

Order of Worship

December 26, 2021 1st Sunday after Christmas Day 9:30 a.m.

Let us open our Worship Service reflecting on the music of Christmas.

Welcome and Announcements

Video

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Doug Hyndrich

Stewardship Moment

Budget Comparison

Video

Children's Ministry Dismissal (Pre-K to Grade 5) 10:30 Service only

Scripture

Psalms 148 & Colossians 3:12-17

Jim Nelson

Sermon

"Joy of Christmas"

Rev. Dr. Jay Ferguson

Video

Benediction

Reminder!

Forms to submit birthdays and anniversaries are at the Tazewell Avenue entrance. The new list will begin in January.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER LIST

Don Anderson
Chance Bailey
Tommy Bane
Chris Buckner
Theta Childress, JoAnn Davis' Sister-in-law
Joe Damico, Gary Wilkinson's Friend
Tim & Pam Davis, Shirley Saunders' Family
Patty Dillon, Wade Dillon's Mother
Katie Franklin, Dean Coon's Niece
Millie Hartsock
Bob Mahood
Kenny Mandeville, Daniel Frost's Friend
Linda Meadows, Pam Davis' Friend
Janet Moore
Sam Moore
Fonda Morgan
Scott Morris, Roberta Bolen's Son-in-law
Frankie Nowlin
Mark Riley
Iris Snow
Josh Stultz
Sue Young

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Merve & Marie Anderson
Lila Atkins
Rudy Austin (Vera Lee Austin's brother)
Barbara Bailey
Ethel Earls
Margaret Farmer
Jimmy Jones
Sue Owens
Wilma Shay

OUR MILITARY

Lucas Graham
Drew Nelson
Nate Owen
Artem Rich
Ryan Shott
Jeremy Woody
All those serving our Country

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for all of your calls, texts, cards, and prayers on the loss of my oldest sister Sunday, December 5th at 7:00 a.m.

God Bless each one for your kindness.

Love, The Figueroa's

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 26

First Light Service	8:30 a.m.
Lite Breakfast & Fellowship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 29

Prayer Cross	12:00 p.m.
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COAT RACK MINISTRY

This year our Christmas collection will be for local children in Buchanan County.

Last August, the Hurley area of Buchanan County had over 30 homes destroyed by a flood. Many other families in the area were affected also.

Following is a list and sizes of the items:

- ✓ Coats Kids sizes (S,M,L,XL) or Youth sizes (XS,S,M,L,XL)
- ✓ Jackets Kids sizes (S,M,L,XL) or
✓ Youth sizes (XS,S,M,L,XL)
- ✓ Shoes Any Kids size or Youth sizes 1 – 4
- ✓ Socks – Any Kids size or Youth size
- ✓ Underwear – Any Kids size or Youth size
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Please drop off items in the totes located in the Narthex.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your check or envelope Coat Rack.

We will collect items through January 2. Items will be delivered to Buchanan County after students return from Christmas break.

First United Methodist Church

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BUDGET COMPARISON

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan	18,190	17,181	20,716	21,697
Feb	19,796	17,997	16,726	15,880
Mar	16,497	25,111	12,291	26,436
Apr	30,089	17,434	26,997	23,040
May	17,186	19,884	22,117	22,167
Jun	16,874	17,849	16,450	14,417
Jul	22,404	18,089	17,040	21,121
Aug	17,357	15,329	17,167	25,424
Sept	20,330	20,446	15,193	14,876
Oct	17,640	17,515	14,970	22,908
Nov	17,386	17,044	22,960	18,040
Dec	27,315	26,160	19,570	15,268
TOTALS	241,061	230,039	222,197	241,275

OFFERING ON DECEMBER 26 WILL BE ADDED TO 2021

Lighting the Christ Candle



During Advent, we have reflected on what Christmas meant to the Shepherds, to the Wise Men, to Mary, and to Jesus. Today, as we light the Christ Candle in our advent wreath, we reflect on what Christmas means for us. We find that the real meaning of Christmas is the gift of eternal life with our Savior and King.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:21-23 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means “God with us”).

Candle Lighting: Relight the first four candles, and then light the Christ Candle in the center of the wreath; as you are lighting the candles say: *On this most holy day we light all four candles in our Advent wreath, and we are reminded of the Hope, Joy, Love and Peace that came as a result of His coming. Now we light the Christ Candle, we rejoice that the promise of God has been fulfilled in the coming of the Baby born in a manger.*

Prayer: Gracious and Mighty King, we celebrate your goodness to us as we join the triumph and joy of Christmas. As your love has been revealed in all of its fullness, we pray that love may abound in our hearts during this special day. Grant us the spirit of Christ that we may live in the fullness of his character every day. In His name we pray. Amen.