



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



December 3, 2023

First 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	"Sleepers Wake"	Tom Ajack, guitar by JS Bach
Lighting the Advent Candle		Layla Jones & Kathy Sewell-Jensen
*Hymn	"All Earth Is Waiting"	Red book 210, verse 1
*Call to Worship		Rev Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"People, Look East"	Red book 202, verses 1, 2
Call to Reconciliation		Rev. Susan Bresser
Prayer of Confession		
Assurance of Pardon		

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Word of God	Mark 13:24-37 (GNT)	Rev. Jacob Werkheiser
Contemporary Message	"Keep Awake"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Sacrament of Holy Communion		Revs. Susan Bresser and Amy Celikay
	"O Christ, You Call to Your Table Here"	Chancel Choir
	arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, words by Steve Garnass-Holmes	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Ministry Moment		
*Hymn	"Soon and Very Soon"	Red book 706
*Benediction		
*Response	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Red book 211, verse 1 accompanied by Tower Bells
Postlude	"People, Look East" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Roberta Raybold

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Luke 2:1-20.

**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, **"Who Is Too Old, Who Decides, and When?"** after worship in Rm 216.
- **Children & Youth Christmas Program** – Preparations for this year's 'Impromptu Christmas Pageant' will take place during the children & youth Forming Faith time, TODAY. See Pastor Amy for more information.
- **December Youth Event** – Whirlyball at Brookfield Square Mall, TODAY, 3pm. Youth in 7th-12th grades are invited. \$15 per participant, includes Whirlyball and dinner. RSVP to Joe Rodriguez or Pastor Amy.
- **It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and that means it's time for the annual Christmas Cookie Walk**, Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-10:30am. Cookies are \$12/pound. Cookie donations can be brought to the Dining Room starting Friday, Dec. 8, 8:30-3 or before 8am on Saturday, Dec. 9. Call Lynn Cummisford (262-549-1431) with questions or to volunteer.
- **Secret Angel Gift Shop** - There is still time to donate new or lightly used giftable items for the Secret Angel Gift Shop. Items can be dropped off in the bin in the main hallway. If you would like to volunteer to help children shop and wrap gifts, signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Shopping times will be Sunday, Dec. 10 for FUMC's children and youth, Dec. 11 for Healing Hearts and Dec. 12 for ACAP. Questions? Contact Debbie Blum, dblum4@wi.rr.com.
- **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). 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.
- **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.
- **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; 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>	Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221
<u>Sunday School</u>	Fellowship Hall
<u>Youth Group</u>	Room 211
<u>Confirmation</u>	Room 209
<u>Living Faith Today</u>	Room 216

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