

Thank You!

FEAST MEAL Cooks, Bakers & Cleaners!

For another great season of wonderful meals to support our fellowship in Jesus Christ.



The Building & Church Office are closed
November 28th & 29th.

If you would like to pick up
an Angel Tree angel,
you can do so
November 17th & 24th.

Gifts are to be returned
on December 22nd.



Requirements are to purchase a \$20.00-\$25.00 fun gift,
& a \$20.00-\$25.00 clothing gift for each angel taken.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach.

ORGAN CONCERT

PERFORMED BY
DR. RYAN
KENNEDY



DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 4PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Free Concert Open To The Public

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Please help us bless some local families with a thanksgiving meal!
We need pies, shoppers and financial donations!
Donations needed by
November 17th
SIGN UP AT THE TAKE 5 CART
WITH TERESA OR DEB MOSER

November Prayer Partner *prayer*

Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Dear God, I pray for (_____) to have good, godly friendships. I pray that you would surround them with those who love you and who encourage them, sharpen them, and uplift them. I ask that you would help them form friendships that will last them a lifetime, and not let them be misled. Help them show love to everyone, but only let those who will stir up good works in them into their inner circle. I pray that you will help (_____) be a good friend to others as well.

In Jesus' name, Amen

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 1st
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Engage in activities celebrating Jesus'
HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

followed by cookies and milk
-volunteers appreciated-



It's Poinsettia time!

ORDERS /
PAYMENT
DUE
**NOVEMBER
24TH**



6.5" - \$11 EACH
White Red
or Glitter
(RED / WHITE COMBO)
8.5" - \$29 EACH
White Red
or Glitter
(RED / WHITE COMBO)

Plants will be available for pick up after Christmas Eve.

FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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Gathering for Worship

November 17, 2024

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

"You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside
immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight." Proverbs 9:4-6 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor

Welcome Jana Thompson

Prelude *Medley of Praise* arr. D. Linda McKechnie Handbell Choir
Gloria Wendel, Director

Announcements Jana Thompson

Choral Introit

***Call To Worship** Jana Thompson

Leader: Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

People: Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.

Leader: God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

People: Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.

Leader: God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

People: Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.

Leader: Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

People: Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.

***Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #139 vs. 1, 2, 5

***Opening Prayer** Jana Thompson

O Lord our God, though we are little children, not fully able to discern the spiritual forces coming in and out of our lives, you have chosen us as your people. Give your servants understanding minds to distinguish between the good and evil surrounding us each day so that we may determine what is good and pleasing in your sight. We ask this in the name of the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

***Song** *Worthy of it All* Jeremy Laukhuf

Chat with the Children Julie Burenga

Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th grade

Life in the Church Jana Thompson

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #92 vs. 1, 2, 3

***Scripture** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Series **Gathering for Worship**

Message Benediction Pastor Christian Taylor

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by John Rutter Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, Accompanist

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings (Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Meditation* by Edward Ritter

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Chancel Choir

Postlude *Prelude* by J.S. Bach

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

The flowers on the altar today are given:

*In memory of our daughter, Nicole Lynn Massillo
by Mona & Kurt Massillo and family*



CHARGE CONFERENCE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 6:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY
— *yearly business meeting attended by the administrative board and any interested members* —

KID'S MINISTRY AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Jovie Pollock & Ceci Staas

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle &
Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Krites

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer &
Dave Lichtle, Assistant