

## Meeting Time for Church Committees

The COOL Committee meets each Monday at 9:30.  
United Methodist Men meet each Thursday at 6:30 a.m.  
Trustee Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.  
Kids First meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m.  
Finance Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.  
Outreach committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11 a.m.  
Ad Council meets the 4th Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.  
Caring Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30 pm.  
SPPRC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

## Hearing Assist

We have hearing assist devices available that are quite remarkable. They are able to pair with your hearing aids in some cases to bring the sounds that come through out system directly to your hearing aid. We also have headphones for those who either can't be paired or don't have hearing aids. Check with our ushers for assistance.



## A Pep Talk for a New Year



9:30 AM

Live Feed at [Our website](#)  
or [Our Facebook page](#)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

## First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Craig Collins  
Lay Leader: Marilyn Betancur  
Lay Representative to Annual Conference: Linda Redfern  
Certified Lay Speaker: Megan Chapman  
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Patrick Newell  
Organist: Stan Haemmelmann  
Saturday Night Musician: Jenny Castro  
Director of Children's Ministries: Missi Iasillo  
Director of Outreach: Lynn Doering  
Audio/Video Techs: Josh Vesper  
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## Centering Thoughts

*Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. We wait for God, trusting in God to hear our prayers and to be with us no matter what.*

## Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(Tune: *Picardy, 17th Century French*) Lloyd Larson, 2011

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Tune: *St. Louis, Redner-1868*) Craig Curry, 2010

Glorious Light (Words/Music-Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ian Hannah)

Larry Schackley, 2005

Stan Haemmelmann

\***Hymn** O God, Our Help in Ages Past UMH #117

## Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.*

*Text prayer requests to Craig at (308) 672-3241.*

## \* Call to Worship

In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord; for in mercy and abundant steadfast love, God has become our Savior.

**Even in times of danger and threat, we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.**

**With all creation, in the midst of the congregation, we praise and put our trust in God alone.**

## \* Opening Prayer

Source of love and mercy, as we enter a new year in the life of this church, may our love for you be made known in our love for one another. Help us leave old grievances in the past and former arguments behind, as we open our hearts to the possibilities that lie before us. Guide our footsteps into the glory of your ways, that we may live as beloved children crowned with glory and honor. May our worship this day reflect the greatness of our calling and the glory of our heritage. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:13-23 Ross Johnson

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Response Gloria Patri UMH #70

Special Music The Birthday of a King W. H. Neidlinger, 1890  
Solo: Ross Johnson

Message A Pep Talk for a New Year Pastor Craig Collins

## Offering

*All creation teems with the abundance of God's provision: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, creeping things and flying birds! Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy, for God has lifted us up and carried us in our need. In joyful praise, we offer to God a portion of all we have received.*

*Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online giving by clicking [here](#), through the GivePlus mobile App, or text the amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.*

**Offertory** Carol for the New Year ("Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year") Alfred Fedak- *Episcopal Hymnal 1982*;

Alfred V. Fedak, 1987

## Doxology

UMH #95

## \* Offertory Prayer

**In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns** Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

UMH # 13

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Communion Meditations:

Ring, Little Bells/O Come, Little Children (Tune: Kling, Glockchen and Ihr Kinderlein, Kommet) Larry Shackley, 2007

*Gesu Bambino* Pietro A Yon; Arr. Tom Fettke, 2007

Welcome to Our World *with* Away in a Manger.

Chris Rice; Arr. Carol Tornquist, 1995

\* **Song** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH #224

## Benediction

**Postlude** Tidings of Joy (Tunes: *Antioch*-G.F. Handel and *In Dir Ist Freude*-Gastoldi, J.S. Bach) Alice Jordan, 1980

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>2</b> Kids First and Office Closed	<b>3</b> Stephen Ministry 6 pm	<b>4</b> Sack Lunch 11:30 am	<b>5</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Worship 5 pm
<b>8</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Trustees 11 a.m. Taco Bar for Mack Family	<b>9</b> COOL 9:30 UWIF Mtg 1:00 pm	<b>10</b> WWIP Bible Study 6:00 pm	<b>11</b> Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>12</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30 Soup Kitchen 5 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Worship 5 pm
<b>15</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11 a.m.	<b>16</b> COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b> KF Board 8 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	<b>18</b> Sack Lunch 11:30 am Senior Lunch 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>19</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Outreach Committee 11 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Worship 5 pm
<b>22</b> Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 AD Council 11a.m.	<b>23</b> COOL 9:30	<b>24</b> SPRC 5 pm WWIP 6 pm	<b>25</b> Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	<b>26</b> UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Folding 9 am Bingo 1:30	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Worship 5 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mexico Mission 2023** — We are scheduled for the week of February 5, 2023. If you would like to participate, please contact Gary Hutzel, Tom Holyoke, or the church office.

**Mission of the Month** — is to make health kits for the Mexico Mission team to take to Mexico at the end of the month. Kits are given to the families for whom we build casitas as well as to the local church for distribution to those in need. Drop off your completed health kits or items that go in the health kits in the Outreach Bin in Fellowship Hall. The kits consist of a gallon zip-lock bag filled with a hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and a comb.

**Wednesday Night Youth Groups** will not meet through Christmas and New Years. We will begin meeting again on January 11.

**Fund Raiser for the Mack Family** will be held on Sunday, January 8. Join us after worship for a taco bar with free will donations going to support Amanda and her family. Amanda continues to have health issues. She has had numerous intestinal surgeries, been placed on feeding tubes and the like. She continues to suffer migraine headaches as a result of getting COVID. Despite all the challenges they face on a continual basis, the Mack family continues to have good attitudes, serving the Lord with joy, and not losing faith. Olivia will graduate this May from High School. She works as a checker at Main Street Market. Kaleb is a sophomore this year and works at Fresh Foods and the Civic Center in Gering.

### Caring Thoughts from Stephen Ministry:

Discover your Spiritual Gifts by attending the Spiritual Gifts class offered in January and then if you find a fit, consider becoming a part of Stephen Ministries within FUMC. Happy New Year from FUMC Stephen Ministry.



