This Week's Events:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29—1st SUN. AFTER CHRISTMAS

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Carol-Sing Service
- 3pm—Celebration of Life for Fred Littenburg

Monday, December 30

10am—Coffee & Conversation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31—New Year's Eve

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

- Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed.
- 9am—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

6pm—Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

11am—Memorial Service for Harvey Mayhill

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—EPIPHANY SUNDAY

- 9:15am—Sunday School
- 10:25am—Traditional Service

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministry by our <u>Prayers</u>, our <u>Presence</u>, our <u>Gifts</u>, our <u>Service</u>, and our <u>Witness</u>.

OUR PRESENCE 12/22/24:

Worship:	Online:	Sunday School:
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OUR SERVICE TODAY:

<u>Usher:</u>	Greeter:	Altar Guild:
Audrey Culp	Fran Threatt	Bruce Farrington
		Nancy Griffith
Crucifer:	Harry Gibson/Steve Barfield	
Acolyte:	Norah Cordle/Harry Gibson	
Blessing Box:	Karen S., Diane E., John/Donna H.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

This Week: Brenda Hochreiter

Next Week: Al Quarles

Coming Up:

- Jan. 1—Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen (9am)
- Jan. 2—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 4—Memorial Service for Harvey Mayhill (11am)
- Jan. 8—United Women in Faith (10:30am)
- Jan. 11—United Methodist Men Workday (9am; details TBA)
- Jan. 13—United Methodist Men (6pm)
- Jan. 16—Men's Bible Study (6pm)
- Jan. 17—Young at Hearts (11:30am)
- Jan. 18—Chili Cookoff!

NEW YEAR, NEW...

As we start the new calendar, if you need new offering envelopes, please let Chris Dodd know ASAP!

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DECEMBER 29, 2024

THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT

This month's mission project is to help bring warmth to the children of our local communities. We have decided to make a "Mitten Tree" for the December project; however, we're looking to collect more than just mittens! Any cold weather clothing items, such as gloves, scarves, toboggans/tuques, etc., can be donated! The tree will be set up in the Narthex for the rest of the month. As always, you can also choose to make financial contributions. Please be sure to make checks out to AUMC, and indicate missions on the memo line. Likewise, please designate envelopes/online giving similarly.



Diane Barfield is now our **Social Media Coordinator**! Please pass along pictures and announcements so that we can let the community know how active and busy we are! Text Diane at **(917) 447-1708**.

ARE YOU HERE?

If so, welcome! We hope your Christmas was joyous and fulfilling.

This may be the last Sunday of the year, but we're all about starting new things here. We are introducing new ways to record your attendance at worship services. You can fill out the attendance pads in the

pews, scan the QR code to the left, or use the following link:

https://bit.ly/AUMCAttendance (or click here.)

This is a part of the multimedia changes taking place as we head into 2025. Thanks for your help in this transition!

JOIN THE SUNDAY

LUNCH BUNCH

at



located at

1319 River Run Court

10:25am



HERE TO HELP

There are a number of ways in which AUMC can be here for its family members when they need help. The **Edith Bailey Assistance Fund** provides monetary assistance for individuals/families with unmet essential needs, and is available for members and regular attendees of AUMC and their immediate, live-in family.

The fund pays vendors/service providers directly, so there are some documentation requirements. There are forms that both provide more information on these requirements, and act as the official applications to receive assistance.

These forms can be found affixed to the bottom left corner of the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please direct any questions or requests for assistance with this process to the church office, or you may contact Sherilyn Brewer.

IN MEMORIAM

Please make note of two services related to our recently resurrected church family members.

Today (December 29) at 3pm there will be a Celebration of Life Service for Fred Littenburg.

This Saturday (January 4) at 11am there will be a Memorial Service for Harvey Mayhill.

2024 CHRISTMAS WISHES

Between the normally chaotic time of year and all the extra things happening at church, production on the Christmas Wishes Flyers has been unfortunately delayed. The flyer will be published online either tomorrow or Tuesday, and there will also be full-color copies included as inserts in next Sunday's bulletin.

Sorry for the inconvenience and delay!

Prelude "Once in Royal David's City" arr. John Innes

*Presentation of the Cross and Flame "Noel" Excerpt

Call to Worship

Announcements

Ours is a story of power in humility. Ours is a story of strength in vulnerability. Ours is a story of a baby deemed king, of a carpenter's son praying alone, of a Roman execution. Ours is a story of a stone rolled away, of sins forgiven, of souls lifted to the highest heaven. The Lord, our God, is in our midst. May we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Amen.

*Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" 250

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed" 881

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" 70

Young Minds Time Audrey Culp

Congregational Response "Jesus Loves the Little Children" arr. Dallas Bolin

Jesus loves the little children—all the children of the world! Red and yellow, black and white; they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world!

Offertory "What Child Is This?" arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"95

Fifth Sunday Hymn We will sing one verse of Sing: Christmas Edition each hymn/carol requested.

***Hymn** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *251*

***Benediction** Rev. Steve Holler

*Congregational Response "Make Us One, Lord" Carol Cymbala

Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one. Let Your love flow, so the world will know: We are one in You.

Postlude "Hallelujah Joy!" Mark Hayes