

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: _____

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 17
9:30AM Traditional Worship Service
Keith Reception
10:15AM Adult Sunday School
11:00AM The Journey
New Life Center
Jennifer Epperson

Wednesday, December 17
6:00 PM Blue Christmas
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 18
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery

Sunday, December 24
10:00AM Week 4 of Advent Service
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 31
9:30AM Worship
Celebrate Jane’s retirement.

Card shower for Marie Reeder.
She will be 103 on December 28.
Westport Assisted Living
904 Apache Drive
Marshall, Mo 65340

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

11:00 AM Service
The 11:00 AM Worship Service’s last
day will be December 17th. 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.



**WOMEN-
Save the
date for the
upcoming
Women’s
Retreat,
Feb. 24th. Be
on the lookout for registration information
in January! Plan to come and be pampered
in a spa like setting as we learn different
pathways to prayer as you develop a richer
prayer life and seek God in your daily life.**



**WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO night will be
coming Sat., Jan. 27th. Look for more
information coming soon!**



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December 17, 2023

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

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Pastor Liz Lindley heypastorliz@gmail.com

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Rev. Keith Vessell

Prelude “Medley of Christmas Carols”

By Jane Huff

Praise

Advent Candle Lighting

Choir

Congregational Response

Lighting

Congregational Singing

†Opening Hymn Pg. 230 vs 1,4

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ENTERING THE STORY

Children’s Time

Marilyn Ahrens

Chancel Choir:

“All is Well”
By Michael Smith

†Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 3-7

Myra Switala

Sermon: “Christmas “The Spirit of Christmas”

Rev. Keith Vessell

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Liz Lindley

CALL TO ACTION

Opportunities

Offering

Jane Huff

(Text-to-Give is available)

†Doxology Pg. 95

†Hymn Pg. # 221 vs 1,4

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Benediction

Postlude “Sing We Now of Christmas”

by Jane Huff

At the † symbol, you are invited to stand if able.
Little’s Special- Caitlin Eidson

Participating in Today’s Service			
Song Leader.....	Chandra Keuhn	Pianist.....	Pam Riggs
Acolyte.....	Bordy Varner	Organist.....	Jane Huff
Greeters.....	Tammy Wilson and Zander Arnold		
Ushers.....	Jim Deutsch, Walt Swier, Anthony and Peg Eddy		
Chancel Choir Director.....	Pam Riggs		

Christmas Eve Services

10:00AM Week 4 of Advent

5:30PM Christmas Eve

*Office Closed December 25 & 26



December 29 1-5PM in the NLC

Sermon Notes

When we accept the Gift God gives us:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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.

Just tear off the perforated piece and either place it in the offering plate or place it in the wicker basket as you leave worship. (We promise not to nag you with multiple communications).

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:

**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.*