



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



November 26, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:30 am

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

For those with prayer requests, please fill out a pink card in the pew and give it to an usher during the opening hymn.

GATHERING

Prelude	"We Gather Together"	Tom Ajack, guitar Dutch Folk Melody
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	Red book 92, verses 1-3
*Call to Worship		Rev Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	Red book 92, verses 4-6
<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>		
Words for God's Children		
Musical Response	"Now Thank We All Our God (with For the Beauty of the Earth)"	Tower Bells arr. Kevin McChesney
A Time of Prayer		

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Word of God	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NRSV)	Tom Taft
Contemporary Message	"ThanksLiving"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Sacrament of Baptism	<i>Emersyn Nicole Arreola</i>	Revs. Susan Bresser and Amy Celikay
Receiving New Members		
Ministry Moment		
Invitation		
Offertory	"What Gift Can We Bring"	Red book 87
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"Now Thank We All Our God"	Red book 102
*Benediction		
Postlude	"Now Thank We All Our God" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by David Dahl

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Mark 13:24-37.

Altar flowers donated by Mary Scharbach in honor of her daughter Jessi Luciano.

**Indicates standing if able.*

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By entering the sanctuary, all participants waive any claim related to the capture or transmission of their participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome New Members:** Donna and Chuck Theesfeld, Paul Sobczak, Debbie and Fred Martin, Kim and Bruce Steinert, Georgie Ewart, Susan Unger, and Kathy Allison-Channing.
- **Living Faith Today** – Looks at current events through the lens of our faith and explores how what we believe relates to the world around us. Today we're discussing, "**Compassion Fade**" after worship in Rm 216.
- **Hanging of the Greens** – Join us after worship to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Pizza will be served.
- **Circle of Sisters** – Monday, November 27, 7pm, room 216. We will continue discussing *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. You are welcome to join in-person or Zoom. Call the church office if you need the Zoom link.
- **FUMC's annual Church Conference** - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6pm, Asbury Room. All members and friends are invited to attend. A light supper will be served. Rev. Dr. John Farmer will preside.
- **The Secret Angel Gift Shop** preparations are now underway. If you would like to donate, please drop off new or lightly used giftable items in the bin in the main hallway. There is a list of high demand items on the bulletin board by the bin. Please consider taking part in this season of giving through your donation of time. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. We will need help **today** bringing items up from downstairs and initial set up. Shopping times will be Sunday, Dec. 10, Healing Hearts Dec. 11 and ACAP Dec. 12. Please contact Debbie Blum 262-370-9712 (dblum4@wi.rr.com).
- **Saturday, December 9** is the day to purchase a wide variety of Christmas cookies at the annual United Women in Faith's Christmas Cookie Walk 9-10:30am. Cookies are \$12 per pound. Please bring your generous donation of cookies for the sale to the Dining Room starting Friday, Dec. 8, 8:30-3:00 or before 8:00am on Saturday, Dec. 9. Call Lynn Cummisford (262-549-1431) with questions or to volunteer.
- **It's going to be an Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration** for the Dec. 14 XYZ Potluck and Program: good food, reminiscing, laughter, and singing Christmas music. There will be a photo booth so wear something festive! You can bring your food between 11:15 and 11:45 with serving starting at 11:45am.
- **Advent Book** – *Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season* by Meta Herrick Carlson. This book is a beautiful collection of prayers and poems to help us recognize the holy beneath the hustle and hibernation of the season. Books are available on the table in the hall. (\$15 if it is not a hardship). Consider reading the book as a family or create a small group.
- **Christmas Poinsettias** – You are invited to order a poinsettia to add Christmas color to the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 24 (morning and evening worship services). Cost: \$22/ea. Poinsettias can be purchased in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order forms available on the table outside the sanctuary. Deadline to order: Dec. 10.
- **The Giving Tree** in the Asbury Room has paper tags for items for the Hope Center and Rooted & Rising (formally United Methodist Children's Service). Please take a tag, purchase the item, and place it unwrapped under the tree before Dec. 17. The Missions team will deliver the items to each location. Thank you for your generosity.
- **December Youth Event** – Whirlyball at Brookfield Square Mall, Sunday, Dec. 3, 3pm. All youth in 7th-12th grades are invited to try out this new craze in entertainment. We will eat dinner there after we are done playing. \$15 per participant, includes Whirlyball and dinner. For information and RSVP (by Nov. 30), contact education@fumcwaukesha.org or the church office.
- **Get creative decorating a placemat** with the Missions Team in the Asbury Room on Sundays in December! Community Projects for Seniors, a non-profit organization providing meals-on-wheels to low-income senior citizens in SE Wisconsin needs over 4,000 placemats for deliveries of Christmas meals. Your placemat will brighten someone's day and could end up a work of art on their refrigerator! Contact Kristi Magoon with any questions!
- **The Lutheran A Capella Choir**, directed by Tom Ajack, will present their Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30pm at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 3, 3pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. For tickets, see Dirk or Karen Wilken.
- **We appreciate your ongoing financial support of FUMC's mission and ministry.** You can access our giving through the website or app. Scan the QR code on the right to be directed to our giving page!



Forming Faith Today

Nursery..... Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221
Sunday School Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Room 211

First United Methodist Church of Waukesha is a Reconciling Congregation. All are welcome here.
For more information: visit fumcwaukesha.org/announcements.