

SERMON NOTES

The Bottom Line of Christmas

Luke 1:46-55



Week of December 23rd - 30th, 2018

SUN. (12-23)

Worship Services – Sanc. 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Rm. 203 10:30 a.m.

MON. (12-24) Christmas Eve

Family Christmas Eve Service – Sanc. 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service – Sanc. 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Candlelight Service – Sanc. 11:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

TUES. (12-25)

Merry Christmas

WED. (12-26)

Freed Drivers Ed. Seg. 1– Rm. 214 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Church Closed

THURS. (12-27)

Freed Drivers Ed. Seg. 1 – Rm. 214 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
CASL Soccer – F.H. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Small Blessings Bd. Mtg. – Conf. Rm. 7:00-8:00 p.m.

FRI. (12-28)

Freed Drivers Ed. Seg. 1– Rm. 214 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

SUN. (12-30)

One Worship Service – Sanc. 10:00 a.m.

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#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Marty DeBow, Pastor  
Brenda Austin, Dir. of Worship & Music  
Elizabeth Reed, Dir. of Chancel Choir  
Jan Denton, Organist ~~ Tsai-Yun Kuo, Pianist  
Bill Botti, 9:00 Liturgist ~~ Pam Mead, 10:30 Prayer Leader

#### VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, December 16, 2018  
Worship Attendance 257 ~~ Sunday School 44

## First United Methodist Church December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

### Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Our New Mission Statement  
**CONNECT - GROW - SERVE**



**Worship**  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**9:00 A.M.**

~ ~ **FUMER FYI's** ~ ~ **December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**



~ ~ **December 24th** ~ ~  
in Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Family Service  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

**The Poinsettias today are given  
to the Glory of God and**

- in memory of:**  
Albert Applegate  
From Dick & Barb Stanton  
Steve Botti  
From Bill & Alice Botti  
Denny Buwalda  
From Carol Buwalda  
Kimberly Cooper  
From Sue Fernald  
Calvin & Ruby Howard  
From Gene & Marian Hoag  
My mother & father, Alfred & Helen Lape  
From Audrey Kowalk  
My parents Robert & Clarice (Showerman) Cline,  
and my stepfather Richard Cline  
From Joyce Showerman  
Cecelia Page  
From Charlie Page & Children  
Bill & Ruth Janet Reid; Barbara Reid & John Adler  
From Chuck & Linda Reid  
Oakie Stamper  
From Gloria Stamper

**in honor of:**  
Jean Houghton  
From Bill & Alice Botti



**Wednesday Night Suppers will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**FUMER Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders) next meeting will be Sunday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at the church from 2:30-4:30. We will do small group discussions, play in the gym (9-Square) and feast on breakfasty food like pancakes and sausage. Future meeting dates include Jan 27<sup>th</sup> (sledding), Feb 10<sup>th</sup> (EDRU), Feb 24<sup>th</sup> (movie), Mar 10<sup>th</sup> and Mar 24<sup>th</sup>.

**FUMER's Small Blessings Day Care** is in need of a full-sized refrigerator. Please contact Annette at 663-0131.

- Prelude Jan Denton
- Welcome  
**Advent Candle Lighting**--*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*  
9:00 Jon & Elizabeth Reed  
10:30 John & Caron VanAsperen & Family
- UMH 204** *Emmanuel*
- \* **UMH 240** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
**St. 1, 2 & 3**
- \* **UMH 237** *Sing We Now of Christmas*  
**St. 1 & 2**  
Greeting  
**Reprise St. 3**
- Still, Still, Still* Chancel Choir
- Prayer
- UMH 221** *In the Bleak Midwinter*  
**St. 1, 3 & 4**
- Offering *Mary Did You Know* Handbell Quartet
- \* *Doxology*
- Scripture  
\* **UMH 70** *Gloria Patri*
- Message  
**UMH 242** *Love Came Down at Christmas*  
**St. 1, 2 & 3**
- \* Blessing  
\* **UMH 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
- \* Postlude Jan Denton

**2018 End of Year Offerings** need to be turned into the church office by noon, next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, in order to count toward giving for 2018.

**Sunday, December 30 - ONE SERVICE 10:00 a.m.**

**The Church** will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Winter Small Groups** will begin in January. If you are interested in joining one that is offered, the lists to sign up are available from the ushers or in the church office.

**FUMER's Grief Support Group** regular meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. We will resume Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, in the church library 6:00-7:15 p.m. Further information, please call Alice Botti 663-3423 or Kathy Whitman 517-605-6603.

**Alternative Giving** ideas the Mission Committee is suggesting: ER School Food Backpack Program, Forgotten Man Ministries at the Eaton County Jail or Soaring Unlimited Haiti: Medical Clinic at Pistere in Haiti, (a ministry of our missionary, Pastor Laura Elliott). Information available on the Lobby Information Table.

**Baptism** is scheduled for Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. If you or anyone in your family is interested in being baptized, please call the church office at 663-3524.

**GivePlus Church**--As part of our electronic giving program, we offer GivePlus Church, our mobile giving app. You can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation all through your smartphone. If you're like many people who use mobile apps for almost everything these days, we hope you'll make GivePlus Church a regular part of your giving routine. Ask a staff member or visit our website if you have questions. Thank you for helping us create a thriving ministry.

**UMH = United Methodist Hymnal ~ ~ \*Stand if able**  
**Casual Service Projected**