

For Everyone:

If you would be interested in participating in one or more of the following, please check the offering plate or place it in the wicker basket as you leave worship. We will contact you with follow-up information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

“You have gifts, and we are incomplete  
“You have gifts, and we are incomplete  
without them.”

☐ “How can we help you make that  
passion into a ministry?” Contact me.

☐ Help register ESL students spring of  
2024 on a Tuesday or Thursday  
evening.  
5:40-6:20 PM. Send me link.

☐ I would like to purchase a poinsettia  
for Christmas Eve. \$30. Fourteen  
flowers available.

☐ Occasionally lock up the church at  
8:05 PM on Tuesday or Thursday  
evening for ESL starting Jan 16, 2024.

**Sunday, December 3**

9:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:15AM Adult Sunday School  
11:00AM The Journey  
New Life Center  
Jennifer Epperson

**Monday, December 4**

5:00 PM Women’s Retreat Planning  
Meeting in conference room

**Wednesday, December 6**

6:00 PM Advent Art Night

**Tuesday, December 12**

Community Blood Drive at Fitzgibbon

**Sunday, December 10**

9:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
10:15AM Adult Sunday School  
11:00AM The Journey  
New Life Center  
Jennifer Epperson

**Wednesday December 13**

5:45 Administrative Council Mtg.

**Sunday, December 24**

10:00AM Week 4 of Advent Service  
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

***December Memory Verse:***

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is  
given...” Isaiah 9:6



December 29 1-5PM in the NLC  
Or  
Community Blood Drive at Fitzgibbons  
on 12/12

**11:00 AM Service**

The 11:00 AM Worship Service’s last  
day will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. At its peak it  
was averaging near 50 but we have seen  
a consistent decline, and it is felt that it  
would be best to take a break and  
reimagine what we could do to attract  
new people.



**First United Methodist**  
**umc660.org**

**Rev. Keith Vessell @ Pastor Liz Lindley**  
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December 3, 2023

**United Methodist Rules of Life**  
Do No Harm ♦ Do Good ♦ Love God

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Pastor Liz Lindley [heypastorliz@gmail.com](mailto:heypastorliz@gmail.com)

December 3, 2023 9:30 a.m. Worship

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome Rev. Keith Vessell

Prelude “O Come O Come Emmanuel” By Bell Choir

Praise

Advent Candle Lighting  
Choir  
Congregational Response  
Lighting  
Congregational Singing

†Opening Hymn Pg. 211 vs 1,2 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ENTERING THE STORY

Chancel Choir: “Cool Night, Quiet Night”  
By Robert Lau

†Scripture Reading: John 10:31-38

Sermon: “Who Really Was In the Manger?” Rev. Keith Vessell  
Communion Liturgy pg. 13-14 UMH

Communion  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL TO ACTION

Opportunities  
Offering Jane Huff  
(Text-to-Give is available)

†Doxology Pg. 95  
†Hymn Pg. # 196 “Come,Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Benediction  
Postlude “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” by Jane Huff

At the † symbol, you are invited to stand if able.  
Christmas Children’s Special- Kay Wettlaufer and Jessica Hale

Participating in Today’s Service			
Song Leader.....	Susan Smith	Pianist.....	Pam Riggs
Acolyte.....	Mattalie & Telynn Shaw	Organist.....	Jan Hinnah
Greeters.....	Tammy Wilson and Zander Arnold		
Ushers.....	Jim Deutsch, Walt Swier, Larry & LaDonna Arrowood		
Chancel Choir Director.....	Pam Riggs		



MARSHALL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA  
Marshall Community Chorus  
Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 3  
2:30 PM  
Bueker Middle School Auditorium

Christmas Eve Services  
10:00AM Week 4 of Advent  
5:30PM Christmas Eve  
\*Office Closed December 25 & 26

\*This service is livestreamed and recorded for YouTube. Please be aware that children taking part in the Children’s Sermon become part of the recorded service.

Welcome Guests:

We would love to connect with you and let you know about the fabulous things happening at First UMC.

If you would like to be contacted, please provide the information if we do not already have it, below and we will get in touch with you.

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Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

And/or Phone:\_\_\_\_\_



For All: Prayer Request  
Please place your prayer in the prayer bowl at the welcome table.

Name of Person/Family:\_\_\_\_\_

Permission of Person to be on the Prayer list: \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No

If they would like to be contacted by the Pastor, please give contact information:

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