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December 1, 2024
8:30 am

Prelude – Jan Mix

Welcome and greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley

Leader: Rejoice the Lord is here!

People: God is our light and our salvation.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!

Opening Hymn – Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

Lighting of Advent Candle – Bob and Joan Atwell, Jim and Jar

Choir Anthem – “Advent Longing” by Joseph Martin

Children’s Moment - Nancy Shade

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 12:2-6 - Mary Lou Anderson

Middle Hymn – Light One Candle verse 1 only

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:7-21

Sermon – The Look of Love: Repentance in Action

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Abundant God, we give you thanks for our gifts. May you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring comfort to those in need. May we offer our very selves as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ’s grace and mercy to all. AMEN.

Communion

Closing Hymn – Blessed Be the God of Israel UMH 209

Benediction



FIRST
SUNDAY OF
Advent



Doug & Alice Hall, Mary Stephenson, Jennifer Bell, Richard Hansen, June Baker, Doug Wakeley, Margary Scheele, Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Linda Steele

BLOOD DRIVE

December 3

First United Methodist church
422 Chestnut

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT
SAVEALIFENOW.ORG

Our annual Blood Drive will be Dec. 3. Blood is especially needed during the holiday season because there are more people traveling and less opportunities for blood drives. To make an appointment, go to savealifenow.org. Our group code is BD.

Please return wrapped Angel Tree gifts to the church office by next Sunday, **December 8**. Thank you for helping kids have a great Christmas this year.



Our Community Christmas concert will be Dec. 7 at 2 pm. Our children will be performing their Christmas pageant and there will be lots of Christmas music.

As you are baking your holiday favorites, make a few extra for the first responders who sacrifice family time to keep our community safe. We will be packing up cookie bags for them on Wed., Dec. 18 at 1 pm. They will be available for delivery after the Christmas Eve service.



Refuge is for 7th - 12th grade students. They don't meet tonight, but will next Sunday at 6 pm for dinner, Bible study and fun. For details, email Kristen, khowell@fumclvks.org. **Fusion 56** is for 5th & 6th grade students. The next time they meet is Dec. 15 at noon for a Christmas party, contact Nancy for info, nshade@fumclvks.org.

Christmas Eve service is a holiday tradition! We will have two identical services at 5:30 & 7:00 pm. The Leavenworth Brass ensemble will play in between at 6:30 pm. Make plans to join us.



Trinity House is a food pantry and clothing closet at 2101 10th Ave. They need warm clothing that is gently used and food donations. Drop off times are Tues-Thurs from 10 am to 1 pm. Call (913) 682-7474 for details.

Stronghold is a food pantry for soldiers at Ft. Leavenworth. They're in need of canned tuna, chicken, mac & cheese, pasta sauce, and pasta. We have a plastic tote for donations in the foyer.



If you want to help our neighbors affected by the recent hurricanes, you can donate to the United Methodist Committee on Relief by marking your check "Hurricane" or by going the UMCOR website umcmmission.org/give/. All of your gift goes straight to those in need.

WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Tuesday, December 3

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

11:00 am Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am Prayer Group

1:30 pm Heart & Soul

3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

Friday, December 6

5:00 pm LV Arts Assoc. Gala

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am Samaritan's Buffet

2:00 pm Community Christmas Concert & Children's Pageant



DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/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.



Each Christmas we take up a special offering to help people in need. This

Christmas we will be giving to Global Hope. They have orphanages in Romania, Kenya and India. Please use the Christmas envelope or mark your check. You can also give online.

Richard Allen Cultural Center Christmas Tea is December 8. Tickets available from Ed Garven. Contact him at (816)805-4771.

