

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10am-2:30pm

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Second Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m.      Worship Service/SS/Coffee Hour follows  
11:30 a.m.      Bible Study  
12 noon      Classical Indian Dance  
5:00 p.m.      Detroit Chin Baptist Church

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m.      **Advent Bible Study**

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 a.m.      Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.      Knox UMethodist Family Memorial & Repast  
7:00 p.m.      **Women's Bible Study**

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
7:15 p.m.      Boy Scouts

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 p.m.      Bell Rehearsal in the bell room  
7:00 p.m.      Vocal Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**      **Pastor Brian's Rest & REfreshMENT Fridays!**  
5:00 p.m.      Chin Church

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
2:00 p.m.      Liturgical Dance Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m.      Light Up the Grand After Glow

**YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD:** We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



**JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Text your joys and concerns to Pastor Brian at (269) 274-0029

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** In loving memory of our nieces: Ola Igwe, Phyllis Walter & Verlinda Powell who made their transition in 2025 and are forever in our hearts- Igwes

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

4<sup>th</sup> Carrie Igwe, William Morrison, 5<sup>th</sup> Judy Hanson, Robin Thomas, 6<sup>th</sup> Oliver Schultz's  
8<sup>th</sup> Doug Wilson, 11<sup>th</sup> Michael Kwasky, 15<sup>th</sup> Connie Haase, Brenda King, 17<sup>th</sup> Madilen Gesse  
18<sup>th</sup> Bob Rodibaugh, 19<sup>th</sup> Karen Brichford, 21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Gesse, 23<sup>rd</sup> Marianna Barrons, 27<sup>th</sup> Amy Berry,  
28<sup>th</sup> Barbara Walker, 30<sup>th</sup> Linda McDoniel, 31<sup>st</sup> Tanner Tulgetske

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

11<sup>th</sup> Paul & Brenda King, 26<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Sharon Thomas,  
29<sup>th</sup> Bob & Debbie Muncey, 31<sup>st</sup> Ben & Maggie Niemiec



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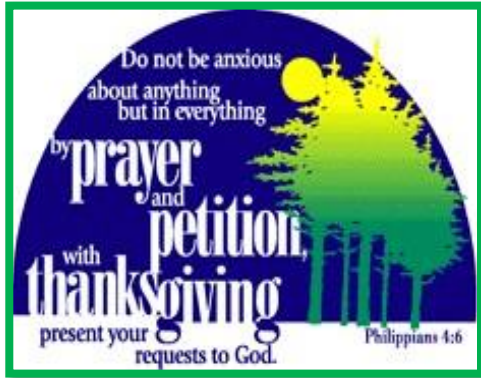


**OUR MISSION**

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.







**General:** All conflicts globally and domestically.

**Health:** Kate (brain surgery), Susan Sackett, Michael Kwasky (kidney stone) Erica Palmer, Tom Benjamin (heart attack), Kali Imus, Christi Diener (heart attack), Nikki (heart attack), Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Denise Ruff, Patti Morrison, Dave Evans, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Ethel Shapiro, Sue Jackson, Bernie Shaw, Larry Malloy

**Cancer:** Dakota as she deals with Leukemia and her parents Leslie and Leslie and Kevin. Margaret

P, Cathy Kwasky, Susan M.J., Kathy C, Amanda Frey, Gary Johnson, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz, Don Gray, Matthew Jones, Thomas Lee, Anne Snyder, Linda P, Margaret B

**The families in the midst of grief:** The Kalakailo & Cook families, and everyone amidst their grief.

"Please notify our office via call or email: [office@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org) or pastor of any requests by Monday to be included in the bulletin and by Thursday for verbal announcements. Names will be removed after 60 days unless otherwise requested."

The Education Committee: Karen Brichford, Joan Pence, Pastor Bea, Stephanie Oyer, and Esther Weddell are excited to implement a playground, an area in our sanctuary specifically dedicated to young children and their families. Thank you, Trustees and Church Council for trusting us with this project, we plan to have completed by December 21 - just in time for Christmas!

Our wish list includes:

- a glider rocking chair
- like-new quiet sensory toys appropriate for toddlers: busy books, soft blocks, floor puzzles, books, fidget toys or small flannel board sets, the space theme will be woodland animals with an effort to keep little fingers busy but not distract from service - see Joan Pence for specifics

We want this space to teach as well as be enjoyable to the children. Seeking items with religious themes: Communion, Creation, Thanksgiving, Baptism, Teachings of Jesus, Sermon on the Mount, Palm Sunday, Easter, Peaceable Kingdom, Ascension, and Pentecost. We want to hear your thoughts or ideas about this initiative or any other education programming.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Geri Doolin

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING VIRTUALLY:** Giving options will appear on your screen.
- **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON:** You may place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor. Guests, please place your completed CONNECTION CARD in the collection plate.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Geri Doolin

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Joy to the World*

Carillon Choir

Arr. By Martha Lynn Thompson

\*SUNG PRAISE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

JOYS, CONCERNS, & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Rev. Steele

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION: ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOD'S TABLE Pastor Bea and Rev. Steele

HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

UMH #203

SENDING FORTH: **You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!** Rev. Steele

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ade and Fisayo Aiyesimoju

**Reader One:** Today we remember the likes of Zechariah and Elizabeth, two people who waited on God. They clung to faith amidst multiple disappointments.

**Reader Two:** Their faith reminds us that God is with us as we wait for our heart's desire. God has not forgotten us. God has not left us.

**Reader One:** Today we continue to wait. We wait for justice. We wait for hope. We wait for answered prayers.

**Reader Two:** Today we light two candles to remember that God is with us as we wait. That as we wait, we lean into the presence of God more and more and God is with us.

**Light Two Candles**

**Invitation to Communion**

Pastor: God of our hopes and dreams, we yearn for your presence this Advent Season--we are empty and long to be filled; we are hungry and long to be fed; we are lost and long to be found.

In this time of waiting, we feel scattered and torn as we struggle to answer the many demands on our time and attention. Just as Jesus gathered up the fragments that remained after feeding the crowds, gather up our Advent hopes and dreams, that nothing may be lost in your mercy.

Call us anew to eat our fill at Christ's table, that we may await the hope of ages with our faith and confidence undimmed. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, our Comforter and Sustainer.

You made us in your image and filled us with longing, that our hearts might remain restless until they find their rest in you. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

In our learning for freedom through the ages, you perceived our yearning to be your covenant people. In the lineage of Sarah and Abraham, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and Mary and Joseph, we come to this season of holy mystery, awaiting the promise of your redeeming love.

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who came announced by angels, worshipped by shepherds, and sought by wise men from the east.

As your precious gift to the world, Jesus walked among us, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and offering love and compassion to those in need.

Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, you answered our longing for connection by giving birth to your Church, delivering us from slavery to sin and death, and making with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

In this holy season of Advent, you awaken us to your Presence, and call us to be your compassion in the world, as we speak the truth of your love. Even when the song of the angels had stilled, and Jesus faced denial, betrayal, and death, he gave thanks and blessed the fruit of this, your good earth, offering not only bread and cup, but the bread that always satisfies and the life that never ends.

And we remember that night when Jesus shared a table with His disciples, took bread, blessed it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Jesus then took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins once and for all. Drink this in remembrance of me."

This bread and cup bring life and love to all--for they are God's love living in us, they are the Spirit's blessing, flowing through us. And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as holy and living gifts to you and to your world. In union with Christ's gift of love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Prayer of Consecration**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that this season of Advent may be a season of yearning for connection--a season of waiting with patience and hope. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup that they may bring your Advent miracle to a world that longs to believe in miracles once more. As we experience your presence in the eating of this bread and drinking of this cup, help us lay claim to the hope and promise of this season.

Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.