

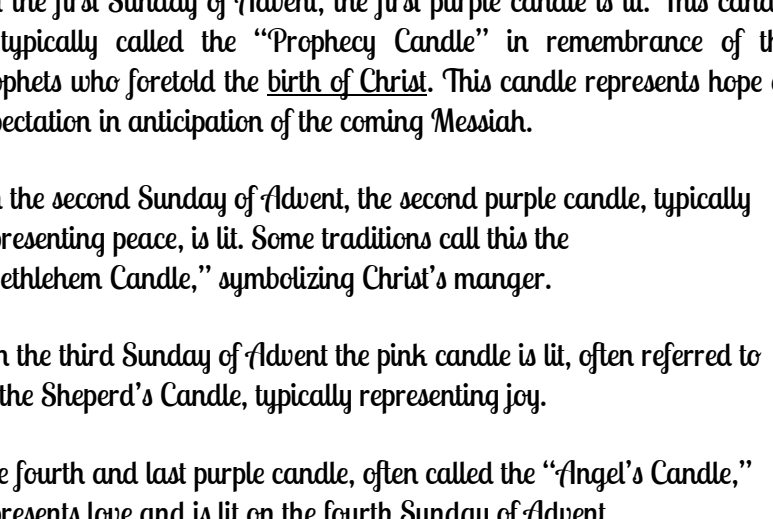
ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2, 2018



ADVENT = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday 2nd Sunday 3rd Sunday 4th Sunday Christmas Eve or Christmas Day



On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophesy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, typically representing peace, is lit. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger.

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink candle is lit, often referred to as the Shepherd's Candle, typically representing joy.

The fourth and last purple candle, often called the "Angel's Candle," represents love and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the white center candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world."

Mark Your Calendars

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Teen MOPs Will Be Selling Handmade Christmas Items in the narthex (lobby) from 9:00am - noon. They have been working hard to hand make all of the items. All proceeds will go to Klondike Kids Club & LUM Jubilee.

Slipper Sunday - Wear your slippers to church to help bring awareness for the needs that come during the holiday season! The only catch.....if you wear slippers, you should bring a toy to help with LUM (Lafayette Urban Ministry) Jubilee Christmas! Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun event!

Sunday Sisters will meet at 12:30pm at Bistro 501 (change of date). Contact Judy at 765-490-5529 or grimmer@purdue.edu.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Purdue First - Wesley Lunch at 12 (noon)-1pm. Come to Wesley Foundation, 435 W. State St. for lunch to connect with other First UMC folks who work at Purdue with a special lunch break from work. Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions when you RSVP to Susie Sheldon Loughner by Fri, Nov. 30th at slloug@gmail.com. We hope most people can walk over, but for those who want to carpool from First church, meet at 11:50am.

All Youth Christmas Lock-in & LUM Jubilee - Dec. 7 & 8 -On Fri, Dec. 7 at 8:00pm all youth are invited to our annual Christmas lock-in! Bring a "white elephant" gift (anything fun - new or gently used - less than \$10). The next morning we will wake up bright eyed & bushy tailed & serve at LUM Jubilee on Dec. 8! Join us for a fun night of games & planning followed by a morning of rewarding service. Pick up at 11am on Sat. Dec. 8.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

LUM Jubilee Christmas, at FUMC from 9:00am-noon. We mostly need cookies & toys!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Children's Christmas Program in the CLC (sanctuary) at 9:45am (No 9:45am WIRED service). Join the Sonshine Kids & Celebration Chimes for their Christmas program. Songs, scripture readings, & skits will take you through the time of waiting & wondering who the promised Emmanuel will be, let you relive the wonder of his birth, & then remind you to share the joy of the season with the world.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 CONTINUED...

Annual United Methodist Women (UMW) Holiday Bake Sale from 8:15am - 12:30pm. Homemade Christmas goodies, crafts, coffee & candles will be for sale in the Narthex. All proceeds benefit UMW Missions.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Movie Night, "The Star" at 6pm at FUMC.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Poinsettia Orders Due!

Caroling after a Soup Lunch. All are invited to lunch & caroling. Come eat a light soup lunch after the second service in the Activity Center & then we'll venture out for some Christmas Caroling.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Prevue Deadline-Please have all January Prevue articles in by noon.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

The Longest Night at 5:23pm. See article for more info.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

All Sunday Services as Usual. 8:30am Traditional service; 9:45am WIRED service; 11:00am Traditional & WIRED services.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Church Office Closed!

5:30pm Family Service, CLC (sanctuary)

6:30pm WIRED Service, AC (WIRED Sunday service area)

8:00pm Candle Traditional Service, CLC (sanctuary)

11:00pm Candle Lesson Service, CLC (sanctuary)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Church Office Closed!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

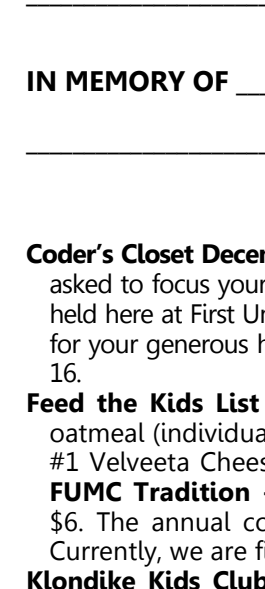
Only Two Services Offered: 8:30am & 11:00am in the CLC (sanctuary).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Church Office Closed!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed!



Anyone wishing to purchase a poinsettia to memorialize or honor a loved one at Christmas may do so by filling out & returning the form below to the Church Finance Office or by placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please have your order in by **December 16**. The cost of each poinsettia is **\$10.00**. Payment must accompany your order.

Your Name (s) _____

I wish to order _____ poinsettia (s) @ \$10.00 each.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Envelope/Acct. # _____

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Missions

Coder's Closet December Needs-During the month of December you are asked to focus your attention on the needs of LUM Jubilee which will be held here at First United Methodist Church. In January, we will again look for your generous help in providing sweatshirts for girls & boys, sizes 8-16.

Feed the Kids List for December: Hot chocolate (individual pkgs), oatmeal (individual pkgs.), peanut butter, beef stew, tuna, Pop Tarts, #1 Velveeta Cheese, apples. **Feed the Kids, Backpack Ministry: A FUMC Tradition** - The cost per child each week is approximately \$6. The annual cost per child is \$216 for a 36-week school year. Currently, we are filling 57 backpacks each week.

Klondike Kids Club Continues to Grow. We now operate Monday-Thursday, grades K-5 with about 30 kids. In addition to homework help, each group has the opportunity to participate in field trips. At this time, our greatest need is for persons able to commit to 90 minutes once a week. They listen to children read, help prepare for spelling tests, & practice math skills. Our goal is: 1 volunteer per 2 children. You need to have an open heart, & helping hands. **We have a special need when our Purdue Students are on winter break.** Contact Denny, frankdenise41@gmail.com

Sign Up Genius is Open for Lunch Bunch until the end of the 2018-2019 school year at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa4ab2aa31-sunday. Maybe bringing a couple dozen cookies or a dessert some Sunday, bringing a salad or side one week, eating with us & staying to help wash dishes, or donating to help fund the cost of the meal. Any help is a good thing. Also, know that Lunch Bunch is open to anyone who would like to stay to eat Sunday at 12:15pm. No Lunch Bunch Dec 16-Jan 6.

Card Ministry Update-Keep sending cards! Please consider making a goodwill donation to this cause. Just drop a little moolah in an envelope marked Card Ministry in the office/offering plate. Carol Smith will keep making them, but she could use a little financial support.. Card makers too, please feel welcome to add cards to the rack!

Remember, Buy Equal Exchange (EE) Coffee. Order forms on mission cart in Narthex (lobby), or contact Mary at 765-497-2006/ tsmith.mwelch@gmail.com

Wesley Foundation

First-Wesley Partnership "Steering Committee." Join other members from First to brainstorm ideas & connect the rest of First UMC with Wesley students & programs. Contact Susie Loughner, Jonathon Day, or one of the Robynes with ideas or just join in. We meet on Fridays at 11:00am at Lavazza, & occasionally at Wesley.

Thanks, First friends! Did you know that 1% of your titles & offerings to First UMC supports Wesley ministries? That's about \$475/month toward our expenses of about \$18,000/month. Plus, many of you donate individually. Thanks and God bless!

The Longest Night

Friday, December 21 at 5:23pm. The darkest of seasons was chosen for the celebration of the Savior's birth—to welcome the light, to offer hope, to serve as a reminder of the new life that is to come.

Yet many people do not experience the Advent/Christmas Season as a period of joy and light. For many, this season transports our greatest fears, losses, realities, & shattered hopes into a time when most people are singing, socializing, & enjoying life to the fullest. We may feel even more lost, more abandoned, lonelier, & more afraid in this season - the season of light & love.

When we name our realities and our fears, we can confront them with grace & truth. It gives us permission to sit with these experiences: to acknowledge what we have lost; & to honor the grace of Jesus, who offers us the word, "Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted" (Matt.5:4).

All of our Christmases - even the darkest ones - can be filled with honesty and hope if we are willing to first sit in quiet silence with our deepest fears. We can experience the peace, quiet, and rest that we yearn for if we are willing to sit quietly with our hopes and fears. We can experience renewed hope and promise through Emmanuel - God with Us - on this the Longest Night: December 21st @ 5:23 @ First United Methodist Church.

Threshold Counseling

Dorothea Goold, M.S. , LMFT Indiana Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist - Room 123 (Parlor). A graduate of Purdue & Butler Universities, she counsels individuals, couples, & families as well as pre-marital sessions. **Threshold Counseling** is a professional mental health practice that has been at FUMC since the fall of 2012. Hours of counseling are Monday-Thursday from 3pm to 8pm. Contact Dorothea Goold directly at 317-979-5768. Dorothea is currently counseling 32 clients.

Sunday Attendance

Traditional Service 40/119; WIRED Service 21/45
Adult Sunday School-11 (Earnest Learners-no meeting, Devotions-?, Difficult Topics-?, Social Justice-11, Book of Proverbs-?)

Village Nursery School

VNS Openings for 2018/2019

* Preschool Spanish T/Th mornings

* 3-day morning Pre-K

** Prepare for Preschool with our Parent-Infant-Toddler program.

(1 spot left on Tuesday am). See www.vnswl.com for more info!

Small Groups

Every Monday

Morning Star Ladies Choir, 3:45-4:45pm, Music room (Ladies who enjoy singing are welcome). **Check out our new rehearsal time!** Join us if you are able-we would love to have more ladies in our group.

A Pace of Grace Small Group, 4:30pm, Library (We discuss an inspirational book & enjoy low impact exercise (chair yoga/tai chi).

GIGGLES (Gals in God, Growing, Loving & Sharing)-7:00pm, Cafe Literato

Every Wednesday

Preschool Bible Time, 11:30am, CLC (Sanctuary) {Preschoolers gather for a half hour of songs, activities, interactive Bible stories, & fellowship}

Teen MOPs, 4:30-7:00pm, 207 {A faith-based, supportive environment where teen Moms can come together for mentoring & encouragement.}

Jr./Sr High Youth, 6:00-8:00pm, 203 {7th-12th grade youth gather for food, devotions, service, optional homework club & always, fun shenanigans.}

Children's Bible Time, 6:10pm, 116 {Children gather together for a half hour of songs, activities, interactive Bible stories, & fellowship}

Aldersgate Handbell Choir, 6:00-7:00pm, CLC (Sanctuary) {An intermediate to advanced ensemble who ring the Lord's praises.}

Hands@Work, 7:00pm, Church Library {Members of Hands@Work UMW Circle meet to work on needlework or other handwork while chatting, laughing, & supporting each other.}

Chancel Choir, 7:15-8:45pm, Music room {A group of diverse singers enjoy sharing the common bond of music.}

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Children/Youth Sunday Classes

9:45-10:45am Sunday Children & Youth Classes

Preschool-11.5; **Kindergarten**-2nd-216; **3rd/4th**-212; **5th/6th**-210;

Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Room 203 (then, Jr. High to room 208)

During 11:00am Worship Services

Worship Express: Ages 2-4th grades in room 214/216

Adult Sunday School Classes

from 9:30-10:30pm

Difficult Topics in Our World, Believe Me - room 127 (library)

from 9:45-10:45am

Devotions, Fellowship, & Connection Class - in room 209 (not meeting 11/25, 12/9, 12/30)

Earnest Learners Book Class, The Book of Joy - room 123 (parlor)

Social Justice Action Class - in room 211

Book Study, Proverbs - in room 207

Welcoming Statement

We, the people of First United Methodist Church West Lafayette, welcome everyone, through all life's stages, with arms that are open, respectful, & loving. And by everyone, we mean regardless of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, race, ability, bank balance, or background. As a Reconciling Congregation, we welcome you into our church family, for it is by joining hands that we support one another & share our faith journey together. Whoever you are, & wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Mission, Vision & Core Values

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: 1)Adopt & embrace the Families of the Klondike School District in partnership with Klondike Elementary School & Teachers; 2)Embrace the Purdue Community in partnership with Wesley Foundation; 3)Ensure our First United Methodist Church Community is connected & growing in their walk with Christ.

Our Core Values: We are a loving & joyful church committed to celebrating God's love in all that we do. *Welcome, Acceptance, & Support; *Christ-centered Worship; *Spiritual Growth Towards Discipleship; *Active Christian Service.

Time & Talents

All members & non-members are asked to consider completing a 5-7 minute Time & Talents Survey online. To get the survey, go to our website, www.fumcw.org, go to the "Sign Up" tab.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: Carolyn McCloud, Franciscan

We pray for those who are grieving:

Dan Heman and family on the recent death of his mother, Marjorie Heman

Charles McKee and family on the recent death of his wife, Norma

Pat Staver and family on the recent death of her mother

Jackie Field and family on the recent death of her husband, Ken Field

Hospice Care:

Alice Arthur, Westminster Theresa Zimnawoda

Rehab & Extended Care:

Peggy Jansson, Rosewalk Commons

Vicki Cannon, The Springs

Charles McKee, Cumberland Pointe

Rev. Bob Moffat, Creasy Springs

Concerns shared this week:

Karen (Dale & Judi Forsyth's neighbor)

Heidi Bagnall

Shirley Buffer (Dale and Judi Forsyth's friend)

Britney Bullis

Kim Carty (Ann Carty's family)

Stanley Coleman (Joanna Cook's friend)

Jennifer Dillon (Rhonda Todd's friend)

Dick Dobmyer (Jane VanScoyoc's brother)

Kathy Krause (Barbara & Joe Krause's daughter)

Donnabelle Kruszewski

Carol Leslie (Joan Leslie's daughter-in-law)

Joan Martoglio (Pam Smith's mother)

Emily Moeller (Tom and Nancy Clark's grand-niece)

Eileen Morgan (Bob Nicholson's aunt)

Tracy Poliokaitis (Jan Beaty's friend)

Marielos Psarros (Bethany Kaverman's friend)

Marielos Valiente and Mer Valiente de Romero sisters of Ligia Scott

John and Pat Staver

Kolton VanScoyoc (Jane & George VanScoyoc's grandson)

All those in need of prayer and are not listed

Military:

Lt. Cdr. James Beaty MSgt. Anthony Mauro TSgt Gerald Welker

Airman Isaiah Hale Lt. Alex Turco Lt. Col. Kevin Field

Seaman Kimberly Fountain

Joys Shared this week: -Preparation for LUM Jubilee and Slipper Sunday

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent / Slipper Sunday

8:15 AM WIRED Band Rehearsal, AC

8:30 AM Worship, CLC

9:30 AM Fellowship Time, N

9:45 AM WIRED Contemporary Worship, AC

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship, CLC & WIRED Contemporary Worship, AC

11:15-12:30 PM Korean Disciples Church, 209

12:00 PM Birthday Luncheon for Eileen, AC

12:00 PM College Lunch, AC

12:15 PM Small Group, 211

12:30-2:15 PM Korean Disciples Church, CLC

2:15-4:30 PM Korean Disciples Church, AC/115/117/Nurs.

3:00-4:00 PM Korean Disciples Music Rehearsal, MR

4:00 PM Youth Bells, CLC

4:30 PM Sonshine Kids, MR

4:30 PM Wesley Foundation Worship, 435 W. State St.

5:15 PM Celebration Chimes, CLC

Monday, December 3, 2018

3:45 PM Morning Star Rehearsal, MR

4:30 PM A Pace of Grace, L

7:00 PM GIGGLES - Gals in God, Growing, Loving, & Sharing, Cafe Literato

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:30 AM KDC Prayer Group, CLC

9:30 AM Staff Small Group, L

10 AM-1 PM KDC Woman's Bible Study, 210 & 211 & K

7:30 PM Korean Disciples Bible Study, 211

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