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The Advent and Christmas Season Begins



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

Advent Theme:

"Who Will Jesus Be For Us?"

December 11 - Mission Offering

"His Name Is Joy" - Psalm 126.

8 a.m. - Worship in Chapel.

Music from Kathy Maldegen.

9:30 a.m. - Chamber Choir,
Blessed Brass.

11 a.m. - Music: Kathy Maldegen.

December 18 -

Mission Offering

"His Name Is Love"

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

9:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir.

11 a.m. - Traditional Christmas

Pageant - Sanctuary

Noon - Post-pageant reception in
Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Candlelight Vespers

December 21

7 p.m. in the Chapel

Service of candlelight and music

on the longest night of the year in
the intimate setting of the Chapel.

All are welcome.

Christmas Eve, December 24

7 & 9 p.m. -

Traditional service of word, song
and candlelight.

Chancel Choir and guest harpist,
Margaret MacKenzie.

Childcare provided during
7 p.m. service.

Christmas Day, December 25

One worship service at 10 a.m.

Join friends for Coffee Fellowship
at 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day, January 1

One worship service at 10 a.m.

Join us for Coffee Fellowship
beforehand as we bring in the New
Year in worship.

January 8

9:30 & 11 a.m. "Old Befana"

Sunday Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

First Cup Café 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Café closed December 25
& January 1.

We seek to embody grace and hospitality in the manner of Jesus, nurturing our diverse spiritual journeys and joining together as a servant community to help realize a more loving and just world.

Musings

It will be different this Christmas. My father-in-law will be spending Christmas in a nursing home unable to fully communicate and limited to bed and chair, but we have reason for hope – little signs of improvement; little miracles, to be sure. Make no mistake, God is present.

In a few moments, I'll drive to the hospital to see my newest grandchild (2 months old). She was admitted last evening after a long visit to the Emergency Room. It's hard to watch your granddaughter struggle for breath (a respiratory virus, it seems) and a mother (my daughter) trying to hold back the tears. We're concerned, but we have reason to hope. She is surrounded by wonderful health care people and make no mistake, God is present.

Certainly the economic factors affecting so many in our state and the world are touching many of us, including our church. Like you, Sandra and I are reassessing our budget priorities. At the same time, our church leaders are looking diligently at our operating budget as well as a 2012 budget that will allow us to be fiscally responsible and maintain the level of ministries at our church. It is a difficult time for many and for our church, but we are people of hope and make no mistake, God is present.

In this season of Advent, I prepare again for a journey I have made for over 60 years. Once again, I will journey to a manger in a stable and there behold a child. I will not pause to debate the historicity of the location or the nature of how the child arrived. That is unimportant. What is important is my need and our need to look into the face of that child and see a hope, peace, joy and love that can make all the difference - and make no mistake, God is present.


Rev. Keith Schroerlucke



“God is present.”

Special Invitation

The Finance Committee recently alerted us to the fact that we are experiencing a shortfall in revenue that could lead to a deficit by year's end. Although our expenses are well under budget, our revenues are less than projected. We wanted to let the congregation know of this situation and extend the invitation to help the church make up this deficit by an extra end-of-year gift or offering. Not everyone will be able to respond to this invitation, but we hope that some might. These are difficult times for many but the programs and ministries of the church continue to offer hope for many. Thanks for considering this special invitation. *Keith Schroerlucke, Pastor*



A Reflection on the Treasure

As we explored the question “What is the treasure of your heart?” I thought about how busy our lives are and how it can be so easy to lose sight of the things we really hold dear. If someone tracked my daily activities, categorized them and created a visual report of where my time was spent, what would it show? What might someone think is most important to me if all they could see was that chart? My work would definitely make the top of my list, as would my family and, much to my husband’s dismay, talking on the phone. They also might discover my affinity for singing competitions, depending on where we were in the television season. But would they really discover what I hold near and dear to my heart? Probably not.

Life can be very busy. “I would love to...if I had more time...” or, “I wish I could just make time for...” have unfortunately become somewhat of a theme in my life. It can be hard to make time for the things that matter the most. With this in mind, I kept pondering our Stewardship theme...perhaps getting a bit more distressed as I did so! How can I add more time for this, and that, and of course that other thing that is really important, and still work, raise a family, be a wife and perhaps still have a few hours to sleep each night?

Then it dawned on me. Perhaps it is not *where* I spend my time; rather, no matter where I am, *how* I choose to spend the time I have. The real treasure, I believe, isn’t outside of us or out of our reach. It lies within each of us. And for each of us, it is different. It is the unique spiritual gifts we have been blessed with. Each moment is an opportunity for us to be faithful stewards of those treasures by using them to do “all of the good we can” as we relate to the world around us. What am I doing with the “valuable coins” God has entrusted to me? Am I fully investing them as I live my life, or have I buried them, letting less important things take over? Each and every moment we have on earth is also a treasure, as each moment is an opportunity to share those gifts and to share God’s love with others.

Lisa Hoeme,
Stewardship Team Co-Chair

It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas... Dinner: Sign Up Now

Thank you, First Church, for providing such a wonderful and inspiring Thanksgiving Community Meal! Now it’s time to do it once again for Christmas. **Ralph and Erica Kauten will be coordinating again this year. They will be at a table in the Octagon on Sunday mornings to sign up volunteers for work and food donations.** We anticipate record numbers of guests for Christmas like we had for Thanksgiving. Your generous gifts of food, money and time provide a meal that sustains souls as well as bodies. Our guests tell us that at least for a day, their loneliness and troubles are banished and they feel cared for and loved. What a wonderful Christmas gift to give to someone.

Can You Hear Their Voices?

Last Sunday in church I was sitting behind a family with three small children. The kids went down front for the children’s sermon and then went down to Sunday school. Later during the service, the pre-school class came up to get cookies from the Kitchen and then returned past the Sanctuary on their way to their room downstairs. The mother heard her child’s voice and turned to watch, looking to make sure everything was alright.

Around the world today millions of voices are being raised asking for our help feeding the hungry, rebuilding shelter for those displaced by natural disasters, giving medical care, and supplying other basic needs. Can you hear their voices? How will you answer?

In 2011 to date, members of First Church have donated over \$100,000 to special offerings sponsored by FUMC. The money has been used here in our church to support youth and outreach; it has gone into the Madison community; and it has been sent to international relief projects. The Mission Moments during worship on Sunday, December 11 and 18 will highlight the good works made possible by your Christmas Mission Offerings in the past.

Can you hear their voices? Will you help us support people in need throughout the world to the highest level we can? How will you answer?

Allan Marty,
Outreach Council Chairperson

**Christmas
Community Meal
Sunday, December 25
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. | All Welcome
For Home Delivery Call
608.251.4407 on Saturday,
December 24 between 2-5 p.m.**

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Isthmus Brass Concert to Benefit Porchlight – Monday, December 12, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

The Isthmus Brass is Wisconsin's premiere large brass ensemble. Under the direction of John Stevens, the ensemble will play arrangements from their repertoire of familiar Christmas music. Please join us in the Sanctuary for this third annual benefit Concert for Porchlight. The music will stir your soul; and in turn, you can pass on that hope and light to people in need. A free will offering will be received to support the services offered by Porchlight, Inc.

Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate with prophets, angels, shepherds, wisemen, and a very special baby. This is always a special time as our children, youth and adults share again the wonder and mystery of the traditional Christmas story. After the service, enjoy Christmas treats and fellowship at the reception in Fellowship Hall.

Old Befana – Sunday, January 8 9:30 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary

A favorite family musical about waiting for that "special child."

Princeton Club Million Pound Challenge – Join Today!

Join the Princeton Club's Million Pound Challenge and raise money for your **First Church Food Pantry** while getting or staying physically fit! Each hour of exercise you log means 10 pounds of free food from Second Harvest Food Bank to our food pantry. To sign up go to www.princetonclub.net/mpc/exercise.html. On this registration page you can choose First United Methodist Church from the list of food pantries. We encourage people to register for hours of exercise rather than pounds lost as this will result in much more food being donated to our pantry. Challenge yourself to exercise at least 3 hours each week for the 21 weeks of this program. Of course, exercising more brings in more free food to our pantry and enhances your own physical fitness as well.

Last year our First Church pantry received over \$1,500 in free food from the participation of many First Church members and friends. In fact, we were 11th out of more than 120 teams in terms of the amount of exercise logged and pounds of food donated. This year we have even higher goals: to be one of the top five teams and raise \$5,000 worth of donated food.

Anyone can log in and be a part of our team, so ask your friends and co-workers to help us out. You can follow our progress at www.princetonclub.net/mpc. Click on "View Existing Teams" – we are Team # 30 – and you will see how many hours we've all exercised so far. If you have any questions, please email Susan Jeanette at outreach@fumc.org and THANK YOU for your participation.



Save the Date for Lyons Lecture – John Dominic Crossan, Guest Lecturer Saturday, April 14, 2012, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

As the Christmas season is upon us, it's not too early to mark your calendar for the upcoming Lyons Lecture at First Church, when we will hear from John Dominic Crossan. Much enthusiasm met Crossan's visit to the lecture series in 2004, and we anticipate

his upcoming re-visit to be equally delightful. More information about his talks and about registration will be coming in future issues of the Chimes. Stay tuned!

– David Lyons Lecture Committee

A Day of Thanks

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner – the best yet! We received so much positive feedback from guests and volunteers – it exceeded my expectations and was, thankfully, a great day.

Our fantastic coordinators were **Ted Blazel** (Overall Event), **Hanna Blazel** (Kitchen), **Paul DeLong** (Meal Delivery), **Judy Metz** (Volunteer Recruitment), **Sandy Nelson** (Refreshments), and **Tom German** with daughters **Jacqui** and **Jennifer** (Dining Room). The following were not “official” Coordinators, but their leadership kept things organized and helped immensely: **Barb Bailey** was at the Greeters’ table all day coordinating Hospitality; **Eugene Stanley** helped out in all areas as needs arose; and **John** and **Lou Stolzenberg** handled clean-up of the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

We had 119 volunteers, many of whom had a meal, but are not included in the meal count.

So here are the numbers:

- Guests served in Fellowship Hall: 293
- Meals delivered: 311
- “To-Go” meals: 40-50
- Total: Over 600 meals served

We received a truckload of bread and rolls from Clasen’s Bakery and more than 150 pies from the Hubbard Avenue Diner & Bakery. The rest of the food and paper products were supplied by the generosity of our First Church members. You all are a true blessing and enriched the lives of hundreds of people on Thanksgiving Day.

Susan Jeannette, Director of Outreach Ministries

“Do all the good you can...”

The following are excerpts from thank you notes First Church has recently received.

*On behalf of Porchlight, Inc., I wish to thank First United Methodist Church for your contribution. **Thank you for all you and the staff did for your program on mental illness.** As you know, persons suffering from mental illness make up a disproportionate share of the homeless population and are highly stigmatized. More than the money (which is always nice) this program really raised awareness about mental illnesses and its impact on members of our community. Thank you for this important effort!*

*Steve Schooler,
Executive Director, Porchlight, Inc.*

Scenes from Thanksgiving Meal at FUMC



*On behalf of the hard-working families who will become homeowners, I want to **thank you for your generous gift.** Your donation together with those of other individuals, organizations, and businesses makes it possible for us to continue to build simple, decent, affordable homes with the low-income families in our community who need them.*

*Perry L. Ecton,
CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, Inc.*

Thank you for your annual gift for the First United Methodist Church of Madison Annual Scholarship. I'm pleased to inform you that this scholarship has been awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year to Erin Kruger, Master of Divinity student from Wisconsin.

Betty Campbell, Director of Stewardship, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Welcome, New Members!

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one spirit”

1 Corinthians 12:12-13



Holly & Pat Baganz

Holly and Pat moved to Madison about a year and a half ago from La Crosse. They have been frequently attending First Church for about a year, after finding the church on the Internet. They came to Madison for a job opportunity. Holly currently works as a lab analyst and Pat is going to school for nursing. Holly enjoys cooking and has been helping out in the kitchen as part of the Kitchen Kadré. Pat enjoys playing sports, volleyball in particular. They plan to stay in the Madison area and say they feel at home with this church because the congregation is friendly and welcoming.



John, Kristin & Lauren Zurovitch

John and Kristin came to First Church because of the youth program. Their daughter, Lauren, is currently in the Confirmation class. She attends Edgewood and enjoys playing soccer. Both John and Kristin are from Wisconsin; John from Kaukauna, in the Appleton area, and Kristin from LeRoy, near Waupun. They have lived in Fitchburg for over 16 years.



Dave & Susan Mockert Sam, Mollie and Julia

Dave and Susan are transferring their membership from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. They have been coming to First Church for over a year and Susan has been a regular Sunday School teacher. Dave is an IT consultant and Susan is a mom and part-time environmental scientist. They live on the west side of Madison.



John & Barbara Tolch

John and his wife Barbara have lived all over the Midwest: Illinois, Michigan, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio and now Wisconsin, which they call the best of all. They came to Madison in 1959 when John joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin, retiring in 1991 with a career focused on theater for children and young people. About seven or eight years ago, he and a friend, John Peterson, began a search to join a church that was dynamic, thoughtful and on a mission for all people. After visits to several churches, First Church became “clearly their choice.” John likes to travel, and he and Barbara winter in Florida, so he delayed formal membership until now. He says, some would say “high time.”



Tim Johannes

Tim visited First Church because his mother, Ramona, is a member, and then he continued to attend. He says he likes the friendly atmosphere and the preaching. He lives on the far northeast side of Madison and is very interested in service opportunities at the church. He currently volunteers in the food pantry each week, where he puts his work skills and knowledge to good use.

Volunteering here at First Church has been/is a terrific highlight in my life! I love this church and everyone I'm associated with in it!

Volunteering here gives me a GREAT sense of not only happiness, but also a GREAT feeling of being needed.

Tim Johannes,

Food Pantry Volunteer
and New Member of First Church

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- February 17-19, 2012
Comfort Suites, Oshkosh, WI
- October 5-7, 2012
Bishop Rader Center, Pine Lake, Westfield, WI

For more information visit www.encounter.org or call (toll free) 866-633-3862.

Library Book Returns Made Easy

For your convenience FUMC library books can be returned to the Narthex reception office in addition to the Library on the second floor. Please do not put returned books back on the carousel in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy our books!

Thank you,
The Library Committee



Sunday, January 22

8 - 11 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Co-Sponsored with Churches' Center for Land and People.

Sunday Faith Development Opportunities

Bible Study – 8:30-9:15 in Fellowship Hall.

Facilitated by Daniel Cochran. Each week the group discusses the Scripture passages that will be read and preached about in worship services that morning.

The Journey – 9:30 a.m. in Room 208.

With a focus toward parents and couples, this fellowship-based class meets with a topic and discussion format to share life's journeys together.

Theology for the 21st Century – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05.

The class is studying the book *The Search for the Historical Jesus: Why Start with the Sayings?* by Lane McGaughey. Come join the conversation. This class will resume on January 8.

The Christian Adventure – 11 a.m. in Room 208.

The class is studying *The First Christmas*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The authors show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art –

December 11, 11 a.m. in Room 203. Facilitated by Tina Lang. A DVD-based study of the Christmas story as depicted in the artwork of John August Swanson with commentary by some of America's premier biblical scholars.

For more information on these classes go to:

<http://www.fumc.org/get-involved/sunday-morning/adults/>

No classes December 25 & January 1.

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Plans Finalized for February Habitat Trip to El Salvador

The dates for the International Ministry Team's next Habitat trip to El Salvador have been determined: Saturday, February 18 – Sunday, February 26, 2012. **People interested in going on this trip should confirm their interest as soon as possible with the trip leader, John Stolzenberg,** and pay a \$200 trip deposit by December 23. Additional information on the trip is available at www.fumc.org or by contacting John at JohnStolzenberg@charter.net.

Support For Habitat of Dane County

Over the last three years, First Church has pledged a total of \$30,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Dane County's Urban Neighborhood Initiative. To date we have paid \$27,000 of this pledge, and the Housing Ministry has another \$1,000 on hand from past fund raising efforts to apply towards the pledge.

The Housing Ministry is now seeking an additional \$2,000 in end-of-year donations to be able to complete the payment of this pledge. Thanks to all who have supported this ministry in the past and for your continued support.

Wanted: Bread Bakers

As part of the Welcome/Hospitality Ministry Team, bread bakers provide loaves of homemade yeast bread for first time visitors when they worship at First Church. The members of this team are given a schedule for the year, so there is ample time for planning and baking. If you are interested in contributing to the life of the church in this way, please contact the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org.

No Packer Party on December 11

With the change in kickoff time for the Packer game on December 11, there will be NO Packer Party at the church.



Hanging of the Greens Recap

What a fantabulous time! Approximately 50 people came out to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Everyone was in the Christmas spirit, singing along to Christmas songs as they worked together. Following all that singing, everyone enjoyed some delicious soup and the creatively decorated Christmas cookies that some of the youth made. What a wonderful time of the year, and thank you to all who helped out!



Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: **Lillian Wirth, Caroline & Warren Ingram, Leif Grimstad** (Sandra Schroerlucke's father), **Margaret Woerpel, Cindy Doers** (Kay Knipfer's niece), **Kirk Luker** (Afghanistan) and **Alec Johnson** (grandson of Bill and Jane Johnson).

Our hearts and prayers are with the Sailor and Lang families as we acknowledge the death of **Rev. Fid Sailor** on November 24. The memorial service for Fid will be at First Church on Friday, December 9 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

We celebrate **Sam Sesing** coming home from Afghanistan. He will be in Wisconsin by December 20 to celebrate the holiday season with family.

Kurt and Alli Pedersen were blessed by the birth of their twin daughters, Signe and Freya, on November 29.

Albert Meulendyke, husband of Mary Anderson, passed away on Monday, November 21 in Hilton Head, SC. Please remember Mary and the family in your time of prayer.

First Church Food Pantry

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 10 a.m. - noon

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - noon

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - noon

Holiday Closures

Please note that the, food pantry and church building will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

all God's Children

Camps Committee: Help Wanted

If you are someone who knows that United Methodist Camps provide great experiences for children, youth and adults, alike (yep- there's one for everybody), perhaps you'd like to be part of the team that helps get the word out to First Church members about how awesome our camps are. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org if you'd like to help.

Young Families Task Group Forming

We have a growing number of young families coming to at First Church, and we want to find ways to help them connect with each other. Help grow our Young Family Ministries either by coming to events or by helping to plan them. If this area of ministry interests you, please contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org.

Young Adults YWCA Christmas Dinner – Friday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Our yearly Christmas dinner party that we put on for the residents at the YWCA is always a meaningful event for everyone involved. If you would like to come or help out in any way, please contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org ASAP.

United Methodist Scholarship Recipients

In light of the recent United Methodist Student Sunday, in which a special offering was taken to support United Methodist scholarships, we'd like to recognize two of last year's recipients from our church: **Steffenie Williams** (HANA Scholarship) and **Stephen Betz** (Ethnic Minority Scholarship). For more information about this year's United Methodist college scholarships and loans visit <http://www.gbhem.org> or contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org.



Josh Williams Competes at Nationals

This November, Josh once again represented Edgewood College at the NCAA Division III National Cross Country Championship, finishing 40th out of 280 runners. In 2009 he was the first Edgewood College runner ever to qualify for the national meet. Josh and his sister Steffenie teach the 2-3 year-old toddler class on Sunday mornings. (Part of an unconventional cross-training program, we suspect.) Way to go, Josh!

Children, Youth & Young Adults

Sunday, December 11

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Children come to 9:30 a.m. worship and go to their classes after the Pastor's "Conversation with the Children."

- Toddlers Age 2 and 3 – Room LL19
- Preschoolers – Room LL17
- Grades K-1 – Room LL10
- Grades 2-3 – Room LL15
- Grades 4-5 – Room LL11

Childcare on Sundays
9:15 a.m. – Noon

Infant – 2 years:

First Floor Nursery - Room 104

Toddlers age 2 and older:

Lower Level - Room LL12

Youth Sunday School

– Meet at 9:30 a.m.

- Middle School: Room LL02
- High School: Room LL04
- High School Seniors:
"Senior Salon on Spirituality"
Room LL06

For all ages:

• December 18, 11 a.m. –
Annual Christmas Pageant takes place in the Sanctuary.

• December 25 & January 1 –
There will be no Sunday School on either Christmas or New Year's Day. Families are encouraged to worship together at the special 10 a.m. service in the Sanctuary on these two mornings.

• January 8 –
There will be no Sunday School classes this day so that families can attend the presentation of "Old Befana" in the Sanctuary at either 9:30 or 11 a.m.

• January 15 –
Regular Sunday School class schedule resumes.

Young Adults – Activity

- YWCA Christmas Dinner:
Friday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.



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Calendar

Sunday December 11

Christmas Mission Offering
 No Parking at Masonic Temple
 8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Alternative Gifts/Forest
 - Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. H.S. Seniors Class
 "Senior Salon on Spirituality"
 - Room LL06
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
 - Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Worship Planning Team - Room 203

Monday, December 12

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good #3 - Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Isthmus Brass Concert
 - Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 13

12:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Party
 - Capitol Lakes

Wednesday, December 14

1:00 p.m. Game Day - Room 208
 3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good #5 - Chapel

Thursday, December 15

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Next CHIMES Deadline: Wednesday, January 4
 Next Publication: January 12

Church Building & Food Pantry Closed:
 December 26 & January 2

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Mission Offering
 8:15 a.m. Homelessness Task Force
 - Room 203
 9:00 a.m. Alternative Gifts/Forest
 - Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
 - Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant in Sanctuary
 & Reception in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 19

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good #4 Chapel

Wednesday, December 21

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Vesper Service - Chapel

Thursday, December 22

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Sunday, December 25

One Worship Service at 10 a.m. Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

Church Building & Food Pantry Closed

Wednesday, December 28

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good #6 - Chapel

Sunday, January 1

One Worship Service at 10 a.m. Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Church Building & Food Pantry Closed

FUMC Building Open Hours

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Meditation Group - Chapel

Wednesday, January 4

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Thursday, January 5

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Friday, January 6

8:00 a.m. United 211 Planning - Rooms 208

Sunday, January 8

9:30 a.m. "Old Befana" - Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
 - Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. "Old Befana" - Sanctuary

Monday, January 9

11:45 a.m. Yoga for Good #5 - Chapel

Tuesday, January 10

12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle - Capitol Lakes
 1:00 p.m. Webinar: Turnaround Strategies
 for Your Church - Chapel

Wednesday, January 11

3:00 p.m. Toddler Playgroup - Room LL12
 6:30 p.m. Yoga for Good - Chapel

Thursday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee - Room 208
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir - Music Room

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m. Chapel Choir - Music Room
 10:30 a.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale
 - Fellowship Hall