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December 24, 2023

Prelude – Rhonda York

Handbells – Hark! Christmas Bells - Wesley Ringers

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship – Isaiah 9 - Kathy McKinley

Leader: Once we walked in darkness.

People: But now we dwell in everlasting light.

Leader: For the Christ child is with us.

People: Our salvation is at hand.

Leader: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Leave the darkness behind.

People: Our light has come.

Opening Hymn – Angels From the Realms of Glory UMH 220

Prayer of Illumination – Come, Light of the World. Show us the way by the example set before us in scripture that our feet may follow the path illuminated by your word of truth. AMEN

Lighting Advent Candles - Sara LaMoe

Congregation: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

Choir Anthem – Carry the Light by Paris and Fettke

Children's Time

Gospel Reading – Luke 1:26-38

Middle Hymn – Love Came Down at Christmas UMH 242

Old Testament Reading – 2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16-17

Sermon – Light Has Come to the People

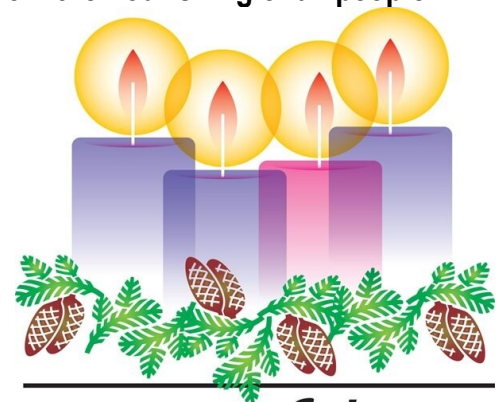
Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Lord, we thank you for the marvelous gifts of your grace. Let us respond with delight by offering our very selves back to you. With reverence and devotion, let us give generously our gifts. It is through our offerings that your promises might be fulfilled. AMEN.

Closing Hymn – Hark the Herald Angels Sing – UMH 240

Benediction



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:30 pm or 7:00 pm

One service
10 am
December 31

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

Each Christmas Eve we take a special offering to support Samaritan's Buffet. The 1st and 4th Saturday of every month volunteers from our church and the community prepare around 500 meals for people in Leavenworth. Your gift will help feed the hungry people.



Please pray for our youth
serving our community
December 26-29



Next week 6 students will be working for four charities here in Leavenworth including Deeper Windows, the Humane Society, Attainable Housing, & CASA. Please pray for them as they serve our community. If you'd like to donate snacks, contact Kristen khowell@fumclvks.org.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers appear in court for the child and represent the child's best interest. Contact Deborah at deborah@casalvks.org for info on how to become a CASA.



**VOLUNTEER
TRAINING**

**STARTING
JANUARY 9**



Fusion 56 for 5th & 6th grade students and Refuge youth ministry for 7th through 12th students will not meet on December 24 or 31. They will resume their regular schedule on January 7. 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 January we're collecting toilet paper, paper towels and canned beans. You can bring the items to the box in the foyer.

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas - church office closed

Tuesday, December 26 - 29

8:30 am Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, December 31

10:00 am One Worship Service



DIGITAL OFFERING

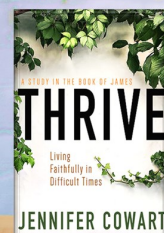
Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/product/give or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at sshade@fumclvks.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS

10:00 AM

BEGINS JANUARY 9



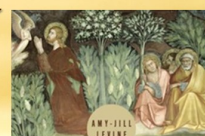
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Ladies Evening Bible Study

THURSDAYS 6:30 PM

STARTS JANUARY 11

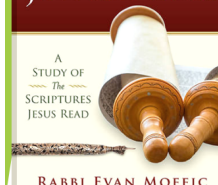
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The GOSPEL
of MARK



READING THE
OLD TESTAMENT
THROUGH
JEWISH EYES



Starting January 15

**newlife
seekers**
Sundays
9:45 am

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