

# Advent 2024 at First United Methodist Church

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*...Peace Made Possible  
...Hope Made Possible  
...Joy Made Possible  
...Love Made Possible*

## Sunday Advent Services

As you prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, come and receive the Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love that our Savior offers as we worship on Sunday Mornings and on Sunday Evenings...

## Christmas Eve: Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

*The Impossible Made Possible*

**5:00 p.m. Family Service**

Including a Message for our Youngest Disciples and concluding the evening in candlelight.

**11:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight & Communion Service**

We will gather in the stillness of the night for scripture, song, special music, communion, and conclude in candlelight as we welcome the birth of our Savior.

## **Dec. 1: First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. *Isaiah 2:1-5*  
With Holy Communion

## **Dec. 8: Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. *Isaiah 11:1-10*  
5:00 p.m. Vesper Service & Tea  
A Service of Special Music, Carols, and Scripture Lessons

## **Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. *Isaiah 35:1-10*  
5:00 p.m.  
Free Community Spaghetti Dinner

## **Dec.22: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. *Matthew 1:18-25*  
5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service  
A Candlelight Service of Comfort and Hope in the Chapel.

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## Daily Devotionals

... have been mailed to your homes and are available on the table in the foyer outside the office. These devotions have been written by your church family to offer every household a moment of spiritual centering in this season of preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

## Small Group Study

### Sunday Mornings

**11:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel**

(Dec. 1 – Hope, Dec.8 – Joy, Dec.15- Peace)  
We will explore the Advent Scriptures for the coming week.

### Tuesday Evenings

**7:00 p.m. via ZOOM**

(Dec. 3- Peace, Dec. 7- Hope, Dec. 17- Joy)  
We will dig deeper into the Advent Scriptures and Word from the Sunday prior.

**Daily Scriptures** on the Advent Words: Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love; will be listed in the Bulletin and Cornerstone each week.

# ADVENT MISSIONS



Together with our friends at Interfaith Neighbors, we will help provide gift cards to bring Christmas Cheer to brighten families in need. To assist in this effort, you may share financial gifts by mailed checks, online, or in the yellow envelopes on the foyer table. Please mark "Adopt a Family."  
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## **Christmas is a Season of Giving**

Our **Christmas Offering** this year will be designated for our Shared Ministries. As a denomination, these shared ministries allow us to reach out locally, nationally, and globally. Each Methodist Church contributes to these funds, so we have an organizational church structure which provides ways to support people in times of disaster through UMCOR, to provide support to clergy in Third World Countries as they share the Good News, and to offer scholarships to new candidates for ministry in the US and other countries. These are just a few examples by which the structure of the UMC is financially supported so we can be in ministry and mission to our global church family and all God's children.

If you find you are able to give a financial Christmas Gift, please put it in the Christmas Envelopes and/or put "Christmas Offering" in the memo of your checks or for online giving.

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**Poinsettias for Christmas Eve** may be ordered via the forms on the Foyer Table or on our Website.

# ADVENT MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP



## *Come Join the Christmas Festivities*

A Church Family Party of Food and Fun!  
**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

The evening begins with a covered dish which is followed by games, laughter, and carols. ALL are invited and welcome!!

If 5:00 p.m. is too early – come join whenever you can make it!

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## *Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort & Hope*



Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024

5:00 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

For many people, Christmas is a time filled with grief and aloneness rather than joy and celebration. As the days grow shorter and shorter and the darkness of night grows longer, many find their spirits sinking. This is the very reason of Christmas! A time to hear a word of HOPE! If everything in life had been wonderful we wouldn't need a Savior. It is for those who need encouragement and strength for the days ahead that JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD!

For this reason we offer a Blue Christmas Service. Regardless of church background, come and share prayers, scripture, and music to acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn or struggle. God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. ALL are invited to this peaceful and faith-filled service!