



**December 21, 2025
8:30 am**

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Prelude - Rhonda York

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Lighting of Advent Candles - Alyssa, Steve and Carla Wiegiers

Advent Hymn - People Look East v. 1-4 UMH 202

Opening Hymn – Angels From the Realms of Glory UMH 220

New Testament Reading – Matthew 1:18-25 - Mary Lou Anderson

Choir Anthem – Turn Your Heart to Christmas by J. Martin

Video – Bible Project Agape Love

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 7:10-16

Sermon – God With Us – Immanuel

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed

Middle Hymn – Love Came Down at Christmas UMH 242

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Inspired by Isaiah 7:10–16

Gracious and Faithful God, You are the One who gives signs of hope when our hearts are weary and our faith feels small. Today, we bring our gifts — not out of fear, but out of faith. May our offerings be a sign of our trust in Your promises. Bless what we give, O Lord, so that others may know that You are truly with us. In the name of Christ, our Immanuel, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn – Good Christian Friends Rejoice UMH 224

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. - Romans 15:13





Doug & Alice Hall, Jennifer Bell, Linda Steele, Ruth Wepking, Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Doug Harter, Frank & Gini Geib, Richard Hansen, Jimmie Stallings, Jack Walker,



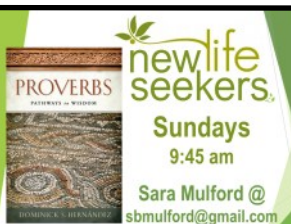
Our Christmas Offering will all go to Samaritan's Buffet. Samaritan's Buffet gives away around 600 meals each time they serve. That is 100 more than last year at this time. Please use the Christmas envelopes or mark your check "Christmas." You can also give online.

Christmas Eve is a highlight of each year. We will have two services at 5:30 and 7:30 pm. The Leavenworth Brass Ensemble will be performing between the services. Nursery will be offered both services. Invite someone to join you!



We'll be delivering goodies to First Responders on Christmas Eve. We need cookies and candy! We will pack the bags at 1 pm on Monday. Please bring your goodies by then. We will have the bags ready to deliver after Christmas Eve service.

Because we will have many families traveling for the holidays, we will have one united worship on December 28 at 10 am. Sunday School will meet at 9 am. We are on our normal schedule in January.



The New Life Seekers Sunday School class will be starting the Bible Study, Proverbs; Pathways to Wisdom in January. They meet in room 203. For more information, contact Sara Mulford at sbmulford@gmail.com.

One of our family values here is making everyone feel welcome. We're in need of greeters to volunteer for a month of service three times a year. To volunteer, contact Kathi LaMoe at lamoe4@hotmail.com.



Can you smile?
Can you shake hands?
Do you know where the bathroom is?
Congratulations!
You're qualified to be a
Greeter
WE NEED YOU!
To volunteer, contact Kathi LaMoe
lamoe1@hotmail.com



Wonderful Wednesday is for kids 3 years to sixth grade and meets from 3:45-5:30 pm. They are on break until January 7. For info, contact Nancy Shade at nshade@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth

Seventh through twelfth grade students are on break until January 4. For info, email khowell@fumclvks.org.



Fifth and sixth grade students are taking a break for December. They will resume in January. For more info, email Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.

Would you be willing to spend \$5 or \$10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Stronghold and Trinity are in need of canned fruit, pancake mix and syrup but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Monday, December 22

1:00 pm Fill First Responder Bags

Wednesday, December 24

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
6:30 pm Leavenworth Brass Concert
7:30 pm Christmas Eve service

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas
Church Office closed

Friday, December 26

Church Office closed

Saturday, December 27

8:00 am Samaritan's Buffet

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am United Worship



We believe in the power of prayer. If you have a prayer request, put it in the basket near the front door or email swood@fumclvks.org. Our prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 9 am in Wesley hall. You are welcome to join us.



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.



We love kids! Kids are dismissed in the 11 am service for Kids 1st Worship after the Children's Moment. We have a nursery for kids three and under in the basement. We have "busy bags" to borrow with activities for them in the red wagon in the foyer.