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December 3, 2023
8:30 am

Prelude - Rhonda York

Welcome and greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship – 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 - Kathy McKinley

Leader: For we do not preach ourselves

People: but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Leader: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness" made his light shine in our hearts

People: to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Leader: But we have this treasure in jars of clay

People: to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Opening Hymn – People Look East UMH 202

Prayer of Illumination – God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning that we may see your light in our darkness. Open our hearts that we may perceive your hopeful messages. May this time of worship bring us closer to you and change us from the inside out. AMEN.

Lighting the Advent Candle – First purple candle – HOPE

Congregation - We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

Choir Anthem – Arise, Shine by John Carpenter

Gospel Reading – Mark 13:24-37

Middle Hymn – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon – Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come

Next Steps, Offering, and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving - O God, you have enriched us in every way through our faith in Christ Jesus. You have granted us grace and blessed us with every spiritual gift. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer our tithes and offerings this day. Bless these gifts and those who received them so that they may go into the world and help build your Kingdom. Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn - O Come, O Come Emmanuel UMH 211

Benediction





Norm & Nancy Dawson, Maurice Wheeler, Doug & Alice Hall, Mary Stephenson, Jennifer Bell, Richard Hansen, Scott Glick Margary Scheele, Mark Petesch

Angel Tree

We have **NEW** children's names on the tree in the lobby. Please return the wrapped gifts to the church office by **December 17**.



We have new blue ornaments on the tree in the foyer from Nettie Harnett with children's names, clothing sizes and wish lists. The blue gifts are due back at the church on Dec. 17. The yellow gifts from Anthony are due back at the church on Dec. 10. If you

have any questions, please contact Ed at egarven@fumclvks.org.

The men of our church are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Dec. 9, at 8:00 am. You don't have to be a member of the church to attend. So ask a friend to join you! For more info, contact Mike Mix hairymule@gmail.com or Dave at Dlandis@hughes.net.

MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 9
8:00 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Share the Light

Community Christmas Concert
December 16, 2:00 pm

Our Community Christmas Concert and Children's Pageant will be Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 pm. Lansing's high school choir will be featured with our choir and other performers. Children will perform the "Carriers of the Light" program.

Our Christmas music celebration will be Dec. 17. Both services will be identical and feature lots of great music. Invite your friends and family to join you as you celebrate the Savior and the reason for the season.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 17
8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM



Fusion 56 is for 5th & 6th grade students and meets at noon on Sunday. If you have questions, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org. Refuge is for 7th through 12th students and meets at 6 pm on Sundays. For info, contact Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.



Trinity House is a local food pantry and free clothing closet. They're in need of all types of food staples. They take donations Tues-Thurs 10 am to 1 pm at 2101 10th Ave.

Stronghold is a food pantry on Ft. Leavenworth for military families. They're gathering pantry staples, but they are also in need of a refrigerator to store meat, and dairy items. If you can help, contact Ed at egarven@fumclvks.org.



The HUB is a UMC food pantry. In Dec. we're collecting flour, sugar, condensed milk and canned beans. You can bring the items to the box in the foyer.

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Monday, December 4

1:00 pm AIR Dementia Ministry

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 am Ladies Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6

11:00 am Blood Drive

1:30 pm Heart and Soul Bible Study

3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Ladies Advent Bible Study

Saturday, December 9

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, December 10

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm Fusion 56

4:00 pm Bell Rehearsal

6:00 pm Refuge Youth



DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/product/give or use the QR code above to go

directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at ssshade@fumclvks.org

BLOOD DRIVE



Our annual church blood drive will be Wed. December 6, from 11 am to 5 pm. The holiday season is when the need for blood donors is the greatest. Many people get so busy this time of year, they don't give, but cancer patients, accident victims and other hospital patients still need blood. Please give the gift of life this holiday season. You can reserve your appointment at savealifenow.org/group/code/BD. Walk-ins will be welcomed. For info, see MaryAnn 683-0208.