# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SERVICE

# Sunday, December 29 – January 5

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

by Craig Sherman in memory of Orville & Darlene Sherman.

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

10 AM - Worship – bucket Sunday

11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

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

7:00 PM - Pastor’s Book Club

**Tuesday**: 7 AM - God Winks Circle at Fryn’ Pan

1:00 PM - Quilting, room 208

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

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

- **Office Closed, Happy New Year**

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

7:45 PM - Narcotics Anonymous, Upper Room

**Thursday: 7 AM - Men’s Breakfast at Fryn’ Pan**

Noon - Bulletin information due in the church office

4:15 PM - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

**Friday:** - Pastor Katie’s day off

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 - Communion

11 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Lounge

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

For the family of Pat White, Pat passed away.

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.)*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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December 29, 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)

**\*Call To Worship**

L: Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**C: God has come to make a home among us!**

L: Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane

growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**C: In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home**

**among us.**

L: And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising

happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**C: In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home**

**among us.**

L: Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things

and all seasons.

**C: We come to make our home with God who makes a home among**

**us. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** What Child is This UMH #219

**\*God Moments**

**Song** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH #229

**Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

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

**\*Offering**  Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

O Lord, the light of your peace shines like the dawn! Give us eyes of faith so we will see that Christ is present in our midst. You have covered your people in the finest clothes, the garments of salvation! Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude and commitment to live into our new reality in Jesus Christ. We ask this as a people clothed in your Son’s grace. Amen.

**Scripture**  Luke 2:41-52

**Sermon** Treasure in Your Heart Pastor Katie

**\*Closing Hymn**  Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH #220

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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.

**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 $200 gift cards available.

**Christmas Tear Down Day** Sunday, January 5th after church. There will be snacks to fuel us in our cleanup efforts! After the church is done, we will head to the Mead Museum to tear that tree down.

# United Women of Faith (UMW) United Women in Faith meeting will be January 6th, 2025.  It will start at 1:30pm in the church lounge. Our program that day is a pledge service by Diane. Lydia has a devotional.  And our hostess is Delores.  All ladies are invited to come and enjoy a friendly, casual get together.  Start off the new year, hope to see you there.

# 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.

# Pastor Katie Out of the Office Pastor Katie will be out of the office January 6th-7th for the Bishop’s Epiphany Gathering. Pastor Katie will be out of the office January 27th-29th for the Board of Ordained Ministry Winter Meeting.

# Disciple Bible Study New Testament Disciple Bible Study returns on Sunday, January 12th with an in-depth look at the New Testament! Join us on Sunday mornings at 8am to learn more about scripture, discipleship and the other amazing people in this class! Childcare and coffee are provided. If you would like a workbook, please let Lisa know in the office. Workbooks are $20.

# New Members Class Interested in joining First UMC? Would you like to know more about the church, about United Methodists, or faith in general? Pastor Katie will be offering a 3-session New Members Class after worship on January 12th, 19th and 26th. Everyone is invited - even if you are already a member and would just like a refresher!

# Tuesday Lunch Study Tuesday Lunch Study will start again on Tuesday, January 14th at noon. We will be doing a video series by Amy Jill Levine called, “Difficult Words of Jesus.” Join us for this very interesting and challenging video study! No reading required. All are welcome! (There will be no class on Tuesday, January 28th.)

**Ways to Give**

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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!