

Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.: Exercise Group (Fireside Room) 3:30pm
Saturdays: Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 8:00am
Sun. Jan 2: Please plan to stay after the 2nd service to help remove Christmas decorations and return them to the activity room.
Wed. Jan. 5: We will box up and put away the decorations. 1:00pm
We hope lots of helpers will make this a 30-45 min. project. Thank you! Mary Nelmes

Happy New Year— See you in 2022!

- **Everyday Essentials** for local pantries are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout **January** we are collecting **laundry detergent**. We also need **travel-sized toiletries**. Thank you for helping those in need!
- **Loose coins** for **January** goes to: **David Makobo** (Senegal, Africa farming and missions) More info will be available in the January Chimes.
- **Please remember to pick up your poinsettia. They were last watered Wed.**
- New **offering envelopes** for 2022 are ready to pick up in Fellowship Hall. Extras are also available to “recycle” from 2021 if you do not see your name.

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Judy Bushman (organist) Pam Clodfelter (handbell choir director)
Head usher: Jeff Cedro
Children's sermon (online@9:45am)

8:00am

10:00 am

Liturgists: Steve Downes
Greeters: Jan Glover
Ushers: Jeff Cedro

Toby Johnson
Frank / Janne Rausa
Steve / Amy Lopez



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Wesley United Methodist Church

WISE MEN STILL
Seek Him

December 26th, 2021
1st Sunday after Christmas



<p><i>Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church</i> <i>December 26th, 2021</i></p>

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE *Away In a Manger* by James R. Murray/arr. Gregg Sewell
 The First Christmas by Lani Smith
 Joyous Christmas Bell by Edward Broughton

INTROIT *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* from *Harmonia Sacra*/arr. G.F.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the heavens

Let us praise the name of the Lord

whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven. Alleluia!

† **OPENING HYMN** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH#234 vs.1,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

† **RESPONSE** “Glory Be to the Father” #70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "The First Noel" UMH#245 vs.1

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel of Luke 2:8-20
This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Shepherds in the Fields "

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have received adoption as your children. With Jesus our Savior, we dedicate ourselves in ministry to the world, that we may live as heirs of your promises to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH#240 vs.1,3

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH#251 refrain

POSTLUDE *Ding Dong Merrily on High* Trad. French Carol



The flowers on the altar are in Honor of Lowell and Coralee Jacobs' 36th wedding anniversary.

*†Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.
Bold print indicates in unison*