

December Prayer Partner *prayer*

*Be Kind and Compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

Dear Lord, I pray that you fill () heart with compassion. Give them compassion for the people they will come in contact with at school-friends, teachers, classmates, etc. I ask that you would help () see these people through your eyes and show them the love of Jesus. I also ask for those working with and surrounding this child to have compassion 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-

Preschool Christmas Musical
Dec 5th
6pm-7pm



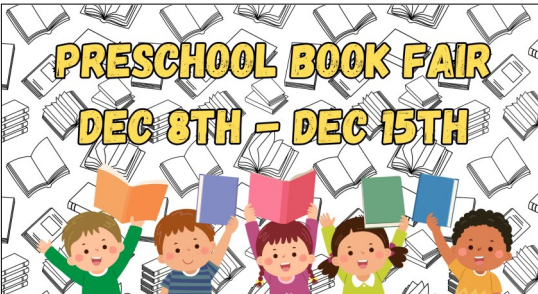
DOWNTOWN VAN WERT
POLAR EXPRESS EVENT
Saturday, December 7th
10:00am - 2:00pm
We need 3 volunteers per hour
to greet and run EASY Grinch themed games
for our community
Sign up on the Take 5 Cart in Krout



ORGAN CONCERT
PERFORMED BY
DR. RYAN KENNEDY
DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 4PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Free Concert Open To The Public



PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR
DEC 8TH - DEC 15TH



Church Conference
December 18th
6pm-7pm



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December 1, 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

“Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.” Psalm 25:7 NIV

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

Welcome & Announcements

Aiden Bockrath

Prelude *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Scott Turner

Choral Introit

Chancel Choir

*Gathering Meditation:

Leah Krites

A day, certain and on its way
And we feel it approaching
Slowly first, then in a quickened pace
Like a promise, on its way
To being fulfilled

A day when justice and righteousness
Is executed as surely as the day breaks Sun shines, rain falls, fog gathers
At foothills

A day is certainly coming
Sure as breath
A day of safety

A name of a Holy One On the lips: Branch Righteous One
Hope
Certainly on its way

Advent Candle Lighting

Snyder Family

Congregational Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Verse 1

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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*Opening Prayer

Olivia Snyder

God of our Expectation, we praise you for surely-coming days when you will execute Shalom: love, peace, health, and well-being for the people who walked in darkness. We await with assurance the surely-coming days when AIDS is cured, when every gun is beaten into tools for rebuilding, when every child has the opportunity to develop God-given gifts, and when every adult sees every child as a gift from God. We desire, O God of our Hope, surely-coming days when no city fears hurricanes, no country fears nuclear bombs, and no tribe fears annihilation by another. We thank you for the surely-coming days when no person fears another because God chose to create all people in the diversity of God's image. We thank you for our hope and your surely-coming days. Amen.

*Song *Hymn Of Heaven*

Chat with the Children

Elora Hogan & Ella Pruden

Children remain in worship

Life in the Church

Elijah Pollock

*Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Noah Krites

Series Message

Come, Let Us Adore Him
Preparations

Pastor Christian Taylor

Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Healey Willan
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

Chancel Choir

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Nate Gearhart & Mandy Burenga
Pastor Christian Taylor

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Emmanuel* arr. Scott Turner

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* (Tune: Greensleeves. See Insert)

*Prayer of Gratitude

*Spoken Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

Postlude *Fanfare on "The Boar's Head Carol"* arr. John Dixon

Thank you for worshiping with us!

*The flowers on the altar today are given:
In honor of Ike & Lloyd Marvin's 51st
Anniversary by family.*



**Advent Books
are available
in Krout**

Kid's Worship Kits

Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Luke Compton

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolytes: Ashley Bunker/Willow Snyder

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer &

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant

Melody Taylor