

*Upcoming Meetings & Events*

- ◆ 12/17: Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30)
- ◆ 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship (7:00)
- ◆ 1/7: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30)
- ◆ 1/9: Trustees Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 1/10: Wednesday Nighters resume (5:30)
- ◆ 1/13: Men's Breakfast (9:00)
- ◆ 1/14: Kids' Crafternoon (11:30)
- ◆ 1/16: Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 1/19-21: Resurrection youth event
- ◆ 1/22: Finance Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 1/27: Leader Training (10:00)

Wednesday Night Fellowship will resume on January 10, 2024

**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.

Prayer Cover: Kathie Tucker

**Prayer List**

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



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Prelude** "Sing We Now of Christmas" Arr. Diane Bish

**First Things First**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Youth

**Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** "Joy, Unspeakable Joy" Screen

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 12:2-6

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Mission Moment**

**Doxology** #94

## Cantata

### City of Hope

By Tom Fettke and Jay Rouse

### A Bright and Shining Hope

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

### Mary's Canticle

### Away in a Manger

### Bethlehem Noels

### Child of Hope

### The Virgin Mary

### Praise to the Holy Child

### O Holy Night

## Benediction

### Benediction Response

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Flute

Hayley Goad, Sammi Uelhof

## Oboe

Layla Marshall

## Clarinet

Jenny Reed

## Horn

Alex Uelhof

## Trumpet

Rhonda Simmons, Greg Simmons

## Percussion

Graham Hurter, Steve Reis

## Bells

Bradford Hurter, Evangeline Hurter

The UMW would like to thank the Circle of Hope for hosting the Saturday brunch, the Circle of Friends for providing gift bags for everyone, Finley cook for preparing the brunch, and Pastors Jodie & Gary Ihfe for sharing their experiences in the Holy Land.

Judy Cook & Pam Heaton

On Sunday, January 7, the ETSU Wesley Foundation will host a FREE chili lunch to launch the Capital Campaign "Renewing our Faith, Restoring our Foundation." Drop in at 1100 Seminole Drive between 11:30 am & 1:30 pm to help honor the past and celebrate the future of this vital ministry. Friends, please help us spread the word about this upcoming event.

Save the date! The annual Leader Training Event will be hosted by the Three Rivers District on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Wesley Memorial UMC from 10:00-3:00. Each leader will choose 4 workshops to attend and lunch is provided. Contact Pastor Jodie for more information.

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