

SERMON NOTES

In Spite of Circumstances

Psalm 126

Week of December 9th - 16th, 2018

SUN. (12-09) Worship Services – Sanc. 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Rm. 203 10:30 a.m.
Annie Rehearsal 5:00-7:00 p.m.
MON. (12-10) Flute Lessons – Rm. 203 2:30-4:00 p.m.
CASL Soccer – F.H. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
SPR – Library 7:00-8:30 p.m.
TUES. (12-11) Botti Small Group – Rm. 203 10:00 a.m.
Boy Scout Trp.#52 Com. Mtg. – Rm. 203 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Trp. #30459 – P.R. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts Trp. #52 – P.R. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Trumpet Lessons – M.R. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
WED. (12-12) Men's Bible Study – Rm. 221 8:30 a.m.
Flute Lessons – Rm. 203 2:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Strikepoint – M.R. 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Night Supper – F.H. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Cherub Choir – Rm. 221 5:15 p.m.
Jubilate – M.R. 5:30 p.m.
Holiday Grief Support – Library 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Cub Scout Trp.#653 Com. Mtg. – Rm. 202 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. – Rm. 214 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Trp.#30031 – Rm. 221 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir – M.R. 7:00 p.m.
THURS. (12-13)
Women's Bible Study – Rm. 221 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Allegro – M.R. 5:30-6:45 p.m.
CASL Soccer – F.H. 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Chalice – Sanc. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
FRI. (12-14)
Ron Clone Memorial Serv.–Sanc./F.H. 11:30 a.m.-4:00p.m.
Sat. (12-15)
S.S. Photo Pics. – Sanc./other church areas 9:00 a.m.-12:00
SUN. (12-16) Worship Services – Sanc. 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Rm. 203 10:30 a.m.
Bkpk. Family Mission Packing – Union St. 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Ellsworth Family Christmas – F.H. 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Annie Rehearsal 5:00-7:00 p.m.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Marty DeBow, Pastor
Brenda Austin, Dir. of Worship & Music
Elizabeth Reed, Director of Chancel Choir
Jan Denton, Organist ~~ Tsai-Yun Kuo, Pianist
Linda VanDenBerg, 9:00 Liturgist
Steve Peters, 10:30 Prayer Leader

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Worship Attendance 311~ Sunday School 18

First United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent



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Our New Mission Statement
CONNECT - GROW - SERVE

Worship

December 9, 2018

9:00 A.M.

Prelude Jan Denton

Welcome
Advent Candle Lighting--*Come, Lord Jesus, Come*
9:00 Jack & Katie DeMik
10:30 Jason & Lindsey Zeller & Family

UMH 204 *Emmanuel*

* **UMH 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
St. 1 & 2

* **UMH 224** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
St. 1 & 2

Greeting
Reprise St. 3

Glad Noel Chancel Choir

Prayer

UMH 219 *What Child Is This*
St. 1 & 2

Offering *I Wonder as I Wander* Jubilate
* *Doxology*

Scripture
* **UMH 70** *Gloria Patri*

Message

UMH 218 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
St. 1 & 3

* Blessing
* **UMH 431** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

* Postlude Jan Denton

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal ~ ~ *Stand if able

Casual Service Projected

~ ~ FUMER FYI's ~ ~ December 9, 2018

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Sue Briggs
in honor & memory of her parents,
Bill and Arlene Cutting.

The Hungry World next Sunday

Our giving will go to UMCOR to help with **Hurricane Disaster Relief in the United States**, especially from Hurricanes Florence & Michael. It is a great opportunity to join with other United Methodists around the country to give relief to those lives were deeply affected. Also, donations of personal items for Heart & Hands can be left in the H & H bins in the Lobby.

Wednesday Night Supper

December 12 menu

Chinese Chicken with Vegetables

Or

Chicken Alfredo

Rice, Salad & Dessert

from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Choir

Would you like to sing with the Chancel Choir on Christmas Eve? Come to rehearsals Wednesday, December 5, 12 & 19 at 7:00 in the Music Room.

Christmas Eve Services

DEC. 24 - 6:00 p.m. (Family), 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight)

DECEMBER 30 - ONE SERVICE 10:00 a.m.

Botti Small Group

Tuesday, December 11, will be the last meeting for this series of our Small Group. We will resume meeting in January.

RightNow Media

Are you looking for a good book to listen to or read? FUMER has provided our congregation with free access to thousands of video resources. If you haven't already been invited to use RightNow Media, be sure to let us know on your connection card along with your email address and we'll send you the invitation

GivePlus Church

Have you visited the App Store or Google Play to download GivePlus, our mobile giving app? We hope you have, and that you're finding it a fast, easy way to give. If you haven't, please take a couple of minutes to visit the App Store or Google Play & search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app for free * start donating today!

Today is the Last Day

"Brown Bags", complete with a list of needed items and the The Giving Tree gifts for kids in the Eaton Rapids area need to be turned in today.

Poinsettia Order Forms

Poinsettia order forms available from the ushers as you leave worship or on the Lobby Information Table & need to be turned into the office by **tomorrow**. The poinsettias will be placed at the altar December 16 - Christmas Eve. Details are included on the order forms.

FUMER Youth Group

This one is for the whole family! Help the Backpack Program pack the bags with food to give to the ER School kids who need a little extra food on the weekend. We will serve a pizza lunch beforehand at noon at Union Street, Room 105 and then pack the bags (also at Union Street). This is an open invitation to youth, their families and other people in our church. RSVP is appreciated (for pizza count), but not mandatory.

Alternative Giving

Again this year the Mission Committee is suggesting three excellent ministries: 1) ER School Food Backpack Program, 2) Forgotten Man Ministries at the Eaton County Jail, or 3) Soaring Unlimited Haiti: Medical Clinic at Pistere in Haiti, (a ministry of our missionary, Pastor Laura Elliott). Check the table by the elevator for full information.

FUMER'S Holiday Grief Support Group

FUMER's Grief Ministry is offering its annual **Holiday Grief Support Group** which began on **Wednesday, November 21**, and will continue each Wednesday, concluding on **December 19**, with a **Remembrance Service**. Meetings take place from **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** in the Library on the first floor of the church. The Remembrance Service will take place in the Chapel on the second floor of the church. Sessions focus on issues of grief that are commonly experienced during the holidays. Participants need not be members of FUMER. There is no charge or reservation required. The sessions will be facilitated by laypersons Alice Botti and Kathy Whitman. For further information, call Alice Botti at 663-3423, Kathy Whitman at 517-605-6603, or the church office at 663-3524.

Help Needed

Is there someone who could take items from the church Lobby Heart & Hands bins on a weekly basis to Heart & Hands? Please contact the church office.

Baptism

Our next baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 13. If you or anyone in your family is interested in being baptized, please call the church office at 663-3524.