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Prelude - Marsha Gaffin

Wesley Ringers - T'was In The Moon of Wintertime/Rejoice! Rejoice!/Come Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. by Moklebust

Welcome and greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! The Word of God is coming! People: We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

Leader: The prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and

refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God.

People: We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Leader: This is a mark of preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us,

cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love.

People: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as

we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today.

Opening Hymn – We Gather Together UMH 131

Prayer of Illumination – Come to us like a refiner's fire for we long to be purified in body and soul. Make us ready to see the light of your salvation through the coming of your Word. As we await the Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.

Choir Anthem – "Prepare Ye" by Shafferman/Page

Old Testament Reading – Malachi 3:1-6 - Kathryn West

Middle Hymn – How Firm a Foundation UMH 529

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6

Sermon – Prepare the Way of the Lord

Affirmation of Faith – Wesleyan Covenant Prayer UMH 607

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

Video - Leavenworth Mission with Iris Arnold

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – As you rescued your people of old, deliver us again, Holy God. Through our offerings, may those who sit in darkness find their way into the light of your loving presence. Amen.

Closing Hymn – Come, Thou Almighty King UMH 61

Benediction



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



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.

December 1, we will have one united worship service at 8:30 am. There will be nursery and Kids First Worship at 8:30 am and Sunday School following.





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.

The 7th Street Feast is a Thanksgiving meal for anyone. They need volunteers to help cook and serve and monetary donations. Questions? Contact Joey Denney, 913-306-6651. The meal is served at St Paul's Lutheran School gym on Nov. 28.





Refuge is for 7th - 12th grade students. They meet at 6 pm for dinner, Bible study and fun. They meet tonight, but not Dec. 1. 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.

Itchin' to Stitch will be taking a field trip to Children's Mercy Hospital on November 25 to deliver some of their handiwork. For info, contact Teresa at hickst@kc.rr.com.





TRINITY 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 United Methodist Committee on Relief Methodist Committee on Relief by marking your check "Hurricane" or by going the UMCOR website umcmission.org/give/. All of your gift goes straight to those in need.



Monday, November 25 10:00 am Itchin' to Stitch Field Trip

Wednesday, November 27 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 28 Happy Thanksgiving! Church office closed.

Friday, November 29 Church Office closed

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am One United Worship service 9:45 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 3 11:00 am Blood Drive

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 Thanksgiving our church family takes a offering to help food pantries. This year we

are giving to Trinity House, Stronghold, and the Leavenworth Mission. Please mark your check or use the special envelope.

If you're willing to buy Christmas gifts for a child in our community, take an ornament

from the Angel Tree. It will have a child's name and wish list. Please return wrapped gifts by December 8. For info, call 682-5374.