

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 1/7: Coffee & Cocoa (11:30)
- ◆ 1/9: Women's Bible Study resumes (1:00), 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: Men's Bible Study begins (7:15 am), Women's Bible Study (1:00), Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 1/19-21: Resurrection youth event
- ◆ 1/22: Finance Meeting (6:00)
- ◆ 1/27: Leader Training (10:00)

**Kids Crafternoon Fun!** Right after worship on January 14, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for games and crafts. Lunch is provided.

### Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of January, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are toilet paper, laundry detergent, and boxes of crackers in sleeves. 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: Fran Waterbury

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Gina Billings  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Catherine Cartus  
Karl Cavanary  
Family of Steve Cochran  
Penny Cole  
Steve 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 Peebles  
Bobby Seay  
Fred Sharpe  
Bill Spence  
John Staley  
John & Susan Trotter  
Anna Grace West  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Prelude** Reflection on "Of the Father's Love Begotten" David Blackwell

### First Things First

### Call to worship

**Leader:** Today we gather to remember that Jesus came to the water to be baptized.

**People:** In baptism, we are claimed by God and freed from the power of hatred and death.

**Leader:** In baptism, we are joined to Christ and joined together in unity.

**People:** "There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. We are all one in Christ Jesus."

**Leader:** In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for the ministry of proclaiming God's divine love to all.

**People:** Praise be to God, who loves us, claims us, and leads us to abundant life.

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #152

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day  
He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. AMEN

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

## Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

## Mission Moment

## Doxology

#94

## Video

"In the Waters"

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-13

## Anthem

"Out of Deep Unordered Water"

## Sermon

"Jesus at the Jordan"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

## Celebration of Holy Communion

## Renewal of Baptism

## Hymn of Commitment

"Who You Say I Am"

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## Benediction

## Benediction Response

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am, yes I am

The ETSU Wesley Foundation is hosting a FREE chili lunch today 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.

The Trustees will meet Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 pm in the conference room.

The next men's breakfast is scheduled for this Saturday, January 13, at 9:00 in the fellowship hall.

A men's Bible study class will begin on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:15 am in the Conference Room at FUMC. The class will gather each Tuesday morning for prayer and study led by Drew Cradic.

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.

**Clare's Closet** is accepting donations of new or slightly used winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, or hoodies). All donations may be taken to the box located in the connector. As always, your generous support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Gospel of Mark

Menu: taco salad & dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 1/8 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.*