

First United Methodist Church

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December 31, 2023 — January 6, 2024

"1st Sunday After Christmas" "New Year's Eve" "Watch Night"

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-A-Family Christmas

Monday (1/1) Office closed, Pastor B.J. is out of the office through January 3rd

Tuesday (1/2) UWif 1 PM

Wednesday (1/3)

Thursday (1/4) Worship committee 10 AM

Friday (1/5)

January 7 — January 13, 2024

"Baptism of the Lord"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Manistique Ministerial Association

Monday (1/8) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (1/9) Ad Council 10 AM

Wednesday (1/10) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM

Thursday (1/11) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM / Ad Council 10 AM?

Friday (1/12)

Saturday (1/13)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/31/23 Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

1/6/24 Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

1/7/24 Gen 1:1-5; Ps 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Carol Weinert, Catherine Koch, Bill & Gayle Tufnell, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Cynthia & Ken Burgin, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Lynn LaRose, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Michael Haynes, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy & her family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and the unspoken needs.



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“First Sunday After Christmas” “Watch Night” “New Year’s Eve”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne by E. S. Elliott

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 148

***PRAISE CHORUS:**FWS 2016 Glorify Thy Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: About a week after Jesus’ birth, Mary and Joseph brought the baby to the Temple to be consecrated to the Lord. Two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, who had never seen him before, recognized the baby Jesus as the promised Messiah and rejoiced and blessed Him.

P: Let us also recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah, for we have the words of multitudes throughout the ages who attest to His coming.

L: Through the working of the Holy Spirit within our lives we too can recognize Him and attest to His identity. Do we also make known to others who Jesus is?

P: O God, give us the wisdom, the desire, and the opportunities to tell others who Jesus is!

L: It is important to tell others who Jesus is, but it is vital to show others who He is by how we live our lives, for if we do not do this, whatever we say will carry little weight.

P: Give us the desire, the strength, and the courage to be witnesses, as Simeon and Anna of old were. Let us spread the Good News of His coming and show His presence in our lives today.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 249 There’s a Song in the Air

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 254 We Three Kings

***GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 2:22-40

SERMON Janet Helmbold Happy New Year!

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. (2x)
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: With Glowing Heart by E. H. Sheppard

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN Congregation’s Choice

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 250 Once in Royal David’s City

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** (Front of hymnal) Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Postlude Fugato by A. L. Scarmolin

December Mission Noisy Offering — Adopt-a-Family Christmas
Every year, we adopt a family for which we supply Christmas gifts!
God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

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