



# First Church *Chimes*

## *The Miracle of Christmas*

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Friends,

What's the best gift you've ever received?

I can think of all kinds of possibilities that I could list of wonderful gifts I've been given over the years: a clock-radio when I was about 11 or 12 that signaled to me that I had arrived to an age of responsibility when I could wake myself up in the morning for school...an engagement ring as a certain young man communicated that he wanted to always be a part of my life...3 incredible children...an adorable granddaughter... I could go on and on, but those are some of the first things that come to my mind.

I know that you've received some really great gifts along the way, too. Gifts that make you smile and that have made your life richer and better. But the most beautiful, significant, challenging, incredible, mind-boggling, head-scratching, and life-changing gift that you and I have ever received is the one that we celebrate and anticipate in this season of Advent—God's gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Before we were formed in our mother's wombs, God knew us. When we are a stubborn and stiff-necked people, God remains steadfast. When we grieve, we receive comfort. When we're sick, there is healing. And when we're just busy in our ordinary, everyday lives, Christ calls us and invites us to be a part of His life-changing, life-affirming, and world-altering mission.

This gift covers us from the beginning to the end and every moment in between, giving us purpose, direction, community and hope. Grace is the ribbon that binds the whole thing together.

Now, that's some gift.

I look forward to walking through this season with you. I look forward to the familiar words of scripture, the beloved hymns, the warm candlelight. I delight in the parties, decorations, seasonal productions, (food!) gift-giving and gatherings. I look forward to learning your traditions and sharing some of mine with you.

It's all so good!

But, the best part of it all? The gift of our Savior.

I look forward to seeing you on the Sundays of Advent, and in the special activities that are planned along the way. Check the calendar carefully—there are new activities and times that you'll want to know about!

May your hearts and our fellowship be blessed in this Season.

In Christ,



**Open hearts  
Open minds  
Open doors**

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Web Page: <http://www.warsawfumc.org>  
WIOE 98.3 FM Radio Ministry Program  
Sunday ~ 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**Pastors**  
Rev. Toni Carmer  
Rev. Tom Ream

*We have prepared our homes and church for Christmas, Lord. Now, help us prepare our hearts.*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MORE

### Las Posadas

**(Service of Shelter for the Holy Family)**

**Monday, Dec. 21— 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Connection  
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*).*

### Christmas Eve Services ~ Downtown Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. A Celebration of Christian Worship  
~ Candles and Carols  
7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service  
11:00 p.m. Candle Light Service  
w/Sanctuary Choir and Ginn Handbells

**Saturday, December 12**

**9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Downtown Fellowship Hall  
Pre-school through  
5th grade children.**

R.S.V.P. to the office at 267-6933

**Angel  
Brunch**



### Salvation Army Angel Tree

Again this year, Warsaw First will participate with the Salvation Army of Kosciusko County's Angel Tree Program. This program targets infants through 13-year-old children to give them a brighter Christmas. 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.



**Advent Devotions** Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday in Advent, a time of preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth. The **Society of St. Andrew** provides an Advent devotions and giving program that will help us keep focused on Jesus' birth while we provide a meaningful gift

to feed hungry children and adults here in the United States. Sharing gifts of food for the body and God's word for the spirit will remind us of Jesus' mission to bring Good News to the poor.

Prayers of Hope contains daily scripture readings and short reflections written to challenge us to ponder the question, "What do you **Hope** for in the coming of Christ?" Be prepared . . . pick up your **free** Advent devotion booklet in the Atrium or the Welcome Center at The Connection.

### Advent Coin Offering Folders

The Outreach and Missions ministry team is offering you the opportunity to support our missionary, Maria Sabino Humbane during this Christmas season. Folders to collect quarters during Advent will be available in the Downtown Atrium, in the Narthex and The Connection Guest Desk. (See the news from "Our"-Reach for information on Maria.)

### Bishop's Christmas Offering for children

The tradition in our conference continues this year with a special Indiana United Methodist Christmas Offering for 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. Offering envelopes will be distributed in Sunday worship bulletins in December.

### Best wishes to Sara Etchison

Many thanks to Sara Etchison who has served as our Director of Children's Ministries for the past 1-1/2 years. We're thankful for her caring heart, her love of children, and her desire to share the faith. We're grateful that she and Courtney and Kendra are a part of the First Church family, and wish them all the best as they continue to serve God among us. Thank you, Sara! We love you!

### "Our"-Reach

A Report from FUMC's Outreach Ministry Team

**More about Maria Sabino Humbane, our missionary!** A Covenant Relationship is formed when a church agrees to partner with a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. More than a financial commitment, this partnership is a dynamic relationship where the church and missionary pray for one another and communicate regularly. Our Outreach Ministry Team has entered into a three year Covenant Relationship with Maria Sabino Humbane, Director of the Ishe Anesu Project. Maria is the wife of Dr. William James Humbane and mother to five adult children. She even has some Hoosier roots—Maria holds a certificate in practical nursing from Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie! Ishe Anesu (translated God With Us) is an after-school project located within the premises of Hilltop United Methodist Church in Skubva, Mutare, Zimbabwe. Maria designed the project with the main objective being to provide education to underprivileged children, most of whom are orphans. In addition to providing two meals a day, paying school fees and purchasing school uniforms (required to be worn by students), books and stationery for the children, Ishe Anesu provides for medical care and offers Christian education and values, social and family ethics, and recreation. To learn even more about her ministry and see some photos, go to Maria's website ([www.isheanesu.com](http://www.isheanesu.com)).

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**Community Kitchen—Feed My Sheep:** Many area churches and organizations have partnered with FUMC in providing a free lunch in Fellowship Hall for the needy in our community each Wednesday during 2009. The Outreach Ministry Team began this weekly venture on February 4, 2009 feeding around 20 individuals. More recently the numbers have been averaging over 100! Members of First Church's family will be responsible for Community Kitchen on December 16 and December 30. See separate articles in this *Chimes* for how **you** can be involved! Also, if your Small Group is looking for a service project or your co-workers are searching for a team-building event, contact Luke Becknell (269-1654) or the Church Office (267-6933) to reserve a Wednesday in 2010!

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**Fourth Quarter Coin Offering:** The Outreach Ministry Team names the recipient of each calendar quarter's coin offering, which is the loose coins received in each worship service's morning offering in addition to the children's Sunday School offerings. The fourth quarter coin offering is designated for the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). True to its motto, *Gleaning America's Fields ~ Feeding America's Hungry*, SoSA salvaged and distributed approximately 12 million pounds, equaling about 36 million servings, of fresh food to feed the hungry in America during the first three quarters of 2009. SoSA's cost of delivering a serving of salvaged food to someone in need is just 2 cents! So far in the fourth quarter \$340.67 has been collected. Five Sundays remain in 2009--please continue to give generously to the coin offering and help SoSA feed America's hungry. For more info on SoSA, go to [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org).

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

## Community Kitchen Service Opportunities



The Wednesday Afternoon Small Group Bible Study members have volunteered to host Community Kitchen on Wednesday, December 16. They will be serving hot dogs, creamy corn casserole (recipe provided), cole slaw, and brownies/bar cookies. They are asking the Church Family to come alongside them to assist with the food and serving that day. Contact Pam Allen (269-5930), Priscilla Waidley (267-8433), Jan Wilcox (858-9548 or [janice.jean57@gmail.com](mailto:janice.jean57@gmail.com)), or Church Office (267-6933 with questions or to volunteer. **"Thank you!"**

## Too Many Books???

If you are a part of a small group or Sunday School class and wonder what to do with your study books once you are through with them, here is an idea: Donate them to the Community Kitchen! They can be put out for participants to take. This is another way to plant the seed and share our Lord with others.



U.M.W.

United Methodist Women

**N E W S**

**Fifth Sunday Coffee Fellowship:** This Sunday, November 29, is the last fifth Sunday in 2009, and UMW invites you to enjoy home-baked cookies during Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the Traditional Worship Service

and at The Connection prior to the Contemporary Worship Service. Take a look at the display showing the various ministries of UMW. In addition, "STREAK-LESS" cleaning cloths will be available to purchase. (See below for details.)

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**Fifth Wednesday Community Kitchen:** December 30<sup>th</sup> is the last 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in 2009, and First Church's UMW will be hosting the Community Kitchen. The planned menu is Chicken Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Apple/Banana/Clementine, and Cake. Plan now to serve our community's hungry by providing food and/or assisting in the kitchen that day! Contact Jan Wilcox (574-858-9548 or [janice.jean57@gmail.com](mailto:janice.jean57@gmail.com)) or the Church Office (574-267-6933) to volunteer.

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## Fall Cleaning "Must-Have" and the Perfect Stocking

**Stuffer:** Again this year, UMW has "STREAK-LESS" microfiber cleaning cloths available to purchase--\$4 each or 3 for \$10. Proceeds are designated for UMCOR's flood relief fund for Northern Indiana. 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.

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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. 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, is always in need of 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.

**"Thank you for your support of all UMW projects!!!"**

**Thursday Morning Circle December 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Village C Lounge. Lunch will be served.**

**We're missing you...** and you're missing the opportunity to make a difference in Kosciusko County. Bringing good people and good causes together is what we do. Let us help you to find a cause that needs your help. Check out our website: [www.volunteerkosciusko.org](http://www.volunteerkosciusko.org). Where willing volunteers find worthwhile causes.

**VOLUNTEER  
KOSCIUSKO**

(Volunteer Kosciusko is a free website sponsored by the Kosciusko Community United Way and developed by a team of volunteers including Warsaw First's own Don Bergen (Lead Volunteer). It's objectives are to: offer access to volunteer opportunities; offer non-profit organizations (such as churches, agencies, schools) access to interested volunteers.)

**\* Christian Symbols \***

**Evergreen Tree**

These trees, which keep their green leaves year-round, are symbolic of Christmas, eternal life and God's everlasting love. In the Bible, evergreen trees are called the "cedars of Lebanon, suggesting growth (Psalm 92:12), height (Amos 2:9), fragrance (Hosea 14:6) and steadfast faith.



**STAINED-GLASS STAR COOKIES**

These star cookies will remind you of the star that led the Magi, or wise men, to our Lord Jesus. Enjoy these treats for yourself or give them as gifts.

**What you need:**

- An adult to help
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Plastic wrap
- Hard candy such as Life Savers in assorted colors
- Zippered baggies
- Rolling pin
- 2 star cookie cutters, one much smaller than the other
- Aluminum foil

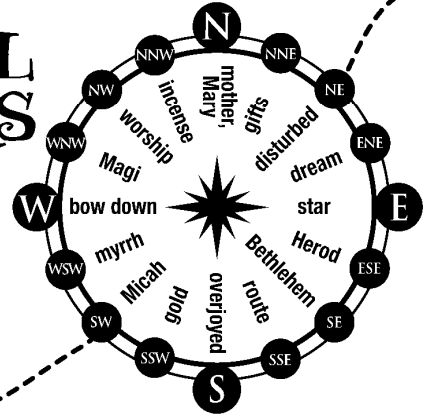
**What you do:**

1. Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together.
2. Cream the sugar and butter. Add the eggs and vanilla.
3. Add the flour mixture and beat until well blended.
4. Divide the dough into four equal pieces. Wrap each piece in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
5. Separate candies by color and place each color in a sealed, zippered baggie. With a rolling pin, crush candy into small pieces (not a fine powder).
6. One at a time, roll out each chilled dough piece on a well-floured surface.
7. Use the large cookie cutter to make stars, and then place them on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Then press the small star cookie cutter into each large star and remove the small piece of star-shaped dough.
8. Place some crushed candy in each star-shaped hole.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. (The candy will melt and be translucent when cooled, like a stained-glass window.)



**SPECIAL VISITORS**

Matthew 2 tells of visitors who traveled to worship Jesus. Read that story, or see if you can answer the questions below from memory. Use the compass guide to fill in the correct answers.



1. Who was king during the time of Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (ESE)
2. Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? \_\_\_\_\_ (WNW)
3. How was King Herod feeling about Jesus' birth? \_\_\_\_\_ (NE)
4. Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SW)
5. In what city would Christ be born? \_\_\_\_\_ (SE)
6. King Herod lied to the wise men and told them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? \_\_\_\_\_ (NW)
7. What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ (E)
8. When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? \_\_\_\_\_ (S)
9. Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His \_\_\_\_\_ (N)
10. What did the Magi do first before they worshiped the child? \_\_\_\_\_ (W)
11. Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ (SSW)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (NNW) \_\_\_\_\_ (WSW)
12. These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as ... \_\_\_\_\_ (NNE)
13. What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A \_\_\_\_\_ (ENE)
14. The Magi had to return to their country by another \_\_\_\_\_ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod, 2. Magi, 3. disturbed, 4. Micah, 5. Bethlehem, 6. worship, 7. star, 8. overjoyed, 9. mother, Mary, 10. bow down, 11. gold, incense, myrrh, 12. gifts, 13. dream, 14. route

**ADVENT ANTICIPATION**

In early church history, Advent began as a time of repentance. It served as preparation for Epiphany, which was the second most popular day for baptisms (after Pentecost).

Common traditions during the Advent season, including wreaths and candles, add to the anticipation of Jesus' birth. Another tradition is to leave the manger empty when you set up your nativity scene. Then, during Christmas morning celebrations, you can place the newborn baby Jesus in his "bed."





**ANGER MANAGEMENT: Part 2**

**Anger and Relationships**

Anger is inevitably present in most of our relationships. When dealt with appropriately it can improve our relationships. When it is handled poorly, it can harm our relationships. There are essentially two ways we deal with our anger; express it, or repress it.

When we repress it, we hold it in or ignore it. Sometimes we think if we let our anger out we will lose control and then must reap the consequences of that. If we hold on to our anger it may leak out in other ways and someone may be hurt by what we say or do. Sometimes when we

hold in our anger it erodes away our physical health and cause illness to ourselves.

When we express our anger poorly, we can hurt other people with our words or our actions. We can destroy property and ruin relationships. Anger is expressed along a range, from irritable and a having a rational discussion to erupting into out-of-control violence with verbal and physical abuse.

If anger is not dealt with appropriately, it can turn into bitterness. Gall, wormwood and poison are words used in the Bible as synonyms for bitterness. Bitterness is the archenemy of hope and is the ultimate corruptor of faith.

We know that anger is ever present in our lives; that it can ruin our health and when not dealt with appropriately, it can rip apart our relationships. It is essential

we have a clear mind and heart when we express our anger and to do it as soon as possible. Unless we make a continuous effort to deal with anger as it arises, our relationships will suffer. We clear away the dishes after every meal rather than waiting until the end of the month, because we don't want to live in a dirty house.

I would like to leave you with this thought. With every opportunity to develop anger there is an equal opportunity to develop patience.

God is faithful and we are connected to Him through our faith and our prayers.

The Counseling Connection  
Michele M. Carter, LMHC  
John W. Florentine, M.A.

Dear God,  
How do I say I love you—with smiles of appreciation for my life and everything in it..  
I can say I love you God when I say good morning God—how nice it is to know and love—how nice it is to realize this day and every day is yours—yours to do with as you want..  
So dear God in addition to the above I believe the best way to say I love you is to listen for your voice and to be willing to do your will... Amen.

Sincerely,  
Richard E. Balke



I have found many extra First United Methodist Church newsletters dated 1975-2007. They will be available for taking in the Downtown Atrium for the next couple of weeks. If you would like to have any issues, look through them and take what you want. The newsletters are full of church news and individual milestones; such as, births, deaths, confirmations, graduations, mission trips and more.

Janet Kirkpatrick

WORSHIP STATISTICS				
ATTENDANCE			GIVING	
11/1	9:00	188	Offering	12,198.75
	11:07	92	Missions	168.48
			Coin	52.19
			Building Fund	165.00
			Youth Penny	0
11/8	9:00	170	Offering	7,060.25
	11:07	93	Missions	563.00
			Coin	51.44
			Building Fund	325.00
			Youth Penny	19.00
11/15	9:00	188	Offering	7,696.51
	11:07	158	Missions	50.00
			Coin	40.75
			Building Fund	570.00
			Youth Penny	0
11/22	9:00	169	Offering	6,788.06
	11:07	125	Missions	178.00
			Coin	26.30
			Building Fund	165.00
			Youth Penny	0

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...		
Dec. 15	Emmett Anderson	
	Alan Chambers	
	George Haymond	
Dec. 16	Penny Bartel	
	Shannon Dirck	
Dec. 17	Carol Edmonds	
	Amy Williamson	
Dec. 18	Will Anderson	
	Doris Kesler	
	Bev Miller	
	Tom Ream	
	Raygan Wright	
Dec. 20	Jenni McCammon	
	Shelby Petro	
Dec. 21	Jeremy McCartney	
Dec. 26	Sara Kirkpatrick	
Dec. 27	Carlye Snider	
	Kelli Snider	
Dec. 28	Christy (Mock) Certain	
Dec. 29	Candi Kizer	
	Dianne Ratliff	
	Brianna Walsh	
	Carolyn Wulliman	
Dec. 30	Linda Ellison	
	Sydney Lancaster	
Dec. 31	Cyndee Ulmer	
Dec. 1	Harriet Arford	
	Ann Compton	
Dec. 2	Ana Hamrick	
Dec. 3	Ashley Neubaum	
	Diane Quance	
Dec. 4	Marie Fisher	
Dec. 5	Bob Savage	
Dec. 6	Mike Armey	
	June Bertsch	
	Jon Garber	
	Alex Smith	
Dec. 7	Jason Seiffert	
Dec. 9	Christa Shenefield	
	Carol Wood	
Dec. 10	Angela Jarrett	
	Ryan Wood	
Dec. 11	Steve Allen	
	Mike Arford	
	Shayna Cooper	
Dec. 12	Debra Nielsen	
	Blayne Shenefield	
Dec. 13	Terry Bannon	
	George Gilbert	
	David Marshall	
Dec. 14	Steve Harris	



Our Church  
Our country  
Our service men & women  
Our District Superintendent  
Our Pastors  
Our missionary, Maria Sabino Humbane

Dylan Ratliff  
Mary Read  
Paula Whitesell  
Don Bixel

Daniel DeGroff (Army/Arizona),  
son of John DeGroff & stepson of Jen Savage  
Dean Jackson (US Navy/Afghanistan), son of Deb Marshall  
Brian D. Pyle (Afghanistan), son of Sue and Larry Pyle  
Krista Slone (basic training/Great Lakes),  
daughter of Sabrina Slone

Glenny Grim, Becky Watson's mother  
Jack McKinley, friend of John Degroff  
Dayle Jacobs, Jill Jacobs' mother  
Mike Blackford, Heather Drudge's father  
Dan Elliott & Family, friends of Peggy and Willis Alt  
Patria Molebash, Jane Eaton's mother  
Roger Ooley, David Marshall's uncle  
Kathy, friend of Mark Bell  
Don & Donna Morris, friends of Jan Clingaman  
Heidi and children, Jen Savage request  
Leanne Ray, friend of Wendy Robinson  
Roger Allen, friend of John DeWilde  
Jenny Wendt, friend of Jan Clingaman  
Fred Kolter, friends of Jim and Joyce Boggs  
Sandy Fiedeke, friend of Sue Bradway  
Richard and Benita Fernandes, Community Kitchen family

Richard and Sue Balke  
Prayer Coordinators

To FUMC Family,

Thank you for coming through in a big way for our college students! Twenty-four college care packages were recently mailed out, and they were practically overflowing with wonderful snacks and treats. Thank you to all who so generously donated items or cash to support this project. We also want to thank the youth of the church for the creative and clever cards they made to enclose in the packages. In addition, an extra special thank you goes out to David Hamrick for donating postage and to Steve and Kim Kesler for donating postage and packing supplies.

The Higher Education Committee will use remaining cash donations toward Valentine's Day cards and gift cards for the college students. If church members or Sunday School classes have ideas for future projects or would like to make donations throughout the year to help us keep in touch with the college students, please contact the church office or a Higher Education Team member.

Once again, thank you to all who helped make this project a success! It means so much to our college students!

The Higher Education Team

*Thank You!*

My FUMC family-  
Just wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful Halloween/fall care package. It was such a pick me up and had insane goodies! My roommates loved it too!  
Thanks so much for remembering me here at school! I hope all is well in Warsaw, and thank you so much again!  
Ariel Howard.

Dear FUMC, Thank you so much for the fall care package, it came right in time for Halloween! It's always nice to receive the cards and snacks—but I especially appreciated the thoughtful letter from our pastors. Thank you so much for thinking of me and the other college students during this busy time of year. I look forward to seeing everyone at FUMC over the holidays!

Lauren Cooper  
(via e-mail 11/4/09)



*Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who help in the office—answering phones, stuffing envelopes, labeling CHIMES, making follow-up and reminder phone calls, and all the other stuff that comes up! You truly are a great team of people and I'm so glad you are in my life.*

*May you have a blessed and joyful Christmas!*

*Jan*

## December

### TUESDAY, 12/1

9:00 a.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Ream—F. Hall  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning—Bd Rm  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting—Bd Rm  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
6:00 p.m. Bridge—CC  
**6:00 p.m. Education Cmte—Parlor**  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Trng—F. Hall  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Trp 730—CC  
7:00 p.m. N.A.M.I.—Room 3  
7:30 p.m. AA—Room 203/3rd Floor

### WEDNESDAY, 12/2

9:00 a.m. Small Group—Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
1:00 p.m. Small Group—Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Strength/Stretch —CC  
5:30 p.m. Youth Praise—CC  
5:30 p.m. Kids Night Out —CC  
5:45 Dinner  
6:15 Youth Surge  
6:15 Methodist Gang/Kid's Praise  
6:50 Kid's Praise/Methodist Gang

7:20 Closing Prayer/dismissal  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Parlor

### THURSDAY, 12/3

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Bd Rm  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Carter—Rm 3  
11:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Circle  
—Grace Village  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
5:30 p.m. Interval Trng Fitness—CC  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal—CC

### FRIDAY, 12/4

7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room

### SATURDAY, 12/5

### SUNDAY, 12/6

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Downtown  
10:10 a.m. "Big Idea"/Kaster—CC  
11:07 a.m. Contemporary Service—CC  
6:00 p.m. Disciple II—3rd Floor  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups—CC

7:00 p.m. Emmaus—Parlor  
7:30 p.m. AA—CC

### **MONDAY, 12/7**

#### **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

5:30 p.m. Yoga Fitness—CC  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Trp 10823—Room 3  
7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Circle—Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Open Basketball—CC

### **TUESDAY, 12/8**

9:00 a.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Ream—F. Hall  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning—Bd Rm  
11:30 a.m. U.M.W. Business Mtg.  
—Fellowship Hall  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting—Board Room  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
**6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations—Bd Rm**  
6:00 p.m. Bridge—CC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 730—CC  
7:00 p.m. N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm 3  
7:30 p.m. AA—Room 203/3rd Floor

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/9**

9:00 a.m. Small Group/Zachary—Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
1:00 p.m. Small Group/Wilcox—Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Strength/Stretch Fitness—CC  
5:30 p.m. Youth Praise—CC  
5:30 p.m. Kids Night Out Activities —CC  
5:45 Dinner  
6:15 Youth Surge  
6:15 Methodist Gang/Kid's Praise  
6:50 Kid's Praise/Methodist Gang  
7:20 Closing Prayer/dismissal  
6:00 p.m. Tri-Kappa—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Parlor

### **THURSDAY, 12/10**

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Bdd Room  
9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry—Rm 3  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
5:30 p.m. Interval Training Fitness—CC  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal—CC

### **FRIDAY, 12/11**

7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room

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

9:00 a.m. Angel Christmas Brunch  
—Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, 12/13**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Dntown  
10:10 a.m. "Big Idea"/Kaster—CC  
11:07 a.m. Contemporary Service—CC  
6:00 p.m. Disciple II—3rd Floor  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups—CC  
7:30 p.m. AA—CC

### **MONDAY, 12/14**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
—Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Yoga Fitness—CC

7:00 p.m. Open Basketball—CC

### **TUESDAY, 12/15**

9:00 a.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Ream—F. Hall  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning—Bdd Room  
**12:00 p.m. Finance Committee—Room 3**  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting—Board Room  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
**6:00 p.m. Trustees—Board Room**  
6:00 p.m. Bridge—CC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 730—CC  
7:00 p.m. N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm 3  
7:30 p.m. AA—Room 203/3rd Floor

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/16**

9:00 a.m. Small Group/Zachary—Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen—  
FUMC small group hosts  
1:00 p.m. Small Group/Wilcox—Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Strength/Stretch Fitness—CC  
5:30 p.m. Youth Praise—CC  
5:30 p.m. Kids Night Out Activities —CC  
5:45 Dinner  
6:15 Youth Surge  
6:15 Methodist Gang/Kid's Praise  
6:50 Kid's Praise/Methodist Gang  
7:20 Closing Prayer/dismissal  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Parlor

### **THURSDAY, 12/17**

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Bd Room  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Carter—Room 3  
4:30 p.m. Ta Dah! — Room 6—CC  
5:30 p.m. Interval Training Fitness—CC  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts KC Service Unit  
—Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal—CC  
7:00 p.m. Disciple I—at Kaster residence

### **FRIDAY, 12/18**

6:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room

### **SATURDAY, 12/19**

10:30 a.m. Girl Scouts/10823 Christmas  
Party/Badge Day—F. Hall

### **SUNDAY, 12/20**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service Dntown  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Dntown  
10:10 a.m. "Big Idea"/Kaster—CC  
11:07 a.m. Contemporary Service—CC  
6:00 p.m. Disciple II—3rd Floor  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups—CC  
7:30 p.m. AA—CC

### **MONDAY, 12/21 — Winter Begins!**

11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
**6:00 p.m. Las Posadas Service  
at Connection**  
7:00 p.m. Open Basketball—CC

### **TUESDAY, 12/22**

9:00 a.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Ream—F. Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning—Bd Room  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting—Board Room  
6:00 p.m. Bridge—CC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 730—CC  
7:00 p.m. N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm 3  
7:30 p.m. AA—Room 203/3rd Floor

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/23**

9:00 a.m. Small Group/Zachary—Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
1:00 p.m. Small Group/Wilcox—Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Parlor

### **THURSDAY, 12/24 — CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON**

11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
—FUMC small group hosts  
**1:00 p.m. Candles and Carols Service**  
**7:00 p.m. Family Service**  
**11:00 p.m. Candle Light Service**

### **FRIDAY, 12/25 — MERRY CHRISTMAS! OFFICE CLOSED**

7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room

### **SATURDAY, 12/26**

### **SUNDAY, 12/27**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service Dntown  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School Dntown  
10:10 a.m. "Big Idea"/Kaster—CC  
11:07 a.m. Contemporary Service—CC  
7:30 p.m. AA—CC

### **MONDAY, 12/28**

11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
5:30 p.m. Yoga Fitness—CC  
7:00 p.m. Open Basketball—CC

### **TUESDAY, 12/29**

9:00 a.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study/Ream—F. Hall  
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning—Bd Room  
11:00 a.m. Community Kitchen  
—FUMC Youth Hosts  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting—Board Room  
6:00 p.m. Bridge—CC  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Group—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Mangas Basketball—CC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 730—CC  
7:00 p.m. N.A.M.I. (mental health)—Rm 3  
7:30 p.m. AA—Room 203/3rd Floor

### **WEDNESDAY, 12/30**

9:00 a.m. Small Group/Zachary—Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Community Kitchen  
1:00 p.m. Small Group/Wilcox—Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. AA—Board Room  
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Parlor

### **THURSDAY, 12/31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE!!**

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Bd Room  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal—CC

**Pastors**

Rev. Toni Carmer

Rev. Tom Ream

**Business/Office Manager**

Ann Baker

**Director Music Ministry/Organist**

Alan Chambers

**Director Adult Education**

Rev. Bill Kaster

**Dir. Sanctuary Choir****and Ginn Handbells**

Scott Avery

**Licensed Mental Health Counselor**

Michele M. Carter, LMHC

**Custodians**

Dave &amp; Mary McConnell

**Upcoming Worship Opportunities**

9:00 a.m. Downtown Traditional / 11:07 a.m. Connection Contemporary  
 Radio Ministry Program on WIOE-FM 98.3 during the 9:00 a.m. service

November 29 — 1st Sunday of Advent ~ Pastor Tom

*Right Now* ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

December 6 — 2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Pastor Toni

December 13 — 3rd Sunday of Advent ~ Pastor Toni

December 20 — 4th Sunday of Advent ~ Pastor Toni

**Christmas Eve Services in our Downtown Sanctuary**

1:00 p.m. Candles and Carols

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service

11:00 p.m. Candle Light Service w/Sanctuary Choir and Ginn Handbells

December 27 — 1st Sunday after Christmas ~ Pastor Tom

**Our Mission Statement**

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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