

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**



DECEMBER 2024

# **HEY! I KNOW YOU!**

Rev. Michael Park

# SUNDAY WORSHIP **SCHEDULE**

#### 9:00 am

**Blended Worship** In the Sanctuary

10:10 am Sunday School

# 11:00 am

**Brunch & Worship** In the Fellowship Hall

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I love the joy of the Christmas season. Such a magical time of year, absolutely filled with warmth, hope, peace, joy and a sense of togetherness.

I know we're so excited about family traditions and time together around the table. We remember old memories and beautiful stories we share together. I love the sights and sounds of Christmas on the street twinkling lights and adorned trees. What about home? Family gathers together cooking traditional meals, making cookies, decorating the tree, or watching holiday movie or playing game. Those beautiful moments surely strengthen bonds and create lasting memories. Oh my, I can't wait!

I bet you've probably already had that thought this year. The thought is.... What should I get my spouse, adult children, grand children, friends, or someone else for Christmas?

I hope you are NOT going to have too much stress figuring out what gifts you should get them for Christmas. Promise me that do not stress too much. Always remember, the most important thing is that your gifts come from the here. Even a small gift, it's all right! Thoughtful gifts can mean a lot.

Anyway, what better gift or present could you give someone than one that invites them to a deep, personal knowledge, and spiritual truth of our LORD, Redeemer, and Savior Jesus Christ this coming Christmas?

Pause yourself and think about what better gift or present you could give or offer someone to discover and encounter who Jesus is. I'm so sure that Jesus Christ would be a meaningful, precious, and beautiful gift that you could give so that your friends and family will encounter Jesus who stepped into the human history 2000 years ago as a human form like us, and gave His life for us through death, and was risen again through resurrection here on Earth.

I pray that you will go deeper and deeper to encounter Jesus Christ again. And you are willing to share the good news of Jesus Christ during the Christmas season so that people around you may experience a meaningful, and impactful way to celebrate Christmas season with you.

As we continue to pause, anticipate, and celebrate the significance of His birth and the salvation He offers for us during the Christmas season, we think about John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His one

# We uphold the United Methodist Church by our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS



2024 Monthly Budget Needs	<u>\$31,531</u>	Inco
November 2024	ļ	Ехре
3rd	\$9,951	
10th	\$6,349	Net
17th	\$5,988	
24th	GIVE!	
Giving to Date	\$22,288	

		2024		
!	Income		October \$ 42,712	<u>Year-to-Date</u> \$ 266,143
	Expenses		27,899	_ 269,275
	Net Income / (Loss)		\$ 14,813	\$ (3,132)

August Mission Pennies totaled \$136.82 and will be given to the Agape Fund.

Thank you for your continued giving!



#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Linda Jones Mike Sutcliffe Steve Parsons Jake Andrews (uncle of Katie Baughn)

Christopher & Whitley Lewis (friends of Koralyn Barkman)

Sarah Dougherty (friend of Eldeen Karl)

Robert Greve

(son of Sharon Greve & father of Rachael Maloun)

John LaRocca

Delmer Fisher

(Brigette Fisher's father-in-law)

Mike Kuder Bob Myers Sean Kernick Jim Schoenberger Nancy Drybread Kenzi Underwood Susan Cathers

#### Serving in the Military:

Nathan Ruggles
Josh Underwood

PLEASE NOTE: NAMES SUBMITTED FOR THE PRAYER CONCERNS LIST WILL BE REMOVED AFTER TWO WEEKS. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 431-4240 OR E-MAIL fumcronda@gmail.com IF YOU NEED TO ADD OR CONTINUE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST. THANK YOU!

Are you part
of the Inn
Crowd or
are you
one of the
Stable Few?

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and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. This gift of salvation we have through the one and only Son, Jesus Christ is viewed as the greatest gift because it surely offers us eternal life and reconciliation with God, addressing humanity's deepest need for redeeming love and saving grace from sin.

This beautiful season of Christ, we have a unique opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ with our neighbors and friends. Christmas season will be a great opportunity for us to invite people to church and help them discover who Jesus is.

Friends, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection embodies God's unconditional love, unshakable hope, and everlasting salvation within us. Let us humbly wait for our Emmanuel. Let us go deeper spiritually to encounter Jesus again. Let us celebrate Jesus Christ who is the best gift for us, for others, and for the world.

See you in worship! Rev. Michael Park



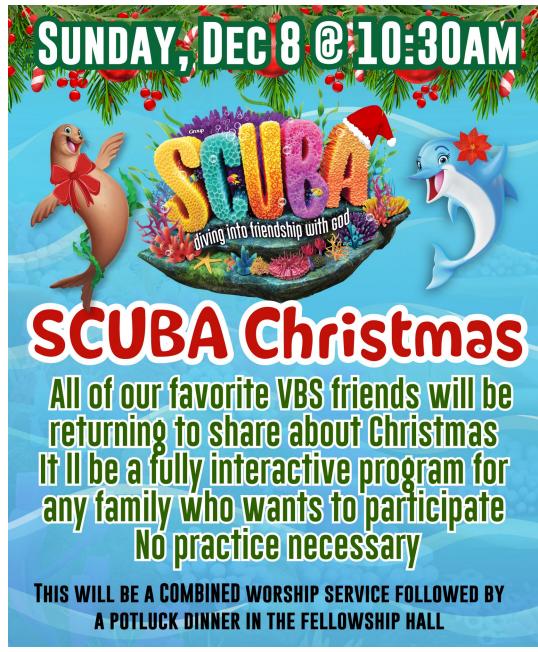
# Advent Worship Schedule

\*\*\* Children's Christmas Pageant \*\*\*\*

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am - Combined Worship 11:30am - Potluck in Fellowship Hall

----- Christmas Eve -----

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm & 11pm



# Little Red Wagon

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco.

The pastor of the church was looking over the cradle when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. Immediately he turned and went outside to look and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

He walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get Him, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give him a ride around the block in it.



# LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD! JOIN THE CHOIR!

If you are interested in playing an instrument, playing hand bells or singing in a choir at church please contact Phil Becker at beckertuba@hotmail.com.

CHOIR PRACTICE
Thursdays at 5:30pm
BAND PRACTICE
Sundays at Noon

#### **OUR CHURCH**

#### Mission Pennies

December Mission Pennies & this month's Noisy Offering will be given to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). These funds are used towards helping folks during times of disaster.

#### Gifts/Prizes Needed

The Church & Society committee continues to need items for the monthly birthday/bingo party held every 3rd Tuesday at the Murray Hill Apartments. A tub to collect these items is located downstairs in front of the elevator.

**AGAPE**—A Greek word for self-giving love.

The FUMC Agape Fund is a ministry that offers help to a specific area person or a family in need. If you would like to make a donation, just mark "Agape" in the memo line of your check or on-line gift.

### **Electronic Giving**

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Mobile provides secure
and convenient giving
using your debit/credit
card or checking/savings
account where you might
choose to toggle to
"cover processing fees"
to reduce the charge for
the church.

If you prefer to have money automatically taken from your checking account, contact Sidney Haslett or the church for an authorization form.

Questions? Contact Linda Jones



## Sunday School Classes for ALL

Have you joined one of our Sunday School Classes yet? Well, stick around after church!

Classes for children & youth meet upstairs.

See below for more information on our adult classes.

Read Thru the Bible: Meets in Room 107 (Library). Facilitator: Corwin Shields

<u>Builders:</u> Meets in Room 112. (The classroom just off the parlor.) Class led.

Young at Heart: Meets in Room 103. Facilitator: Alicia Fickel



Scholarship Committee, Thank you all so much for considering me for both the Estate and Potter scholarships. Having both of these gracious scholarship, both of them were such a blessing to receive. They are a wonderful help towards furthering my education. Thank you again.

> With thanks, Mackenzie Leroy

Dear 1st Methodist, Thank you so much for your donation of \$84.44 to Debbie's Fund. Feeling and caring for children has been a passion of Debbie's for many years. Thank you for keeping her memory alive by continuing to help families in need.

> Thank you from CES Kitchen Staff

# 2024 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER!







Approximately 525 meals were served during our Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year! This is a huge event for our church that could not happen with the help of EVERYONE involved. We are especially grateful for our new Thanksgiving coordinator, Jessica McMahon! Jessica stepped in and took on this task like a real pro.

# December "Just Another Tuesday" Church Host Schedule

Dec 3 Westview

> Dec 10 COGIC

Dec 17 St. Pat's

Dec 24 & 31 NO JAT

Drive thru meal distribution at Otterbein UMC (631 W 7th) begins each Tuesday at 5pm.

# Fitness Opportunities

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Monday—Friday 8:30am

## **WALKERCIZE**

Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 am

# **Christmas Angel Gift Giving Opportunity**

The Mission/Evangelism Committee has received names of children that could use a gift for Christmas. Brigette Fisher will be available before or after the 9am service for anyone who would like to pick up a tag. If you are not able to catch her, you can reach out to her at 620.432.3076. This has been an annual project that our congregation has taken on, please help us complete this again this year.



## Murray Hill Apt. Christmas Party

Gift cards of \$25 are needed to give the residents of the Murray Hill Apts. Our Christmas Party for the residents will be Tuesday, December 17.



#### **Poinsettia Memorials**

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or a special person in your life this year, you are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of nice artificial poinsettias for the sanctuary. (Live plants will not be placed in the Sanctuary.) You may leave your contributions and the name of your loved one with the church office or place it in an offering envelope on Sunday marked "Poinsettia Memorial" with the name of your loved one to be honored.



#### Games with Friends

Looking for a great time of fun & fellowship with some great folks? Come on down to the church every 2nd Thursday at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Games are provided or you can bring a game to share with the group. Come join in on the FUN!!!



# History: 70 Years Ago

A Consecration service for the completion of our new sanctuary was held on December 19, 1954. In attendance was Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis. Our Pastor at the time was Judd Jones.

The stained glass window depicting the ascension was placed in the new sanctuary to help ease the transition.

Cost of this project was \$85,000.

## GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

THE GIFT OF LISTENING But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

#### THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you".

THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

THE GIFT OF A COMPLI-MENT A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

#### THE GIFT OF A FAVOR

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE
There are times when
we want nothing better
than to be left alone. Be
sensitive to those times
and give the gift of solitude to others.

#### THE GIFT OF A CHEER-FUL DISPOSITION The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's

to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sound Techs: Max Hendrickson

& Jackson Osborn

# Ways to Give



#### IN-PERSON

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. You may put your offering in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.



#### **ACH WITHDRAWAL**

Schedule your contribution to be taken out of your account automatically each month.



#### MOBILE APP

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search "Chanute First United

Methodist Church" Available on Apple & Android



#### QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



#### ONLINE

Visit

https://www.fumcchanute.com/

Click "GIVE". Under "Give Online' Click "Give Now" to set up a one time or recurring donation.



#### MAIL

Mail your contributions to: Chanute FUMC, 202 S Lincoln Chanute, KS 66720 First United Methodist Church 202 S Lincoln Chanute, Kansas 66720 PH: (620)431-4240 www.fumcchanute.com U.S. POSTAGE PAID NON-PROFIT ORG CHANUTE, KS 66720 PERMIT #13

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 1: Hanging of the Greens following the 9am Worship service.

Thursday, December 5: Chanute Christmas Parade on the Main Street

**Sunday, December 8:** A Combined Worship Service / Children's Christmas Pageant will be held at 10:30am followed by a Potluck Dinner.

Wednesday, December 18: Youth Christmas Caroling beginning at 6pm.

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services at 6pm / 11pm.

Thursday, December 25: Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 8: Volunteer Celebration Party at 6pm

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN SCHEDULING MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!

(Be sure to check inside for more details on these events!)



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 am Hanging of the Greens Noon FUMC Band Practice 6:00 pm Small Group Bible Studies for Youth	8:30 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Christmas Gifts that Won't Break 11:00 am Walkercize 1:00 pm Quilt Guild 3:00 pm Youth Senior Citizen Ministry Visits	7:30 am FCA @ RMS & CHS 8:30 am Tai Chi 5:00 pm Just Another Tuesday @ Otterbein (Westview) 5:30 pm Worship Mtg 7:00 pm Trustees	8:30 am Tai Chi 11:00 am Walkercize	8:30 am Tai Chi 5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm Christmas Parade	8:30 am Tai Chi	
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# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Romans 12—15 Remee Carter Paula Drybread	Romans 16 1 Corinthians 1-3	1 Corinthians 4-7 Brandon Hatch Jeana Lawrence Lana Lemasters	4 1 Corinthians 8-11 Breck Alonzo Carson Berg	5 1 Corinthians 12-14	1 Corinthians 15-16 Ivy Kepley Lucille Morris	7 2 Corinthians 1-6 Ed Ranz
8 2 Corinthians 7-10 Ashaleigha Ayers	2 Corinthians 11-13 Rick Willis	10 Galatians 1—5	Galatians 6 Ephesians 1-4 Sophie Osborn Abigail Wiebe	Ephesians 5-6 Philippians 1 Brenda Rowe	Philippians 2-4 Colossians 1 Terri DeGeer John Gard Ashely Kepley Braylee Peter Casey Ruggles	Colossians 2-4 1 Thes 3-5
1 Thes 3-5 2 Thes 1-3 Madison Richard	16 1 Timothy 1-6 DeEtta Gibson	17 2 Timothy 1-4 Titus 1	Titus 2-3 Philemon Beckett Jones	19 Hebrews 1-6	20 Hebrews 7-10	Hebrews 11-13 James 1  Kylie Chase Emmalee Finley
James 2-5  Glen Bercaw Marsha Carter	23 1 Peter 1-5	24 2 Peter 1-3 1 John 1	25 1 John 2-5 JESUS	2 John 3 John Jarren Gard	Jude Revelation 1-5 Camie Russell	28 Revelation 6-9 Doug Uden Sam Ward
Revelation 10-15  Ross Hendrickson Wendy Hoops Kayla Medley Matthew Park	30 Revelation 16-18	Revelation 19-22 Shelley Naughton Sue Strack	January 2025  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30 31	Please contact the office if your Birthday has been omitted or misreported. We don't want to forget you! 431-4240 office@fumcchanute.com		