

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

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

December 28th

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

Wednesday, December 31st New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1st Happy New Year

Friday, January 2nd Pastor Brian's Rest & REfreshMENT Fridays!

5:00 p.m. Chin Church

Saturday, January 3rd

2:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Rehearsal

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my Father, Len Sims – Gerri Doolin

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

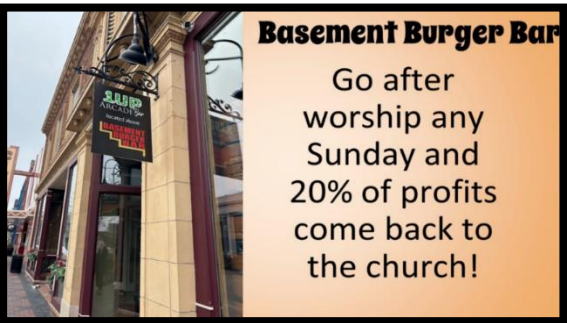
11th Paul & Brenda King, 26th Jerry & Sharon Thomas,
29th Bob & Debbie Muncey, 31st Ben & Maggie Niemiec

The recent 2025 giving statements did not include November giving AND MAY INDICATE 0 FOR 2024.

Expect completed 2025 statements in January.

We appreciate your generosity and patience.

Assigned 2026 Envelopes will be the first week of January.



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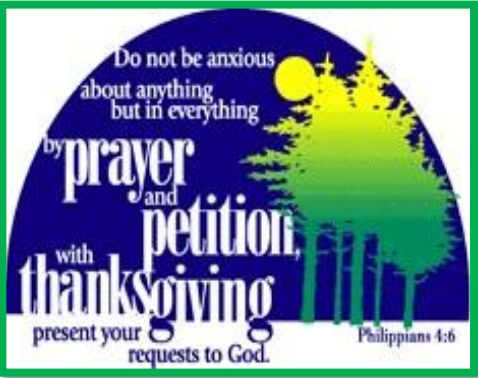
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PRELUDE	"Away in a Manger"	Stephen Thomas, guest pianist
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Brian Steele
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i>	UMH #246
OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)		
Jesus, you are bringing us new gifts. May we receive all that you have for us with joy. May we be open to the new work you are doing in us and in our church. Give us the faith to be open to all you have for us and to partner with you as we continue to connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.		
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	UMH #238
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT		Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Isaiah 43:19	Paula Mullan
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR	Gift #1	Rev. Steele
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>What Child is This</i>	
OFFERTORY INVITATION		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	"For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Joel Raney	Stephen Thomas
SUNG PRAISE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR	Gift #2	Rev. Steele
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>The First Noel</i>	UMH #245
GIFTS FOR THE NEW YEAR	Gift #3	Rev. Steele
CHRISTMAS CAROL	<i>Go, Tell it on the Mountain</i>	UMH #251
SENDING FORTH:	Go and share the hope of Christmas!	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Stephen Thomas
SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
POSTLUDE:	"Good King Wenceslas" arr. Joel Raney	Stephen Thomas



General: All conflicts globally and domestically.

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families.

Health: Tim Seibert (kidney issues), Michael Kwasky (kidney stone) Susan Sackett, Tom Benjamin (heart attack) Erica Palmer, Nikki (heart attack), Kali Imus, 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 Bev Ellis, Kalakailo & Cook families, and everyone amidst their grief.

"Please notify our office via call or email: 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.

Our wish list includes:

- 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.

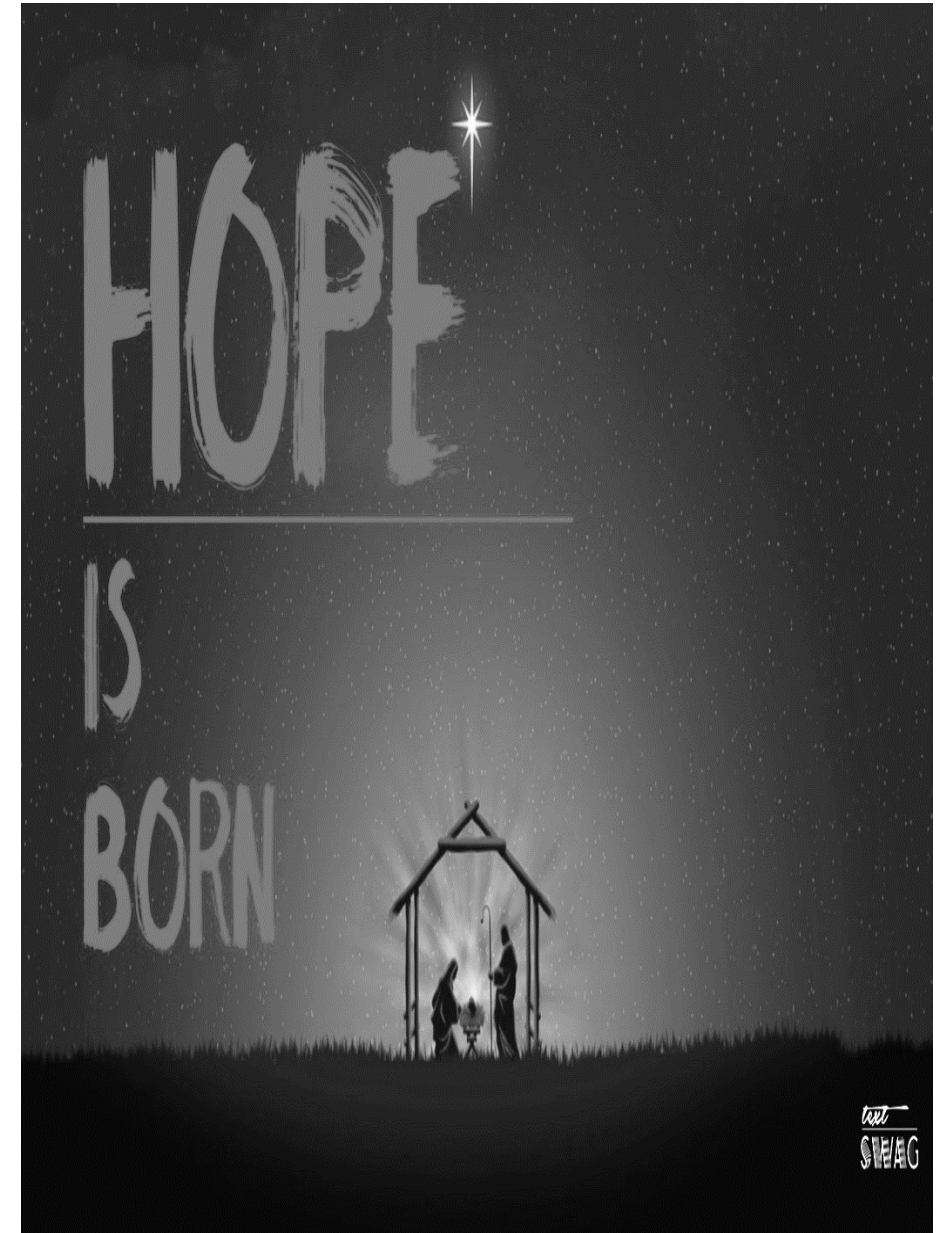


**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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🎄 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve: Jesus' Birthday Party 🎄

December 24, 2025

WELCOMING MUSIC	Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Brian Steele
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	Guiding Force Youth Group
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> UMH #240 <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> UMH #234 <i>Vs 1-3</i>
JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY	Rev. Steele
OFFERTORY MUSIC	Yaroslav Daniels
SUNG PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> UMH #94
HYMNS BY CANDLELIGHT	<i>Silent Night</i> UMH #239 <i>Joy to the World</i> UMH #246
SENDING FORTH AND COMING SOON:	Rev. Steele
Postlude	<i>Go Tell it on a Mountain</i> UMH #251



With joy and gratitude we break this bread and remember the night when your grace was revealed. For on a Passover many years after his birth, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

With awe and wonder, we fill this cup and remember that Passover meal when your forgiveness was revealed. On that night, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

And so, as children of light, and in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving in union with the brightness of Christ's glory, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Prayer of Consecration:

Rev. Steele: Come, Emmanuel, Come. Bless these gifts with your presence, that we may be an Emmanuel people: nourished by your grace, filled with your love and entrusted with your calling. Amen.

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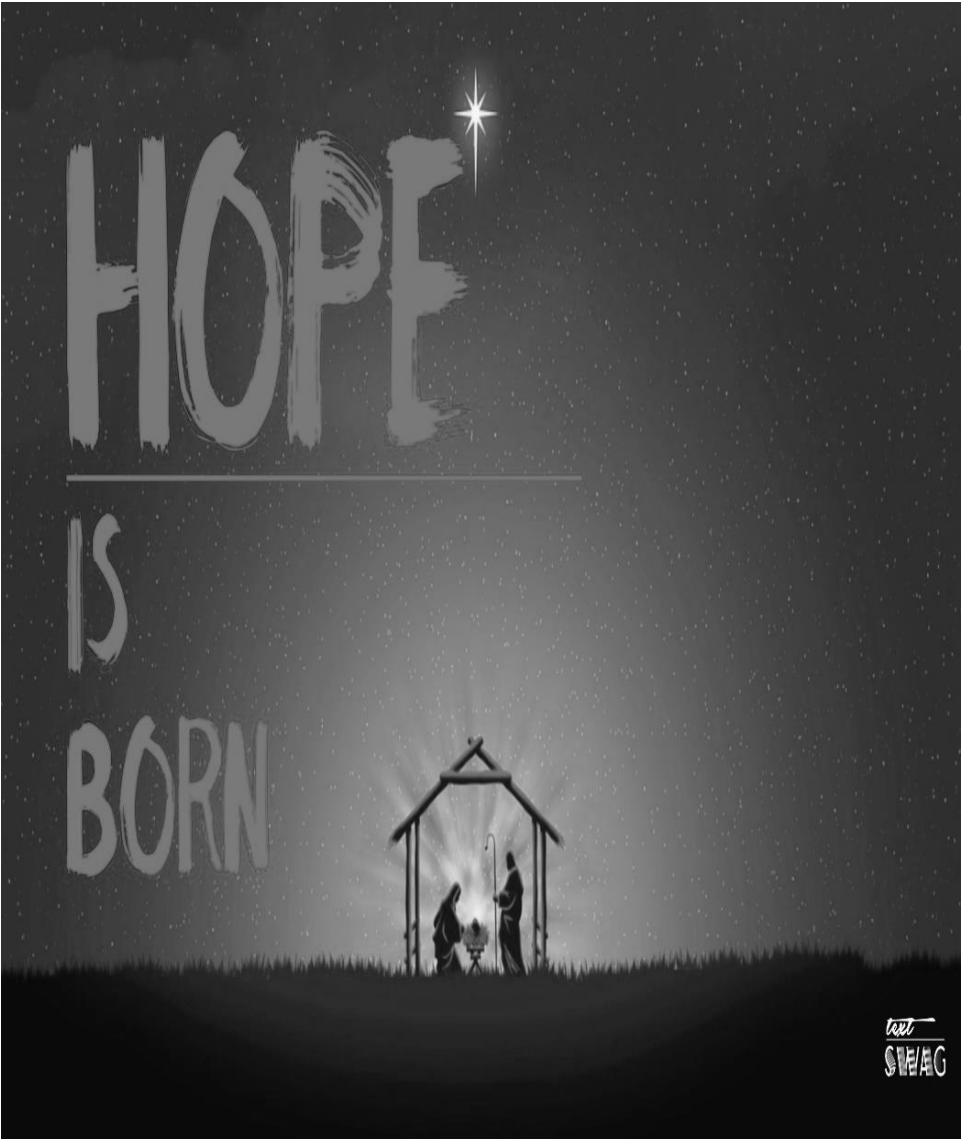
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WORDS OF WELCOME	Rev. Brian Steele	
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	Jodi & Patrick Imus	
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>A New Noel</i> Arr. By Travis L. Boyd	Chancel Choir
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	Hark the Herald Angels Sing O Come All Ye Faithful Vs 1-3	UMH #240 UMH #234
SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 2:1-7	Paula Mullan
MESSAGE OF HOPE	A Messy Christmas Together	Rev. Steele
COMMUNION	Rev. Steele & Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots	
OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY	Rev. Steele	
OFFERTORY MUSIC	Yaroslav Daniels	
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Invitation to Communion:

Rev. Steele: In the breaking of the bread,

People: God is with us.

Rev. Steele: In the sharing of the cup,

People: Christ is among us.

Rev. Steele: In the unity of this body,

People: The Spirit is present here.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Pastor Bea: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor Bea: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor Bea: It is right, a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father and Mother, Prince of Peace.

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

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.

Rev. Steele: Holy are you and blessed is the salvation and grace, that came on this night long ago. Born as a child, born in a stable, surrounded by lowly cattle and shepherds of the field, Jesus came to be your message of love for all people.

Through this child, we have seen your glory. Through this child, we have been called into your presence, reconciled to your righteousness, and sent forth to walk in your light.