



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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	"Jesus Loves Me"	Tom Ajack, guitar by Anna Warner
Lighting the Advent Candles		Raquel Gerovac & Cheryl Printz
*Hymn	"All Earth Is Waiting"	Red book 210, verse 2
*Call to Worship		Rev. Susan Bresser
A Time of Prayer		

IMPROMPTU CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Gospel of Jesus Christ	Luke 2:1-20 (CEB)	
Musical Response	"Silent Night"	Daniel Gerovac, piano
Selected Hymns	"Away in a Manger"	Red book 217
	"The Friendly Beasts"	Red book 227
	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	Red book 240
	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Red book 251
	"We Three Kings"	Red book 254
	"Joy to the World"	Red book 246

RESPONSE

Ministry Moment		Rev. Susan Bresser
Invitation		
Offertory	"Of the Father's Love Begotten"	John Sheaffer, piano by John Carter
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Red book 196
*Benediction		Rev. Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Red book 211 with Tower Bells
Postlude	"People, Look East" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Roberta Raybold

Pageant Participants - Scripture Readers: Grant Theesfeld & Delilah McMillan, Lead Narrator: Meredith Marcks, Mary & Joseph: Niki & Joe Rodriguez, Innkeeper: Lawson Fingland, Animal Reader: Layla Jones, Lead Angel: Kate Theesfeld, Shepherd A Reader: Raquel Gerovac, Shepherd B Reader: Christopher Rodriguez, Wise One Reader: Teddy Celikay, Costumes: Mira Jones, Props: Serena Klein
Adult Volunteers: Anne Thelke, Amy Kesler, Betty Mulloy, Bill & Cindy Peterson, Niki & Joe Rodriguez, Tony Linz

**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

- **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, **"The Christian Origins of the Auto Worker's Strike"** after worship in Rm 216.
- **Secret Angel Gift Shop – Open TODAY!** Shop before and after worship Sunday, Dec. 10 for FUMC's children and youth. The Gift Shop will also be open Dec. 11 for Healing Hearts and Dec. 12 for ACAP. Questions? Contact Debbie Blum, dblum4@wi.rr.com.
- Church & Society will sell **Fair Trade organic coffee and chocolate TODAY** immediately after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash and checks to FUMC ("Fair Trade" in memo line).
- **The Giving Tree**, located in the Asbury Room, is available now through Sunday, Dec. 17. Take a tag, purchase the item/gift for the Hope Center or Rooted & Rising (formerly United Methodist Children's Service), and return it by Dec. 17. The Missions team will deliver the items to each location. Thank you for your generosity.
- **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).
- **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 TODAY.**
- **Yarn Twisters** – Tuesday, December 12, 9:30 - 11:30, room 209. Join us! We can teach anyone how to crochet or knit.
- **Get creative decorating placemats** 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. Contact Kristi Magoon, kristimagoon@prodigy.net.
- **Gracias! Merci! Dank! Asante! Mahalo!** To all our cookie bakers, purchasers and helpers—No matter how we say it, we just can't thank you enough for making this year's Annual Christmas Cookie Walk a success. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk will support missions. Once again, thank you and God Bless!
- **Waukesha Area Symphonic Band's Holiday Concert**, Sunday, Dec. 17, 3pm, Shattuck Auditorium, Carroll University. Hear a wide variety of holiday favorites. Admission is free with a non-perishable food donation for the Waukesha Food Pantry.
- **Christmas Open House** at John Sheaffer and Tim Baack's Victorian home (the Victor Schlitz Mansion), Saturday, Dec. 30, 2-6pm. Come when you can; stay as long as you like. Feel free to invite others. The house is pretty cool by itself, but decked out for Christmas, it's amazing. We hope you can join us.
- **24th Annual Winter Weekend**, Jan. 12-14, 2024, Pine Lake UM Camp. There will be sledding, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking! Board and card games, skits, singing by the fire, and MORE. \$85/room (double occupancy) per night, \$15/extra person. We do our own cooking, \$12/person for the weekend. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Contact Cindy Peterson, crexpeter@gmail.com.
- **2024 Intergenerational Mission Trip** – FUMC will be taking a mission team to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY, June 23-30, for anyone 12+ yrs old. See Pastor Amy if you are interested in joining the team.
- **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

<u>Nursery</u>	<i>Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221</i>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<u>Youth Group</u>	<i>Room 211</i>
<u>Confirmation</u>	<i>No Class Today</i>
<u>Living Faith Today</u>	<i>Room 216</i>
<u>Men's Breakfast</u>	<i>Dining Room</i>

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- **Sunday School Shepherds-** We are looking for volunteers to shepherd and mentor children and youth in our Forming Faith (Sunday school) program. If interested, please contact Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@fumcwaukesha.org).

- FUMC-Waukesha is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic candidate to fill the position of part-time **Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator**. This position is responsible for coordinating ministry opportunities with an emphasis on Christian education for all ages. For a description of job responsibilities and required qualifications, visit the church website or call the office. For interested candidates, send a completed application (download available on website) to the SPRC at gerhards615@yahoo.com or mail to the church office, Attn: SPRC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186.

- Circle of Sisters - Will not meet in December. The title for our spring book selection will be announced soon. We will resume our monthly gatherings January 22nd, at 7pm.

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- **Advent Devotionals-** We have a variety of Advent Devotionals for your personal use this Advent season. First, is a book called Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season by Meta Herrick Carlson. This is a beautiful book of prayers and meditations for all the ordinary situations we face during the holiday season. We ask for a donation of \$15 for the book, if it is not a hardship.
 - We also have a devotional specifically for families called Naming Jesus. This is a free pamphlet to guide families with children through the season of Advent by learning about the different names of Jesus encountered in the Scriptures and what they mean to us.
 - Finally, for those who love nature and birds, we have The Dawn Chorus. This is a beautiful pamphlet for those who wish to incorporate more nature into your spiritual practice as we enter into the season of winter.
 - All of these are available on the table in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Amy if you have any questions.

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