

Events this Week:
Sunday, December 3, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 5:30pm Yoga
 6:00pm Vespers

Tuesday December 5, 2023
 5:30pm Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk

Sunday, December 10, 2023
 9:00am Choir Practice
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 Children's Christmas Program
 Lunch & Caroling to Follow

December 12, 2023
 5:30pm Advent Bible Study

Saturday December 16, 2023
 9:00am Ladies Coffee at Jitters




Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 BETH WHISLER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7~Joe Fakler
 7~Lisa Moore
 8~Anita Chartier
 9~Lori Ade

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023
 10:30AM
 SOUP LUNCHEON
 RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP
 CAROLING IN
 THE AFTERNOON






**SANTA WILL BE
 HERE AFTER WORSHIP**



Advent
BIBLE STUDY

5:30PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
 5:30PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
 5:30PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
 5:30PM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE
 CHURCH OFFICE AT 785-243-4560

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 forces! Make your face
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 saved!”*
 ~ Psalm 80:18b-19



December 3, 2023
First United Methodist Church
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Office Hours:
 Monday —Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor



CHRISTMAS VESPERS
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
 BROWN GRAND THEATRE
 6:00PM

Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
John Wesley



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND CHIMES —BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST		Pam Campbell
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Amanda Morgan
PASSING THE PEACE		
OPENING HYMN	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	UMH#213 (Stanzas 1-3)
CALL TO WORSHIP		
LEADER: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.		
PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.		
LEADER: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God’s people.		
PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.		
LEADER: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God’s justice and mercy turning the world upside down.		
PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.		
LEADER: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God’s promise.		
SONG OF PRAISE	Have Thine Own Way	#382 Vs. 1-3
OPENING PRAYER		
God of justice and peace, raise our heads in expectation, so we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.		
JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS		
ADVENT HYMN	Light the Advent Candle	#2090 Vs. 1
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		Nevaeh & Dakota Valcoure
HOLY COMMUNION		#12
SCRIPTURE SENTENCE		
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TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS		
DOXOLOGY		#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son’s coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the time -- day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON		Isaiah 64:1-9
HYMN	Lord, Listen to Your Children	#2207
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Mary Thoman
GOSPEL LESSON		Mark 13:24-37
AFFIRMATION		
The word of God for the people of God		
Thanks be to God.		
MESSAGE	“Playing Peekaboo with God”	Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER	Lord’s Prayer	
OUR PURPOSE		
What is our purpose?		
To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!		

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	#196
TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD		
BENEDICTION		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Let there Be Peace on Earth	#431
POSTLUDE		

