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Welcome and greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley

Leader: Praise the God of mercy and love.

People: Praise God with angels in the highest heavens.

Leader: Praise Christ who came as a child.

People: Praise Christ with all God's children, young and old alike.

Leader: Praise the Holy Spirit, who calls us here.

People: Praise the Spirit from the depths of our souls.

Opening Hymn – Joy to the World UMH 246

Prayer of Illumination – Loving God, we come into your presence with joy in this holiday season, but we also come with sorrow for a world struggling in pain. Bring hope to our weary world. Bring love to our hearts. Bring joy to our lives and help us bring these virtues to others as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Christmas Carol – Go Tell It on the Mountain UMH 251

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 63:7-9 - Raun Watson

Christmas Carol - Away In a Manger UMH 217

Children's Moment - Carol Shafer

Christmas Carol – Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon – Escape to Egypt

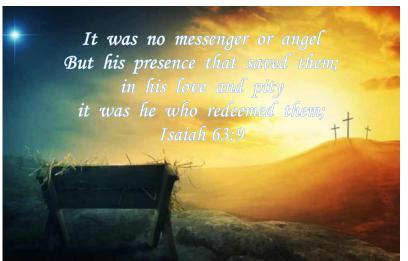
Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Steadfast God, in the flight to Egypt, in the cries of grief, in the fragile beginnings of new life, you make a way. Receive our gifts, O God, and use what we bring—not just our treasure, but our time, our voices, our compassion—to heal what is broken, to protect the vulnerable, and to embody your saving love. In the name of Jesus, our Light in the shadows. Amen.

Closing Hymn – There's a Song in the Air UMH 249

Benediction





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 goes 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.

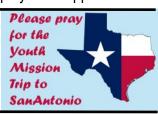
We are honored to host area churches as they join together to celebrate the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 19, at 6:30 pm. It will be an evening of great music.

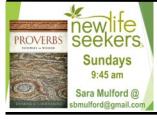




Join us for the Chili Cook-Off on January 25 after the second service. There will be prizes for the best chili. Plan to stay a little longer and enjoy a family game time. Bring your own game, or play one supplied.

Twelve youth and their sponsors will leave for San Antonio on January 29 and return on Friday, January 2. Please pray for their safe travel and that good relationships will be built.





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.





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

Seventh through twelfth grade students will begin again on January 4. For info, email khowell@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.





Monday, December 29 8:00 am Youth Mission Trip leaves

Thursday, January 1
Happy New Year
Church Office closed

Saturday, January 3 8:00 am Samaritan's Buffet



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.

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at <u>fumclvks.org/give</u> 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 <u>sshade@fumclvks.org</u>.

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.