# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

# Sunday, December 22 - 29

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM - “The United Methodist Hour” on KYNT 1450 AM Radio is sponsored

by Dave & Alicia Cornemann in honor of their 8 grandchildren.

 8:45 AM - Women’s Bible Study, Upper Room

 10 AM - Worship

 11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

**Monday:** 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Tuesday**: Noon - Church Office Closes

 4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Service

 7:00 PM - Christmas Eve Service

 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

 **Wednesday:** 8:30 AM - Prayer Time, Lounge

 **- Office Closed, Merry Christmas**

 - **NO** **Wed Night Activities**

 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Thursday: - NO Men’s Breakfast at Fryn’ Pan**

 Noon - Bulletin information due in the church office

 -  **NO** Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Friday:** - Pastor Katie’s day off

 - REMINDER is mailed

 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Saturday:** 7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Next Sunday:** 8:45 AM - Women’s Bible Study, Upper Room

 10 AM - Worship – Bucket Sunday

 11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

Pat White, Russ & Mary Peirce, Sue Strasburg, Doug Baily, Caitlin Jensen, Dawn Kabella, Kate Patrick (Diane Kisch’s niece), Connie Pruitt (Shirley Root's sister) Church family serving in the military: all men & women serving in the military and their families. (*If you have prayer requests for publication, please contact the church office.)*

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December 22, 2024

 Worship Service: 10:00 A.M.

*Our Vision: "To be a church of hope, healing, and belonging that loves and serves all through Christ our Lord."*

 **Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements** (Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book)

**Advent Candle Lighting** Pietila family

**Song** Advent Song FWS #2090 vs. 4

 **\*Songs** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Go Tell It on The Mountain

 **God Moments**

 **Song** Advent Hymn

 **Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

 **Children's Message** Where Children Belong FWS #2233

 **Offering**

 **Offering Response** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

Gracious God, thank you for your abundant generosity. As we give today, open our hearts to be more generous, reflecting your love. Bless these offerings to further your kingdom, and bless us as cheerful givers. Amen.

 **Scripture** Luke 2:8-19

 **Sermon** When God Shows Up Pastor Katie

 \***Song** Joy to the World

 **Announcements**

 \***Benediction**

 **\*Postlude**

\*Indicates Congregation stand if you are comfortable doing so. Large print hymnals and bulletins are available, as are hearing devices. Please ask an usher for assistance. Nursery room available.

If you are new to FUMC and visiting with us, we would like to say, “Thank you for your presence!” If you have not already filled out a Welcome/Visitor Card with one of our greeters at the door please find one located in the Ritual of Friendship Book, fill out, and place in the offering plate. Have a blessed day.

**2025 Estimate of Giving** Please consider increasing your gift as a step in your faith journey and blessing the ministry. We ask that you return your Estimate of Giving forms today. The Leadership Team will use the information gained from these forms to set a faithful budget for the church for 2025. If you are unable to return the form today you can drop it off in the office or mail it to the church.

**Christmas Eve Office Hours** The Church Office will close at noon on December 24th to allow staff to prepare for Christmas Eve celebrations.

**Christmas Eve Services** We will hold two Christmas Eve services at 4:30pm and 7pm this year and no Christmas Day service. During the 7pm service we will offer Holy Communion along with the other Christmas traditions you have come to know and love. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our savior with all of you this Christmas Eve!

**The Christmas Eve offering** This year’s offering will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to building and delivering hand-made, fully furnished beds to children in need. SHP’s mission is to tackle childhood bedlessness, which we estimate to affect nearly 3% of the population.

**Fifth Sunday Bucket, December 29th** Bucket Sundays are held whenever we have 5 Sundays in one month. This month’s offering will go to First UMC Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used to help cover the cost of emergency needs. Drop your loose change (bills accepted also) in the bucket.

**Hy-Vee Cash Cards** We have a limited amount of $200 gift cards available.

**Pastor Book Club** The December book for Pastor Book Club is a short book called Christmas from the Back Side: A Different Look at the Story of Jesus Birth by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The books is available on amazon.com in both paperback and kindle formats. We will meet at the church on Monday, December 30th for conversation and discussion.

# 2025 Offering Envelopes If you would like to receive offering envelopes for your giving, please contact Lisa in the church office. Because so many envelopes go unused, we are only giving them to the people who want them.

**Disciple Bible Study New Testament** Starting Sunday January 12th thru March 30th at 8am. All are Welcome! Childcare is provided.

**Visit The Hall of Trees** First UMC has a decorated tree at the Mead Museum. Stop in and see all the beautiful trees and be sure to vote for ours.

**Care Casserole** If you’d like the ingredients to any of the casseroles, please contact the care casserole team.

**Thank You** On behalf of the congregation, the Care Casserole Team would like to thank the anonymous donor for the new upright freezer for Care Casseroles. The larger freezer will make it easier for people to see the offerings available. Also, there is a new bulletin board in the same area for updates on Care Casserole offerings and communication. Again, thanks so much for this gift that will help so many.

**Ways to Give**

 FUMC Website VANCO

  

Small Group Starting October 1st:  Christianity 101

Are you new to the church? New to Christianity?  Or are you in need of a refresher of the basics of our faith?  Join Pastor Katie on Sunday mornings before worship for Christianity 101 where we will cover the same content in our confirmation program, but geared toward adults.  Many adults who have mentored during confirmation have commented that they didn't learn the basics or didn't remember learning them.  Here's your chance!  All are welcome!