

Happy New Year!

January 2023



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

A Note from your Pastor:

Sometimes, I wish I had the power to know what is coming. Wouldn't it make life a lot easier? Imagine! You know it before accidents happen. You know what stocks you should buy. You know now who will be the next President of the USA. And you know what this new year will bring. Some turn to fortune tellers to know what is ahead of them. They want to know if their future is bad, and if so, they will do anything they can to change that. But, we know the truth.

I am not sure if it is a good thing to know what will happen in the future. For me, not knowing is what makes life, life. Because we do not know the future, we prepare. We put things in place for the rainy day. Then, we hope and pray. If we know our future, there is no need for hope and prayer. In many ways, knowing the future does not make our lives any better or easier.

We hope and pray, then we do our best to plan and prepare. Our hope as a church is to have more people in worship, engaged in mission and ministry works, living as the light and salt of the community. Our hope is to have more children and youth to nurture into faithful Christian disciples. We pray for these and we plan and prepare ourselves for these. We have seen growth in youth and children's ministry. We have volunteers dedicated to this ministry. Our kids are blessed to have them. I am confident to say we are going to grow this new year. The missing piece in this effort is our willingness to invite people to our church.

Just because you invite them doesn't mean that they will come. Yet, it is our job. Start praying for someone you want to invite. Reach out to those who used to come to our church. Keep praying for the home bound friends and their caregivers. Let us bear the fruit worthy of the Gospel of Jesus.

Kibum Kim, Pastor
First UMC, Concordia





**Wednesday
Night
Table Talk
Christmas Party!**



Children's Christmas Program "A Super Christmas" December 11, 2022



Salvation Army Bell Ringing!

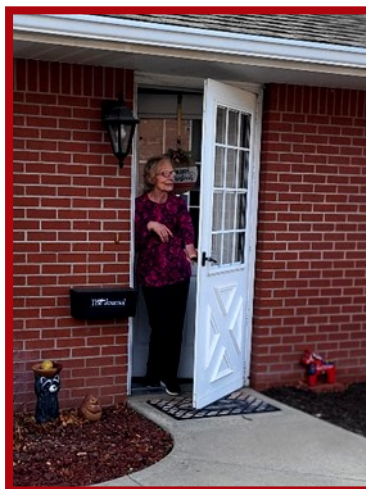


Thanks to the 14 volunteers who helped to ring the Salvation Army Bells at Walmart! We helped to raise \$775.00!



Caroling

A great time was had by all as we resumed our annual Caroling event! We had 15 carolers travel around town to visit 15 members and friends! Before Caroling, lunch was enjoyed by all!



Missions Tree

Thank you for your donations of 145 food items, 28 toys/games/books, and 62 hats/scarves/mittens/blankets! We also collected \$500 in Missions Buckets!

These donations made it possible for the CCRC to provide Holiday Baskets for many families during this holiday season.



Missions and Outreach

We will pass the Missions Buckets on January 15th for the Human Relations Day Special Offering. Learn more about this offering at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article>.



Enhanced Online Giving

Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.

Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!



We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

Meals on Wheels

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, contact the Senior Center at 243-1872. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.



Choir

Looking for new choir members! Come join us for practice at 5:30 on Wednesdays. We sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. And we have a short practice at 9:00a.m. on the Sundays we sing. Come make a joyful noise!



Little Free Pantry

We continue to see regular use of the Little Free Pantry. We ask you to place items directly into the pantry at your convenience. Keep in mind that winter is here! Please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis.

Thanks to those that have been placing food from our store in the pantry daily: Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure!

Commodities Food Distribution

Thank you! We have an amazing, dedicated group of people whom volunteered this year! This program would not work without the help of this community! On average, over the year, we had 15 Volunteers help to unload the truck and make sure everyone who was in need of food received a box.

December Totals:

- Boxes 95
- Singles 55
- Couples 15
- Families 25
- Total individuals served 199
- Volunteers 20

2022 Totals:

- Boxes 863
- Singles 469
- Couples 172
- Families 222
- Total individuals Served 1697
- Volunteers 131



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on **Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

If you would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.



Healthy Congregations

New Education and Faith-Based Editions of Mildred Janzen's book are available for pre-order from Sunbury Press! These editions would be great for teachers using the book in a classroom or groups reading the book as part of a Bible Study or Sunday School Class. More details are available at:

<https://www.sunburypress.com/collections/mildred-schindler-janzen>



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Nolan Michael Soward
Was Baptized on
December 25, 2022



CHAIR YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

Choir Room

at 6:00pm on January 8, 2022

All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!



Unhanging of the Greens January 8th Right after church

TABLE TALK ACTIVITIES

TO RESUME

JANUARY 11TH

5:00PM SITTING WITH JESUS

5:30PM CHOIR

6:00PM MEAL

6:30PM CLASSES FOR AGES 3-100!

All We need is:

A Cup of



A Few



And a



Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE

JITTERS

9:00AM.

JANUARY 21, 2022

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH
ARE WELCOME!



Mat Yoga Class

Choir Room

at 6:00pm on January 22, 2022

All are Welcome!

Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY 22, 2023



JOIN US AT 9:30AM MAKING VALENTINES FOR THE
NURSING HOME & OUR SHUT IN'S.

Confirmation Classes

PASTOR KIBUM KIM

January 29, 2023

5:30pm

@ First United Methodist Church

740 W. 11th

ages 11 and up



Secret Prayer sister



REVEAL

Saturday, February 11, 2022

9:30am

In the Parlor

Please Wear Mask.

Everyone Is invited to be a part
of the Secret Prayer Sisters!



Happy Birthday

- 1 ~ Gary Strait
- 4 ~ Gwendolyn Stiles
- 4 ~ Ashton Lawrence
- 6 ~ Sonia Erkenbrack
- 8 ~ Joyce Peterson
- 8 ~ Karla Lawrence
- 9 ~ Ayden Krohn
- 10 ~ Nichole McDaniel
- 10 ~ Terry Gantz
- 13 ~ Lyle Pounds
- 15 ~ Terry Peltier
- 20 ~ Noneral Steinert
- 22 ~ Judy Edwards
- 22 ~ Chris Ukens
- 23 ~ Erica Johnson
- 25 ~ Seth Retter
- 26 ~ Marcy Johnson
- 26 ~ Taryn Mosher
- 26 ~ Phillip Bentz
- 27 ~ Doreen Benson
- 28 ~ Susan Breault



Sunday Morning Volunteers

January	1	8	15	22	29
Worship Leader					
Sound		Monte			
Media	Mary Lisa	Nancy			
Greeters					
Nursery Helpers					
Children's Moment					
Scripture Reader					
Ushers	Lyle	Lyle	Lyle	Lyle	Lyle
Acolytes					
Coffee Bar	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with
Pastor Kibum in the Chapel at 10:20am.

Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities!

January 2023

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

1 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship	2	3	4 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chair Yoga	9 5:30pm FUMC Council	10	11 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	12	13	14 9:00 Ladies Coffee Jitters
15 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship 11:30 Missions Meeting	16 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	17	18 10-00 Commodities 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	19	20	21
22 9:30 All Church Activities 10:30 Worship 6:00 Mat Yoga	23	24	25 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	26	27	28
29 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship 5:30pm Confirmation Class	30	31				



Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm

5:30pm Table Talk Meal

6:30pm Classes for all ages