

First Light

A weekly e-newsletter from
First United Methodist

December 20, 2024



Our new custodian, Bob Hess, and his wife Annette, recently hosted some area children in the café for pictures and time with Santa.

Thank you to all who participated in or supported the “Sing Christmas” Cantata. A special thank you to Tom Ruhl and Lucy Buck for their tireless service in preparing for the day. The Cantata Choir took a love offering and is donating \$313.00 to UMCOR for North Carolina hurricane relief in honor of Tom and Lucy.



Dear Friends in Christ,
The Touch-A-Heart program has come to another end. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide 190 children with gifts and 150 senior citizens with wonderful toiletry bags. Your support is so important to this program. May your holiday season and new year be especially wonderful.

In Christ's Love,
Candy Winters

2024 Christmas Eve Services

3:30 Candlelight Service

8:00 Candlelight Service

Both services in the sanctuary

December 22, 2024

Sermon: “On the Way to Bethlehem”
“Bethlehem: A Place of Humility”

Romans 13:8-11

Luke 2:1-14

Reminders:

-2024 Christmas Offering

The 2024 Christmas Offering will go to support the building or purchasing of a worship space for Sigo Vivo, a ministry of our mission partners, Bryan & Judy Hollinger, in Guatemala.

-2025 Altar Flowers

The 2025 Altar Flower Sponsor sign-up sheet is now in the Welcome Center. The suggested donation for sponsoring a week is \$35.00.

-2025 Cereal Sponsor

The 2025 Cereal Sponsor sign-up sheet is now in the Welcome Center. To sponsor a month, simply purchase and deliver \$100.00 worth of cereal to Son Light House during the month. Turn in your receipts for reimbursement.

-2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 offering envelopes are in the Welcome Center. Anyone with a number above 150 will now have a new number. Please consult the list on the table for your new number. Contact Barry Grove with questions 570-447-0514

-GriefShare Begins January 7th

The next session of GriefShare will begin January 7th. They will meet on Tuesday evenings in the lounge beginning at 6:30 pm. The session runs for 13 weeks.

-Youth Alpha Meals

Please consider providing a meal to our God Squad Youth one Wednesday evening between January 8th and March 12th as they work through the Youth Alpha Course. The youth would also love to have you join them for dinner. You can sign up at the downstairs Connection Table. Contact Kevin (570-412-2820) with any questions.

-Vineyard Youth Activity Night Volunteers

The Vineyard Community Activity Center is looking for volunteers to help staff their Friday Activity Nights during January—April. Their Friday night program runs from 6:00-10:00 pm. Contact Cindy Collister if you can help or if you have questions; 570-220-4568.