

First United Methodist Church

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December 22, 2024 — December 28, 2024

"4th Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Lisa Braun/Cindi Bosanic Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Louise Burson Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/23) No Bible Study or Prayer Group
Tuesday (12/24) Office Closed / Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 PM
Wednesday (12/25) Office Closed—Christmas Day—Merry Christmas
Thursday (12/26)
Friday (12/27)

December 29, 2024 — January 5, 2025

"1st Sunday After Christmas Day"

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God's Country Community Ministry

Monday (12/30) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (12/31)
Wednesday (1/1)
Thursday (1/2) Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee 10 AM
Friday (1/3)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/22/24 Mic 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199); Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
12/24/24 Christmas Eve-Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96 (UMH 815); Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
12/25/24 Christmas Day-Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98 (UMH 818); Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14
12/29/24 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26; Ps 148 (UMH 861); Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy & family concerns, Bill Tracy & family, Jesse Baker, Carol Weinert, Sandi Kolder, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whatsitt, and unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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December 22, 2024



**"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



First United Methodist Church
December 22, 2024
“4th Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Hark the Herald Angels Sing Cyndi-on Clavinova
 Pastor B.J.-Trumpet on Clavinova

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Janet Helmbold

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2090 (v. 4) Light the Advent Candle

PSALM 80

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, God Himself, was born in the grandest, most expensive, most luxurious palace of all time.

P: No He wasn't. He was born in a smelly animal barn, full of dirty sheep and cattle, and probably a few rats and fleas.

L: His bed was an expensive mahogany cradle, hand crafted by a master carpenter and furniture maker, and embellished with elaborate carvings.

P: No it wasn't. He was laid in an animal's feeding trough, and lined with stiff, scratchy straw.

L: Angels announced his arrival to all of the richest, most important, most powerful people in the world, as they gathered together in the biggest, most elaborate palace in existence.

P: No they didn't. They sang to a few poor, homely, nobody shepherds in a scraggly field in an overrun little country, near a small, unimportant village next to nowhere.

L: He came to hobnob with the richest, smartest, most powerful, and best looking men and women in the world.

P: No He didn't. He came to ordinary, common, lowly, poor, nobodies of status, no power, and no importance in the grand scheme of things.

L: Why? Why would the King of Kings, God Himself, come to a sorry place, in a sorry stable, with sorry, insignificant people?

P Because He loves them. He loves the humble, sorry, nobody people. He loves them so much that He died for them. To Him, they are so important, so wonderful, that He died to save them. To save us. All of us!

ALL: Amen!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 234 (v. 1,3,5,6)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*APOSTLES' CREED: UMH 881

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON:

God's Promise, Our Song

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Cradle Song

arr. E. Higgins

*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 250

Once in Royal David's City

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186

Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: The First Noel Traditional English Carol-arr. J. Moffatt

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

December Mission Noisy Offering—God's Country Community Ministry

Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God's children throughout their vast parish.

January Mission Noisy Offering—Pastor's Discretionary Fund

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE