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December 10, 2023

8:30 am

Prelude - Rhonda York

Welcome and greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship – Psalm 126 and Isaiah 61 - Kathy McKinley

Leader: The Lord restores our fortunes,

People: We are like those who dream.

Leader: Our mouths are filled with laughter.

People: Our hearts sing with shouts of joy.

Leader: Worship the Lord of our salvation.

People: Worship the Lord!

Opening Hymn – Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH 203

Prayer of Illumination – Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment; penetrate the corners of our hearts with your word. Clear the cobwebs from our ears and confound our expectations. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. AMEN

Light of Advent Candle – Leah Wiegers and the Visocky family

Congregational Response - We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all, and labor for the day when all people can gather to worship and glorify God.

Choir Anthem – Candlelight, Silent Night by Gruber/arr. By Snyder

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 27:1-6

Middle Hymn – Blessed Be the God of Israel #209

Gospel Reading – John 1:1-14

Sermon – The Light Shines in the Darkness

New Members – Sara and Jack Kobe

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – God of Peace, you have restored our hope and blessed us with light and life. May these offerings express the joy we feel for the gift of your salvation. May our tithes and our very lives carry the light of Jesus into the darkness of our world. AMEN

Closing Hymn – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #218

Benediction



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



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, the reason for the season.



We will only have one morning service at 10 am on Dec. 24 & 31. We will return to our normal schedule in January.



Each Christmas Eve we deliver bags of cookies to the first responders who are working that night. We will fill over 20 bags of cookies on Dec. 21 at 1 pm. If you can help, please bring your cookies to the church by Dec. 21.



We will have two Christmas Eve services at 5:30 & 7:00 pm. We will have nursery for both. The Brass Ensemble will play at 6:30 pm.

The holidays can be a lonely time for some people. If you have the holiday blues, join us for lunch and make a new friend! We'll meet on Tues. Dec. 12, at noon at Tampico's at 215 Delaware.



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.



Monday, December 11

1:00 pm AIR Dementia Ministry

Tuesday, December 12

10:00 am Ladies Advent Bible Study

12:00 pm Let's Do Lunch at Tampico's

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 am Mother's Morning Out

9:00 am Prayer Group

1:30 pm Heart and Soul Bible Study

3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday

5:00 pm Grief Share

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

8:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Ladies Advent Bible Study

Saturday, December 16

2:00 pm Community Concert & Kid's pageant

Sunday, December 17

8:30 am Christmas Music Celebration

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Christmas Music Celebration

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 sshade@fumclvks.org



Yellow tag gifts are due today for Anthony Elementary
Blue tag gifts are due next Sunday, Dec. 17 for Nettie Harnett



Thank you for supporting our schools by buying gifts for community kids. The yellow tag gifts are due today. The blue tag gifts are due next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Life can seem pretty dark when you have a dementia diagnosis. The Deeper Window Association will be holding a night to honor those living with dementia on Dec. 21 from 6-9 pm.

