Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 12/10: Youth Christmas Play (10:30) Taste of First (4:00)
- 12/12: ELC Christmas Program (5:30), Circle of Hope Christmas Party (7:00)
- 12/13: Children & Youth Christmas Parties (5:30)
- 12/16: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (10:00)
- 12/17: Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30)
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship (7:00)

The Taste of First is this afternoon at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome to attend even if you aren't hosting a table.

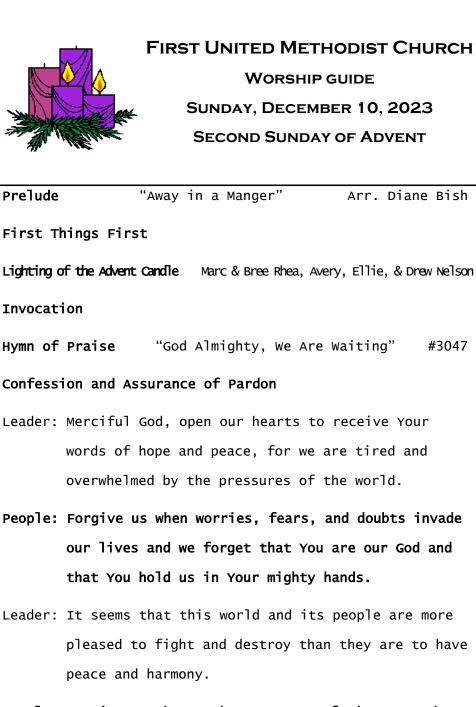
The Circle of Hope Christmas Party, with dinner and an ornament exchange, will be Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of December, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are instant potatoes, canned yams, turkey gravy mix, boxed stuffing mix, and other holiday foods. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Randv & Pat Adams Gina Billings Bob & Carla Brown Catherine Cartus Karl Cavanary Penny Cole Family of Dr. Jerry Cole Drew Cradic John & Michelle Cradic Vernon Crawford Eddie Deakins Jackie Denny Paul Duncan Phyllis Eckerson Vivian Eckerson Tom Eorgan Cecilia Fleckstein Jim Furches Betty & Earl Gouge Pam Hagen Nora & Tony Haynes Cindy Holmes Molly Huff Scott Huff Keith & Jean Jones Joyce Josie Deni Kiehl Tammv Kosa Linda Kostreva Karen Martin Bonnie Marrs Bob & Wanda May Dan McGuire Kent & Midge Merrill Jim & CarolAnne Milliken Tom Palmer Ruby Payne Bob & Athena Peebles Carolvn Peeples Bonnie Sampson Bobby Seay Bill Spence John & Susan Trotter Anna Grace West Family of Janice Williams Manna House

Prayer List



People: Forgive us when we become part of that crowd, wallowing in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed.

Prayer Cover: Finley Cook

Leader: Forgive us, patient God. Show us the ways we have blocked out the light of Your presence and failed to live as Your people.

People: Give us the courage to examine our lives and the strength to seek Your ways. Guide us to act rightly and justly, so that in our living, Your peace may become a reality in this world.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God, who knows our frustrations and failures, loves us and invites us into God's kingdom. Beloved people of God, hear and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: By the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection	"Glory, Let There Be Peace"	Screen
Mission Moment		
Doxology		#94
Gospel Reading	L	uke 2:1-7

The Inn Crowd By Lee Dengler & Susan Naus Dengler CAST Innkeeper Renee Jah Child Claire Wardeska-McGuire Celebritv Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire Lily Ihfe F.W. Woolworth Tax Collector Mallorv Jones Aaliyah Leary, Drew Nelson, Mia Yocum Guests Shepherds Lydia Ihfe, Aaliyah Leary Sammi Uelhof Mary Joseph Makai Yocum DIRECTORS Kati Uelhof, Billy Walker, Elisa Wardeska YOUTH ASSISTANTS Renee Jah, Sammi Uelhof, Makai Yocum Hymn of Commitment "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218, v. 1 & 3 Benediction **Benediction Response** For lo! The days are hastening on, By prophet seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold when shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing. Wednesday Night Fellowship Program: The Land of Jesus' Birth

Menu: soup, sandwich, salad, & dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by Monday, 12/11 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.