handbells

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**Las Posadas**

*(Service of Shelter for the Holy Family)*  
**Monday, Dec. 20— 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**at the Downtown Campus**  
**Carry-in dinner and short program**

*In the Hispanic tradition of Latin American countries, especially in Mexico, one of the oldest celebrations is Las Posadas. It was created by the Augustinian Father Diego de Soria about 1587 to introduce Christianity to the New World, and now it is revised by United Methodists Carlos Avendano, Raquel M. Martinez, and Roberto Escamilla. This celebration takes place during Advent, from December 16 through December 23, with a special service on December 24. It is a preparation for, and anticipation of, the birth of the Savior, commemorating the nine months when Mary carried the infant Jesus in her womb and emphasizing his coming again and the need of all persons for repentance and God's mercy. Las Posadas is a Christian, biblical, and evangelistic service out of the Hispanic culture. (Taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship).*

We will 'journey' through the building with Mary and Joseph as they search for an inviting place for the Christ-child to be born. The service is participatory and will include responses from those travelling with the Holy Family. After the service, we will have a carry-in dinner (think Mexican!) and piñatas for the children. Come join us for this break from your usual holiday traditions.



**The tree is up and ready!**

All it needs now is its decorations of mittens and hats for children who need to be warm this winter. A tree is located in the Narthex downtown and in the hall at The Connection.

**Gift-Giving Ideas**  
Camp Scholarships  
Community Closet  
Pastor Discretionary Fund  
Maria Humbane

**Salvation Army Angel Tree**

Warsaw First will again participate with the Salvation Army of Kosciusko County's Angel Tree Program. Christmas trees with tags hanging from them will be located in the Downtown Atrium (just outside the office) and at the Connection. Each tag will have the names, ages and suggested items to purchase for children enrolled in the program. Children range in age from infant through age 12. Return to the church on or before Dec. 15. Instructions on back of tags.




**Making the Connection**



With the holidays upon us, we tend to be inundated with extra demands on our time, energy, and budgets. Between the extra things we want to do, the things we think we should do, and the things we simply can't get out of doing, it is easy to struggle just to keep up, while we risk missing out on the joy of the season. Suddenly it is January, and we don't know where it all went. While you are looking at your to-do list for the season, realizing you must prioritize because it can't all be done, I have a few suggestions for things to leave ON the list: sleeping, eating, and breathing. In other words, take care of yourself! What you really don't have time for in December is being so physically and emotionally run down that you miss out. Don't sacrifice sleep to get shopping done, cookies baked, and gifts wrapped. Recruit help, delegate responsibilities, or remove yourself from a committee or an extra project. Don't skip meals or eat junk on the run to save time. Sit down, have conversation, take a break, and taste your food. Keep it simple, but go for balance, too. Keep on walking the dog, going to the Y, taking exercise classes, or doing whatever it is that keeps you moving, and breathing. You'll feel better and have more energy for the other things you want to do. If you ever listen to the safety instructions on an airplane, you know to adjust your own oxygen mask before you help others with theirs. This is the same idea—take care of yourself, so you are better able to do for others.

Julie Nethercutt, Psy.D., HSPP  
Clinical Psychologist  
574-269-3654

**Give to the Bishop's Christmas Offering**



**This Christmas, pray for all the children of the world.**

Christmas is a special time for our children. Unfortunately, many children here at home in Indiana and around the world don't receive the blessings of this special holiday, but we can make a difference in their lives through our gifts. Therefore, as has been our tradition as Hoosier United Methodists, we will pray and give to the well-being of Children.

Special envelopes will be distributed with worship folders later in the month. This special giving opportunity will be collected during the Christmas Eve Worship Services.

**The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA)** (Advance #801600), a national United Methodist-related hunger-relief ministry, offers a way to celebrate the true meaning of this holy holiday through a unique **Alternative Christmas Card Program** that helps feed Americans who are in need while honoring special friends and family. For a minimum donation of \$12 in honor or someone special, you can provide about 600 servings of fresh food to those in need. Gift donations will be announced with the SoSA's exclusive Alternative Christmas Card, and participants also will receive this beautiful card as a thank-you and confirmation of how many gifts you make.

Individuals can order SoSA's Alternative Christmas Cards by mail, phone: 800-333-4597; fax at 434-299-5949; email to [card@endhunger.org](mailto:card@endhunger.org) or online at [www.endhunger.org/card](http://www.endhunger.org/card).

## **“Our”-Reach**

A Report from FUMC's Outreach Ministry Team

**Fourth Quarter 2010 Coin Offering** has been designated to go toward our financial commitment to **Maria Sabino Humbane, our Covenant Relationship Missionary**. Maria directs the *Ishe Anesu Project* (translated God Is With Us) on the premises of Hilltop United Methodist Church in Sakubva, Mutare, Zimbabwe. *Ishe Anesu* is an after-school project that provides meals, healthcare, school uniforms & supplies, Christian education classes, recreation, and tutoring to the 76 students currently in the project. Maria and a selection committee recently identified 45 of “the poorest among the very poor” children in the community (from more than 300 applicants) to become new students, replacing graduates and those who left the project to get jobs to help provide for their families. New pictures and more information are in her 2010 Newsletter on her website, [www.isheanesu.com](http://www.isheanesu.com). To date, we have collected \$1,719.25 toward our \$2500 commitment. Gifts for Maria are gladly accepted anytime! (Checks should be written payable to F.U.M.C. and designated for “Maria” or “Missionary.”)

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**Community Kitchen—Feed My Sheep and Community Closet:** Both of these ministries continue to be essential to the needy in our community. A few days around Christmas & New Year's Day (when Our Father's House is closed) are available for a group or organization to provide and serve the meal. Contact Luke Becknell or the Church Office to volunteer. Members of FUMC's Wednesday Morning Bible Study continue to oversee the **Community Closet**, which provides paper goods, cleaning supplies, and personal care items not covered by food stamps, for folks in need. Financial donations are accepted—Kevin Zachary shops each week spending \$250 to \$300. A “Current Needs List” is at the reception desk in the Atrium and at the Welcome Center at the Connection, and collection containers are at both campuses.

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**Thank you!** for generously supporting all of the Outreach Ministry Team's projects.

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### Christian Symbols — Candle

The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning. Many churches have a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, often at midnight.



## **U.M.W.**

United Methodist Women  
**N E W S**

**Fifth Wednesday Community Kitchen:** UMW is organizing the Community Kitchen on Wednesday, December 29. Watch for more information and how you can be involved in upcoming worship folders. You can also contact Jan Wilcox ([wilcox.jj57@gmail.com](mailto:wilcox.jj57@gmail.com)) or call 574-858-9548).

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**Ongoing Activities:** UMW continues to collect **BOXTOPS for EDUCATION** from General Foods cereal boxes and **Labels for Education** (actually, the UPC bar code/proof of purchase) from Campbell soup cans. Other products also qualify for these programs. Please make sure the boxtops and bar codes have not expired! UMW sends the boxtops and bar codes to Bashor Children's Home for the on-campus Bashor Alternative School. The collection containers and more information can be found on the shelves by the elevator in the Atrium and on a table near the Welcome Center at The Connection. **Baby Bundles**, UMW's ministry of providing a layette to new mothers in need at KCH, can always use newborn disposable diapers. The layettes also include small toys, sleepers, onesies, and crib and receiving blankets. All items should be “newborn” size and new, not used. Any contributions can be taken to the Church Office. **“STREAK-LESS” microfiber cleaning cloths**, a “must-have” for Fall cleaning projects, are available to purchase--\$4 each or 3 for \$10. Proceeds are designated for UMCOR's flood relief fund for Northern Indiana, a continuing need from the 2008 floods. The cloths are available in the Church Office during the week or on Sunday mornings by contacting Kathee Reed, Ann Gephart, Priscilla Waidley, or Jan Wilcox.

**“Thank you for your support of all UMW projects!!!”**

### **Upcoming!!**

In January of 2009, the pastors led a preaching series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase. Since that time, these 5 practices of Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity have become a guide and benchmark for congregations who seek to be vital and vibrant (don't we all?). Schnase has now written a second book, Five Practices of Fruitful Living, as a resource for you and I as individual Christians and as members together in a community of faith. How might we use these five practices to deepen and grow spiritually, that our lives might be fruitful and full?

On January 9, we will begin a teaching and preaching series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Living. In addition to our time in worship together, individuals, small groups and Sunday school classes are invited and encouraged to read, study, discuss, and explore the five practices and how they can help us to “settle ourselves” in God and become instruments of God's grace.

It'll be a great way to begin 2011. Let's do this together!

Books available in December at \$10 each. We'll announce their arrival.



## Love One Another

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

Jesus tells us **three** times in this passage of scripture to love one another. This is a command that we as Christians must take into our hearts and live out loud.

Stephen Ministry is a vital ministry in our church that enables those lay persons who are called by Jesus to express love for another by being a compassionate, trustworthy, faithful and skilled Christian friend during a difficult or challenging period in their life.

Stephen Ministry has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began it to multiply the caregiving in his congregation in St. Louis, Missouri. First United Methodist Church is one of more than 9,000 Stephen Ministry congregations from more than 100 denominations.

The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6. “So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right of us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.’ ... This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit...” Acts 6:2-3,5

The ministry is comprised of Stephen Leaders, Stephen Ministers and care receivers.

Stephen Leaders are the ones who oversee and direct the Stephen Ministers. They recruit, select, train, organize and supervise the Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister. First Church has one Stephen Leader, Michele Carter.

Stephen Ministers are the caregivers. They have been through 50 hours of training in Christian care giving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness and using Christian resources in care giving. In addition, their training covered specific topics such as ministering to the divorced, bereaved and aging. First Church currently has nine active Stephen Ministers. They are Jackie Bergen, Deb Bishop, Luanne Lozier, Laurie Mock, Dianne Ratliff, Peggy Rees, Jen Savage, Priscilla Waidley and Kevin Zachary.

Care receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers' care. They are people from First Church or the community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness or any of an endless number of life difficulties. Stephen Ministers meet with their care receivers on a regular basis for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship.

An individual can receive a Stephen Minister by talking to the Stephen leader, Michele Carter, or to one of the pastors. Any of the Stephen Ministers would also be happy to help you through the process. (If you want to talk about Stephen Ministry for someone else, make sure to get their permission first.)

Please support the Stephen Ministry in our church by your prayers and encouragement for the leaders and ministers as they live out loud Jesus' command to love one another.

## Sevenglory Concert

FUMC Youth ConneXion will be hosting a second concert event on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 -8 pm. In addition to providing our youth with worship/concert experience, it gives them an opportunity to invite friends from school and extend hospitality to other Warsaw Youth groups.

Sevenglory is a vocal-driven pop rock band who has been touring independently since 2001. Fred Butson (lead vocals, guitar) and Gabe Johannes (percussion, background vocals) started the band under the name Bliss. When they first met there was a short exchange of words that went something like this: (Gabe) “Dude, we should rock out sometime!” (Fred) “Sure man, let’s do it.” Amazingly, a year later they found themselves as roommates. Along with Fred Butson and Gabe Johannes, the original members, Sevenglory now consists of Caleb Johannes (Bass) and Josh Parsons (Lead Electric).

“Over The Rooftops,” Sevenglory’s first full length CD, came out in November of 2004. The CD was released under 7Spin Music, whom they signed with in January of 2004. Mastering engineers Bob Ludwig (noted for work with Bob Dylan, Nirvana, The Rolling Stones, Third Day), and Paul Salvenson, aka “Salvo,” (responsible for the popular sounds of artists Mercy Me, FFH, and DC Talk) contributed to the finished sound of the album.

Sevenglory has seen God’s hand at work through this ministry and although they love the music, the reason they make the sacrifice of life on the road is for the sake of the kingdom of Christ. The music is only an avenue to touch lives of those who are seeking after Christ.

Please extend an invitation to any youth you know who may be interested in coming. Contact Pastor Tom with questions. [www.sevenglory.com](http://www.sevenglory.com)

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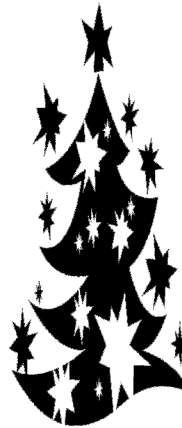
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## The three trees

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According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and a fir tree. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn King, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.

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12/1 Harriet Arford  
 12/1 Ann Compton  
 12/2 Ana Hamrick  
 12/3 Ashley Neubaum  
 12/3 Diane Quance  
 12/4 Marie Fisher  
 12/5 Bob Savage  
 12/6 Mike Armev  
 12/6 Jon Garber  
 12/7 Jason Seiffert  
 12/9 Christa Shenefield  
 12/9 Carol Wood  
 12/10 Angela Jarrett  
 12/11 Steve Allen  
 12/11 Mike Arford  
 12/11 Shayna Cooper  
 12/12 Blayne Shenefield  
 12/13 Terry Bannon  
 12/13 George Gilbert  
 12/13 David Marshall  
 12/14 Steve Harris  
 12/15 Emmett Anderson  
 12/15 Alan Chambers  
 12/15 George Haymond  
 12/15 Sydnee McCammon  
 12/16 Penny Bartel  
 12/16 Shannon Dirck  
 12/16 Ashley Murrell  
 12/17 Carol Edmonds  
 12/17 Amy Williamson  
 12/18 Will Anderson  
 12/18 Doris Kesler  
 12/18 Bev Miller  
 12/18 Tom Ream  
 12/18 Raygan Wright  
 12/20 Jenni McCammon  
 12/21 Jeremy McCartney  
 12/26 Sarah Kirkpatrick  
 12/27 Carlye Snider  
 12/27 Kelli Snider  
 12/28 Christy Mock-Certain  
 12/29 Candi Kizer  
 12/29 Dianne Ratliff  
 12/29 Brianna Walsh  
 12/29 Carolyn Wulliman  
 12/30 Sydney Lancaster

(If your name is missing from the birthday list, it means we do not have that information on your membership record. Call the office!)

| WORSHIP STATISTICS |       |     |                  |                   |
|--------------------|-------|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| ATTENDANCE         |       |     | GIVING           |                   |
| Oct. 31            | 9:00  | 177 | Offering         | 8,604.00          |
|                    | 11:07 | 86  | Missions<br>Coin | 340.00<br>41.20   |
| Nov. 7             | 9:00  | 212 | Offering         | 11,887.50         |
|                    | 11:07 | 109 | Missions<br>Coin | 2,280.74<br>41.36 |
| Nov. 14            | 9:00  | 190 | Offering         | 12,686.00         |
|                    | 11:07 | 96  | Missions<br>Coin | 376.00<br>44.33   |
| Nov. 21            | 9:00  | 180 | Offering         | 13,699.00         |
|                    | 11:07 | 118 | Missions<br>Coin | 907.35<br>59.59   |

#### October Summary

Income: \$57,540.80 YTD \$430,189.01  
 Expenses: \$44,128.89 YTD \$429,294.25

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Beginning in January, First United Methodist Church, in conjunction with Mutual Bank, will be offering the Financial Peace University program. Financial Peace University (FPU), the 13-week program taught by Dave Ramsey, has helped more than 1 million families across the country positively change their financial future. This life-changing program teaches families and individuals how to handle their money through common-sense principles and small group accountability.

- Sessions will be held at First United Methodist Church located at 179 S. Indiana St. Warsaw, IN 46580.
- Bruce Andrews and Bill Curl of Mutual Bank will be leading the program.
- A class preview is set for January 6, 2010 at 6:00 pm and the class sessions will begin Start January 13, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

To register please contact First UMC (267-6933) or Mutual Bank (267-8186).

As they work on a Total Money Makeover, the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 91 days after beginning FPU and is completely out of debt, except for the mortgage, in 18 to 24 months.

Visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) for more information.

#### About Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey is a personal money management expert, an extremely popular national TV and radio personality and best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. In his latest book, a follow-up of his enormously successful *New York Times* best-sellers *Financial Peace* and *More Than Enough*, Ramsey exemplifies his life's work of teaching others how to be financially responsible, so they can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give generously to others.

Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life - living a true riches to rags to riches story. By age twenty-six he had established a four-million-dollar real estate portfolio, only to lose it by age thirty. He has since rebuilt his financial life and now devotes himself full-time to helping ordinary people understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set things right - financially, emotionally, and spiritually.



Our Church  
Our Country  
Our service men and women  
Our Pastors  
Our missionary, Maria Sabino Humbane

### **Our Church Family ~**

Carolyn Wulliman  
Shirlee Clevenger  
Lee Bair  
Don and Mildred Frantz  
Alec McPherson  
Liz Plew  
Dick Wright

### **Our Family and Friends ~**

Linda, friend of Laurie Mock  
Mike Druley, friend of John/Janet Kirkpatrick  
Jean Craft, cousin of Peggy Alt  
Darrin, friend of Sally Bailey  
Bailey Moore, friend of Sally Bailey  
Furman York, father of Amy Williamson  
Katherine Alderfer, friends of Andy and Deb Anderson  
DeeDee Maldonado, friend of Jill Jacobs  
Susan Ritter, sister-in-law to Jim Ritter  
Don Clingaman, brother of Max Clingaman  
Jenny Wendt, friend of Max and Jan Clingaman  
Darlene Robinson, mother of Wendy Robinson  
Bobbi and Garry Barns, friends of Judy and Darrell Drudge  
Pam Penn, sister of Connie Seiffert  
Brent Bartol, son of Bill Bartol  
Sandy Fiedeke, friend of Sue Bradway  
Dayle Jacobs, mother of Jill Jacobs  
Family of Ray Greer, grandfather of Ben Curson

### **Those serving in the military ~**

Krista Slone (Navy/Virginia Beach),  
daughter of Sabrina Slone  
Daniel DeGroff (Army/Korea),  
Son of John DeGroff/Jennifer Savage  
Chris Metz (Army/Afghanistan 3rd tour),  
friend of Luke and Deb Becknell  
Sgt. Adam M. Davis (Army/Iraq 2nd tour),  
friend of Darrell and Judy Drudge  
Kile Krathwohl (Marine/Afghanistan),  
nephew of Richard and Sue Balke

Richard and Sue Balke  
Prayer Coordinators

*Please remember to keep the office updated. Names of family and friends are automatically removed after one month unless informed otherwise.*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package you sent me! There is nothing more exciting than opening up your mailbox than seeing you have a package! The hot chocolate packets already came in handy because my roommate and I are not used to this cold weather! Thanks for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers and I can't wait to come to church Thanksgiving Break! Thanks Again!  
@randi Keeler

Thanks to all who joined me at my birthday open house.

~ Jane  
Chinworth

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package! I always love getting them! Thanks again!

♥ Sam Carter

★ Thank you! ★  
★ Thank you! ★



December

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/1**

9:00 am Study Group/Zachary—Parlor  
9:00 am Disciple I—Room 3  
11:00 pm Community Kitchen  
1:00 pm Study Group/Wilcox-Parlor  
5:15—7:15 Connect on Wednesday—CC  
5:15-6:45 Meal served  
5:30-6:15 Youth Praise (6th-12th)  
6:00-7:15 Children (K-5th) Activities  
6:00-7:00 Adult Study Group  
6:45-7:15 Youth Group Activities  
5:30 pm Fitness Fusion w/Peggy-CC/#11  
6:00 pm Ginn Handbells-Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
7:30 pm AA — Board Room  
7:30 pm Al-Anon—Parlor

### **THURSDAY, 12/2**

6:45 am Men's Bible Study—Board Rm.  
9:30 am Stephen Ministry—Room 3  
10:00 am Thursday Morn. Circle—Parlor  
10:00 am N.A.M.I. Peer/Peer-Fell. Hall  
5:30 pm Interval Trng./Dianne-CC/#11  
7:00 pm Praise Team-CC  
7:00 pm Disciple I—Parlor

### **FRIDAY, 12/3**

6:00 pm Prayer Group-Chapel  
7:30 pm AA — Board Room

### **SATURDAY, 12/4**

### **SUNDAY, 12/5**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
10:10 am Sunday School—both campuses  
10:10 am "Big Idea" — CC/Rm. 11  
11:07 am Contemporary Service-CC  
6:00 pm Youth ConneXion-CC  
7:00 pm Emmaus-Parlor  
7:30 pm AA—CC/#9

### **MONDAY, 12/6**

5:30 pm Yoga w/Diana—CC/#11  
7:00 pm Open Basketball-CC

### **TUESDAY, 12/7**

9:00 am.. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 am Study Group/Ream—Fell. Hall  
10:00 am Staff Meeting—Board Room  
2:00 pm Worship Planning—Board Room  
4:30 pm Ta Dah!—CC/#6  
**6:00 pm Education Team—Board Room**  
6:00 pm Bridge—CC/#9  
6:00 pm Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 730—CC/#8  
7:00 pm N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm 1  
7:00 pm N.A.M.I. Family to Family-Rm 3  
7:00 pm Disciple III—Parlor  
7:30 pm AA — Room 203  
7:30 pm Alateen—Room 202

**WEDNESDAY, 12/8**

9:00 am Study Group/Zachary-Parlor  
 9:00 am Disciple I—Room 3  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 1:00 pm Study Group/Wilcox-Parlor  
 5:15—7:15 Connect on Wednesday—CC  
 5:15-6:45 Meal served  
 5:30-6:15 Youth Praise (6th-12th)  
 6:00-7:15 Children (K-5th) Activities  
 6:00-7:00 Adult Study Group  
 6:45-7:15 Youth Group Activities  
 5:30 pm Fitness Fusion w/Peggy-CC/#11  
 6:00 pm Ginn Handbells  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room  
 7:30 pm Al-Anon—Parlor

**THURSDAY, 12/9**

6:45 am Men's Bible Study—Board Room  
 9:30 am Study Group/Carter-Parlor  
 10:00 am N.A.M.I. Peer to Peer-Room 3  
 5:30 pm Interval Trng w/Dianne-CC/#11  
 7:00 pm Praise Team—CC  
 7:00 pm Disciple I—Rm. 3

**FRIDAY, 12/10**

6:00 pm Prayer Group-Chapel  
 6:30 pm Round Dance-CC/gym  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room

**SATURDAY, 12/11**

9:00 am Mangas Basketball—CC  
 7:00 pm All-Church Euchre Night-CC

**SUNDAY, 12/12**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:10 am Sunday School—both campuses  
 10:10 am "Big Idea" — CC/#11  
 11:07 am Contemporary Service-CC  
 6:00 pm Youth ConneXion—CC  
 7:30 pm AA—CC/#9

**MONDAY, 12/13**

9:15 am Monday Morning Circle—Parlor  
 9:30 am Prayer Shawl —Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 pm Yoga w/Diana-CC/#11  
 7:00 pm Open Basketball—CC

**TUESDAY, 12/14**

9:00 am Parents Morning Out  
 9:00 am Study Group/Ream—Fell. Hall  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting—Board Room  
 2:00 pm Worship Planning—Board Room  
 4:30 pm Ta Dahl-CC/#6  
**6:00 pm Staff-Parish—Board Room**  
 6:00 pm Brownie Troop—Room 2  
 6:00 pm Bridge—CC/#9  
 6:00 pm Mangas Basketball—CC  
 7:00 pm Disciple III—Parlor  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm. 1  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. Family/Family—Rm. 3  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 730—CC/#8  
 7:30 pm AA — Room 203  
 7:30 pm Alateen—Room 202

**WEDNESDAY, 12/15**

9:00 am Disciple I—Rm. 3  
 9:00 am Study Group/Zachary—Parlor  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 1:00 pm Study Group/Wilcox-Parlor

5:15—7:15 Connect on Wednesday—CC  
 5:15-6:45 Meal served  
 5:30-6:15 Youth Praise (6th-12th)  
 6:00-7:15 Children (K-5th) Activities  
 6:00-7:00 Adult Study Group  
 6:45-7:15 Youth Group Activities  
 5:30 pm Fitness Fusion w/Peggy-CC/#11  
 6:00 pm Ginn Handbells  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room  
 7:30 pm Al-Anon—Parlor

**THURSDAY, 12/16**

6:45 am Men's Bible Study—Board Room  
 9:30 am Stephen Ministry—Parlor  
 10:00 am N.A.M.I. Peer to Peer-Room 3  
 5:30 pm Interval Trng. w/Dianne-CC/11  
 7:00 pm Praise Team—CC  
 7:00 pm 3rd Thursday Knitting-CC/#9  
 7:00 pm Disciple I—Room 3

**FRIDAY, 12/17**

6:00 pm Prayer Group-Chapel  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room

**SATURDAY, 12/18**

6:00 pm Warsaw Squares-CC/gym

**SUNDAY, 12/19**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:10 am Sunday School—both campuses  
 10:10 am "Big Idea" — CC/#11  
 11:07 am Contemporary Service-CC  
 6:00 pm Youth ConneXion—CC  
 7:30 pm AA—CC/Rm. 9

**MONDAY, 12/20**

11:00 am Community Kitchen  
**6:00 pm Las Posadas—Downtown**  
 5:30 pm Yoga w/Diana-CC/#11  
 7:00 pm Open Basketball—CC gym

**TUESDAY, 12/21**

9:00 am Parents Morning Out  
 9:00 am Study Group/Ream—Fell. Hall  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting—Board Room  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 11:30 am U.M.W. Gen'l. Mtg. —Parlor  
**12:00 pm Finance Committee—Room 3**  
 2:00 pm Worship Planning—Board Room  
**6:00 pm Trustees — Board Room**  
 6:00 pm Bridge—CC/#9  
 7:00 pm Disciple III—Parlor  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 730—CC/#8  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm. 1  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. Family/Family—Rm. 3  
 7:30 pm AA — Room 203  
 7:30 pm Alateen—Room 202

**WEDNESDAY, 12/22**

9:00 am Disciple I—Rm. 3  
 9:00 am Study Group/Zachary—Parlor  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 1:00 pm Study Group/Wilcox-Parlor  
 5:30 pm Fitness Fusion w/Peggy-CC/#11  
 6:00 pm Ginn Handbells  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room  
 7:30 pm Al-Anon—Parlor

**THURSDAY, 12/23**

11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 7:00 pm Praise Team—CC

**FRIDAY, 12/24—Office closes at Noon**  
**3:00 pm Christmas Candles and Carols**  
**7:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service**  
 7:30 pm AA-Board Room  
**11:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service/Communion**

**SATURDAY, 12/25 CHRISTMAS****SUNDAY, 12/26**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:10 am Sunday School—both campuses  
 10:10 am "Big Idea" — CC/#11  
 11:07 am Contemporary Service-CC  
 7:30 pm AA—CC/Rm. 9

**MONDAY, 12/27**

9:15 am Monday Morning Circle—Parlor  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 5:30 pm Yoga w/Diana-CC/#11  
 7:00 pm Open Basketball—CC

**TUESDAY, 12/28**

9:00 am Parents Morning Out  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting—Board Room  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 2:00 pm Worship Planning—Board Room  
 6:00 pm Bridge—CC/#9  
 6:00 pm Mangas Basketball—CC  
 7:00 pm Disciple III—Parlor  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm. 1  
 7:00 pm N.A.M.I. Family/Family—Rm. 3  
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 730—CC/#8  
 7:30 pm AA — Room 203  
 7:30 pm Alateen—Room 202

**WEDNESDAY, 12/29**

9:00 am Disciple I—Rm. 3  
 9:00 am Study Group/Zachary—Parlor  
 11:00 am Community Kitchen  
 1:00 pm Study Group/Wilcox-Parlor  
 5:30 pm Fitness Fusion w/Peggy-CC/#11  
 7:30 pm AA — Board Room  
 7:30 pm Al-Anon—Parlor

**THURSDAY, 12/30**

11:00 am Community Kitchen

**FRIDAY, 12/31 New Year's Eve**

7:30 pm AA-Board Room

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**Worship Opportunities**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service ~ Sanctuary Downtown  
11:07 a.m. Contemporary Service ~ The Connection (1692 W. Lake)  
Radio Ministry program on WIOE-FM 98.3 ~ 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**December Weekly scripture readings:**

Dec. 5 ~ Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12  
Dec. 12 ~ Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11  
Dec. 19 ~ Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25  
Dec. 26 ~ Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

**Christmas Eve Services**

**3:00 p.m. ~ Candles and Carols — A Celebration of Christian Worship**

**7:00 p.m. ~ Family Christmas Service**

**11:00 p.m. ~ Candle Light Service**

**Communion/Sanctuary Choir/Ginn Handbells**

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First United Methodist Church embraces salvation in Jesus Christ and is committed to building a community of love. We will be a church that:

- \* Proclaims God's gift of love and grace offered to people everywhere
- \* Provides Biblically-based worship that touches our daily lives
- \* Guides children, youth, and adults through dynamic Christian Education
- \* Offers vital and relevant youth ministry
- \* Draws upon the leadership and experience of senior adults
- \* Invites and welcomes all people
- \* Prays and cares for one another

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