

First United Methodist Church

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We encourage the wearing of face masks to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

December 19, 2021 — December 25, 2021

"Fourth Sunday of Advent"

Usher / Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen

Organist: Mary Prater

Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Vic & Sharon V.

Monday (12/20)

Tuesday (12/21)

Wednesday (12/22)

Thursday (12/23)

Friday (12/24)

Church Office Closed / Candlelight Service 7 PM, Face masks required

December 26, 2021 — January 1, 2022

"First Sunday After Christmas"

Usher / Greeter: Candace Haskell

Organist: Mary Prater

Liturgist: Gordie Barry

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Cookies

Monday (12/27)

Tuesday (12/28)

Wednesday (12/29)

Thursday (12/30)

Friday (12/31)

New Year's Eve / Church Office Closed



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Jo Nell Rubick, Hank Weinert, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Connie Whitsitt, Jason Coryell, Kali Lewis, and the Janice Chittle family.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

190 North Cedar Manistique, MI 49854

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The Blessing of Home

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES



"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE, PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."



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December 19th, 2021
“Fourth Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/What Child is This

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

Luke 1:46b-55

***PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 228 He Is Born

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN: TFWS 2090, verse 4 Light the Advent Candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: It was written that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, a small place of no particular significance, an ordinary little village much like many others.

P: **It was also written that the Messiah would be born to a virgin, something which is unique, for this is not how people are born!**

L: The Messiah was laid in a manger, an eating trough for farm animals, because the inn was too crowded to accommodate his family. This would never have happened to a family of wealth and power, of fame or of royal heritage. Such a family would have been given the best suite the inn had to offer.

P: **Angels sang to shepherds in a nearby field, and told them of the Messiah’s birth. Do angels sing for any ordinary baby? Of course not! This was a singular event in the history of the world!**

L: The angels sang to shepherds, among the lowliest and most common of people, people of almost no consequence in the eyes of everybody in that time and place.

P: **Our Messiah was a series of contradictions. He was ruler of the universe, yet came as a helpless baby. He was rich beyond measure for everything in the universe was His, yet He didn’t even have His own bed. He left a royal throne in Heaven itself to come to a smelly, dirty, humble animal stable. Why? Because He is Love. He did it for love, of us and all people everywhere. Merry Christmas!**

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***APOSTLE’S CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:39-45

SERMON

The Blessing of Home

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
 Incline Thine ear to us,
 And grant us Thy peace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Hand Bell Choir

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE