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| SUNDAY (December 21) | | <p>James "Tag" Tagliarini</p> <p>We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of James "Tag" Tagliarini, who graduated to Heaven on December 14th. The details for the Celebration of Life Service for "Tag" will be announced soon.</p> |
| Contemporary Service, Wesley Ctr | 9AM | |
| Children's Church, Wesley Centre | 9AM | |
| Youth Sunday School, Wesley Centre | 10AM | |
| Faith Community Nurse, Reception | 10AM | |
| Creation Station, John Wesley Room | 10AM | |
| Adult Sunday School, Educ. Bldg. | 10:10AM | |
| Traditional Service, Sanctuary | 11AM | |
| Christmas Sing-A-Long, Wesley Centre | 6PM | |

Mary Givens

Our congregation extends love and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Givens who recently passed away.

MONDAY (December 22)

Faith Community Nurse 1PM

TUESDAY (December 23)

Staff Meeting, Library 10AM
Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Rm 7PM

WEDNESDAY (December 24)

Church Office Closing - Half Day 1PM
Christmas Eve Service, Wesley Centre 5PM
Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary 7PM

THURSDAY (December 25)

Church Office Closed for Christmas

FRIDAY (December 26)

Church Office Closed for Christmas

On Tuesday, December 15th, Pastor Dennis and Harry West delivered the Wilson Angel Tree gifts. We are deeply grateful to all our members who generously purchased presents—your generosity will brighten Christmas for these children and fill their season with joy.

We are grateful to all who purchased poinsettias to beautify our worship spaces this Christmas season. Following the Christmas Eve service you attend, you are welcome to take your poinsettia(s) home.



Family Promise Returns

Family Promise will be here January 4th until January 11th. See details in the Faith Flash for ways that you can help. Questions: Contact Terry Ribelin by Email: Terilyn@RibelinRanch.com .

Upcoming Advent Events Bulletin Insert
We have a lot of Advent Events occurring in the month of December. Save your red bulletin insert in today's bulletin so you won't miss anything.

Church Offices Closed for Christmas
Wednesday, 12/24 Closing at 1 PM
Thursday & Friday, 12/25 & 12/26 Closed

CUBA ANGEL TREE

In January, we will send care packages to each of our four partner churches in Cuba. We invite you to prayerfully consider participating in this mission project.

Go to our church website at this web address for more details.
<https://fumc-pc.com/ministries/cuba/> .

With the QR code above for the Cuba Angel Tree, you can shop direct on the Cuba Amazon Wish List that shows items that are needed and have your order shipped direct to Kerri Gould's house where she is collecting and packing the items for shipping. Easy Peasy!

If you bring your Cuba donations to the church, please place them in Room 113, 1st Floor of the Education Bldg.—Next to the Reception Room.

Next Sunday, 12/28/2025, will be a single blended service in the Sanctuary at 10 am.

WELCOME, GUESTS

We're so glad you're here today. As a small token of our appreciation, we invite you to take a red "Welcome Guests" box located at each of the entrances.

We hope you'll join us again next week!



December 21, 2025

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Reach UP in Worship Reach OUT in Mission Reach DEEP in Discipleship



Contemporary Service · 9AM · Wesley Centre

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Margaret Rountree

*PRAISE SONG

God So Loved

MEET & GREET

*PRAISE SONG

Born In Bethlehem

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 3-5 ESV

Dan McFarland

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Love

Ed & Kay Castleberry

OFFERTORY

The First Noel with Bach's Minuet

Sue Daniels

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dennis Roebuck

*PRAISE SONG

Make Room

SERMON

"The Gift of Eternity"
Mark 1: 1-8 ESV

Rev. Margaret Rountree

*CLOSING SONG

Go Tell It On The Mountain

BENEDICTION

* Please stand as you are able.



Point your phone's camera at the QR code on the left to give your offering online. It's safe, easy and convenient.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

Through 12/14/2025

YTD TOTAL RECEIVED \$534,876

YTD BUDGETED NEED \$542,950

SURPLUS/SHORTFALL **\$-8,074**

ATTENDANCE

Online In Person

185 142

135 177



Traditional Service · 11AM · Sanctuary

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

The Christmas Rose Arr: Martin

Richard Wisner
Organist

INTROIT

People Look East
Traditional French Carol

Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Rev. Margaret Rountree

MEET & GREET

*BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

Congregation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#881

*GLORIA PATRI

#70

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#240

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 3-5 ESV

Shirley Erwin

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Love

Shirley Erwin &
Connie Beaty

CHORAL ANTHEM

An Advent Alleluia Wagner

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dennis Roebuck

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This
16th Century English Melody

Richard Wisner

*DOXOLOGY

#95

*HYMN OF PREPARATON

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

#218

SERMON

"The Gift of Eternity"
Mark 1: 1-8 ESV

Rev. Margaret Rountree

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Angels We Have Heard on High

#238

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord
Arr. Wilkes

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Tidings Arr: Simone

Richard Wisner

*Please stand as you are able.