



The Messenger

Fairmount Avenue Vision Statement

*To be a joyful, welcoming community
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

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Advent Worship Series: How does a weary world rejoice?

Christ was born into a weary world. King Herod ruled the land with a legacy of ruthlessness. The Romans treated the people of Israel with contempt, imposing harsh taxes and land seizures that forced many into subsistence farming. Poverty and destitution were pervasive. And yet, Christ was born, bringing good news of great joy for all people.

As Advent comes again to a weary world, we ask, "How does a weary world rejoice?" From the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel, we have found a few answers: we acknowledge our weariness, we find joy in connection, we allow ourselves to be amazed, we sing stories of hope, we make room, we root ourselves in ritual, and most importantly, we trust our belovedness. In the parallel birth stories of Jesus and John, joy arrives— despite trepidation, fear, or grief. In these stories, we find rhythms for rejoicing. As we move through our series, we hope to create space for acknowledging the weariness of our world while celebrating God's closeness with great joy.

And so, this Advent, we will hold space for our weariness and our joy. We will seek a "thrill of hope" in our hurting world. We will welcome joy— even if, like the prophet Isaiah,

we cry out for comfort (Isaiah 40:1). In this weary world, may we find many ways to rejoice. *From: A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

Hanging of the Greens December 3 following Worship

For the first Sunday of Advent, we will once again be "Hanging of the Greens." Stay after worship for a light potluck lunch and then help decorate the sanctuary and the building for the Advent and Christmas season. Bring a dish to share and join in the fun! A Christmas craft activity for children will be led by Ashton in the Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities welcome!

Children's Christmas Pageant December 10 Sunday Worship

Our children will lead us in worship, helping us to embrace the wonder of the Christmas Story. Join in worship in person or online to experience the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of our kids.

Service of Hope and Healing December 14, 7:00pm

This time of year can be particularly difficult for people holding grief, tensions, or loss. Advent reminds us that for centuries, people suffered through loss and longing as they waited for the coming messiah. Advent is the practice of embracing both the darkness in our lives and clinging to the hope of the Light of the World. If you are holding grief,

loss, anxiety, tension, or darkness this season, you are not alone. In this special service, we acknowledge the heaviness we hold and look ahead to the light of Christmas.

Celebration of Music December 17 Sunday Worship

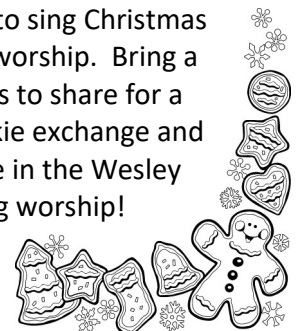
Join us for a festive morning of seasonal music with special presentations from each of our choirs throughout the service.

Candlelight Christmas Eve December 24, services held at 4:30pm and 10:30pm No morning worship.

The Candlelight Christmas Eve worship service is a beloved tradition at Fairmount Avenue UMC, centering our hearts and minds. With a special message for children in the early service, both services will feature the singing of Night of Silence/Silent Night by candlelight. Enjoy a Christmas organ recital a half hour before each service.

Christmas Hymn Sing and Christmas Cookie Exchange December 31 Sunday Worship

A special time to sing Christmas hymns during worship. Bring a plate of cookies to share for a Christmas cookie exchange and fellowship time in the Wesley Room following worship!



Pastorings



Advent and Christmas are easily my favorite liturgical season of the year. I love the anticipation of expectant parents. I love the unlikely community gathering of shepherds, angels, and strangers. I resonate with the weariness of a very pregnant Mary, having to travel under less than ideal circumstances. I grieve that she didn't have her mother with her to assist in her first birth. I appreciate that Joseph was doing his very best to care for his wife and young child while living under Roman occupation.

There have always been struggles in this world. There have always been tired parents, grieving communities, estranged families. There has always been injustice and heartache.

Many in our congregation have been navigating very personal grief. Many in our world have suffered under the oppressive nature of war and violence. As weariness maintains a hold on many, let us turn our hearts to the light of Christ. In the person of Jesus, hope was born into the world with both mystery and humanity. The incarnation is a story about God taking on flesh to show us another way to live.

Resurrection reminds us that God's hope and love is the most powerful force on this earth.

Pentecost reminds us that God's power is born in us, too.

So as we gather over the course of this season, I hope that the bright light of community and the hope of Christmas help each of us to find renewal and hope – for the world, one another, and ourselves.

This Advent we will worship, we will sing, we will gather, we will laugh, we will light candles, we will listen, and we will pray. And we get to Christmas Eve, we will be ready to welcome a fresh hope into the world God.

— Pastor Shawna

Advent Worship Planning

December 3 — Luke 1:1-23

How does a weary world rejoice?

We acknowledge our weariness.

Hanging of the Greens

Rev. Shawna Horn

December 10 — Luke 1:14-45

How does a weary world rejoice?

We find joy in connection.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Rev. Shawna Horn

December 17 — Luke 1:57-66

How does a weary world rejoice?

We allow ourselves to be amazed.

Celebration of Music

Rev. Shawna Horn

December 24 — Luke 2:1-20

How does a weary world rejoice?

We make room.

Christmas Eve (no morning service)

Rev. Shawna Horn

December 31 — Luke 2:21-38

How does a weary world rejoice?

We root ourselves in ritual.

Epiphany

Rev. Shawna Horn

January 7 — Luke 3:21-22

How does a weary world rejoice?

We trust our belovedness.

Baptism of the Lord

Rev. Shawna Horn

Advent Theme and Logo Preview

“How does a weary world rejoice? This is a difficult question to image, much less to answer. The world was the first tangible image that emerged from our brainstorming. This theme feels all-encompassing; it feels important to highlight its expansiveness with a visual reference to the globe. The other design problem to solve was how to reference both weariness and joy. How do you visually hold these contrasting emotions together? What feels connective about these emotions is that they are very human. We decided on the image of a comforting embrace, and perhaps in the space between the people, continents and bodies of water come into view. These two people could represent characters we follow this Advent season: Elizabeth & Zechariah, Mary & Elizabeth, Mary & Joseph. Or maybe the figures are more broadly representative of God & humanity or of the personification of joy & weariness. Two people— one radiating joy and the other wading into weariness— hold the world together.”

— Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman



How does a weary world rejoice?

An Advent series in
Luke's Gospel

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Advent Devotionals

Advent devotional booklets will be available during Advent for people to continue their worship at home. Devotional books include poetry, reflections on the weekly scripture, hymns, art, and thoughtful journal prompts. If you are unable to pick one up from church and would like one mailed to you, please reach out to the church office by email or phone.

Christmas Music Opportunities

If you'd like to join with the choir in singing for Christmas, just come to rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:45pm. We will work on Christmas music at the start of rehearsals, after which you can leave early. We will have lots of music for the Christmas Music Celebration on Sunday, December 17th, and at both services on Christmas Eve. You can sing for any or all of those! And if you have an instrument that you'd like to play, let Mike Ferguson know (music@faumc.net). There's lots of room for music this Christmas!



Holiday Staff Schedule

The church office will be closed December 25 – January 2. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Shawna at 651.233.4506.

Year End Giving

As the year comes to an end, please consider your church in your giving. Whether you are finishing your annual pledge commitment or are

thinking about an extra gift, giving to the church is about a commitment to the ongoing faith development and faith expression of and in our community. As you reflect on how the church has sustained you in the past year, consider how your gifts sustain our collective ministry for the coming year.

If you haven't pledged for 2023, there is still time. Annual pledges help the leadership of the church plan well for the coming year.

Midweek Bible Study is Back!

Join online at noon every Wednesday for a time of discussion, prayer, and connection. No homework or preparation required. Drop in when you can!

Room Code: 86287164931

Currently we are reading through the John's Gospel.

2024 Women's Retreat: Save the Date!

We are excited to share that we will be having a Women's Retreat at The ARC from February 23-25, 2024. The focus for this year's retreat will be "Reconnecting: Mind, Body and Spirit." Please save the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more details!

Save the Date: Annual Fairmount North Shore Hiking Weekend September 27-29, 2024

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Hat and Mitten Tree

Please join in bringing new or gently used hats, socks, and mittens for all

DECEMBER



- 5 Amelie Horn
- 6 Laurel Bredesen
- 7 Sam Van Fleet
- 8 Emily Falksen
- 9 Karl Jenum
Jaidyn Spencer
- 12 Sharon Eaton
Linda Ting
- 14 Mark Miller
- 15 Donna Moores
Shawna Horn
- 16 Janet Schuster
- 21 M. Smith
- 22 Carol Gregorson
- 25 Jennifer Root
- 27 Katherine Lubar
Rylie Spencer
- 28 T. Horn
- 29 Barbara Brunzell
Paul Cousin
Kirsten Mangnuson
- 30 Elliott Peterson
- 31 Ryan Stemme

*full names of those under the age of 18 are not shown to protect privacy

Be a birthday caller!

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tinyurl.com/3k3cvvnv

Contact Cindy Bevier with questions (651) 641-0745.

ages. Place any donations as decorations on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. At the end of the season, donations will be given to Project Home and Simpson Housing Services.

Food Security Ministries

First Fruits

As we head into the upcoming holiday season, we are grateful for God's many blessings in our lives. While food is often a large part of our holiday celebrations, for those experiencing food insecurity, this isn't always the case.

At Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church, we have the opportunity to share what we have been given with our neighbors. At the beginning of each month, usually the first Sunday, we can make a difference by participating the First Fruits Collection. Non-perishable food, non-food items (diapers, toiletries, cleaning supplies, paper goods, etc.) as well as checks made out to Keystone Community Services are collected by our children during worship. All donations are then delivered by Fairmount volunteers during the following week to Keystone (1916 University Avenue, St. Paul.)

We hope that you will consider being a Keystone volunteer.

Presently, we have slots open for December through June of next year. There are also opportunities to volunteer directly at Keystone helping stock shelves or guiding guests as they choose needed items. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact Linda Hucke (651-698-5226), Judy Thielen (651-340-6904), the church office or visit the following URL: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4aabaa22a57-faumc#/>.

Our next First Fruits Collection will be Sunday, December 3!



Serve at Provincial House

Project Home is looking for help serving meals as a part of its weekend meal teams. There are 4 shifts available every weekend. This opportunity is great for groups of 3-6 people. Currently the way it works is for one person to sign up for the shift and then bring another 2-5 others with them to help. The link for more information and to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023>. Questions? Steve Wertz (sdwerts@msn.com) has previously signed up for the dinner shift on Saturday evenings and would be happy to answer questions. If new to serving at Provincial House, Steve can join your group for an informal first-time orientation. If you have already helped there and need another person to fill out your team and he is available, Steve can join your group to serve.

Other Ways to Volunteer

Adopt-A-Drain

We are in need of volunteers to clean the storm drains near the church: 3 at the corner of Fairmount and Saratoga and 2 on Fairmount just east of Snelling. Volunteers are asked to simply pick up trash, leaves and debris to allow water to drain. Sign up for a month at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fada828a2fa7-adopt>. Email Nita with any questions at nitahanson@gmail.com.

In Worship

We need volunteers to assist with worship, in-person and online! For in-person worship, we are looking for volunteers to greet, serve as liturgist (read scripture and liturgical prayer in worship,) and assist in the A/V Booth to run the screens in the sanctuary and assist with the livestream, (training provided.) We also need online greeters to keeping our community connected while we worship online. Online greeters also receive a "script" with helpful posts to put in the comments during the livestream worship service.

We know that not everyone is ready to volunteer. For those who have feel like they can help with worship, please contact the Church Office.



**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
SUPPERS**

**Every Wednesday,
join us at 5:30pm in
the Fellowship Hall!**

To sign up as a helper, visit tinyurl.com/mryr4wxc, contact Terri Ausen, or email admin@faumc.net.



Sunday School Goes on "Christmas Vacation"

The Explorers are going on vacation this holiday season, to the New Testament, to the stable where Jesus was born, and are working to realize the wonderful world that Jesus' birth promised.

Sunday School for Explorers in PreK-5th Grade is on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am. Contact Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries, at ashton@faumc.net for more info.



T.G.I.W. for Explorers: "I AM"

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life, the vine, the light of the world..." Through these "I am" statements in the book of John, the Explorers will discover different ways to live with and through Jesus.

We begin December and Advent with a service activity on December 6: making sandwiches for The Sandwich Project Minnesota.

Join us Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm, and contact Ashton Pappas, Director of Children's Ministries, at ashton@faumc.net for more info.

"A Room in the Inn" Children's Christmas Program

Rehearsals are taking place during Sunday School.

Bell choir rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 6-6:30pm in place of Children's Choir.

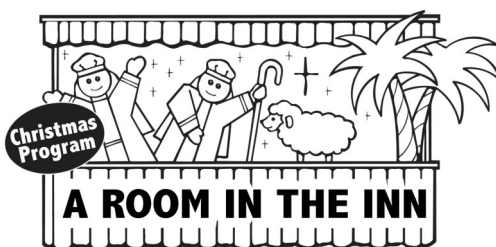
Saturday rehearsals:

December 2, 10:00am-12:00pm

December 9, 1:00-3:00pm

Performance during 10:30am worship on Sunday, December 10!

Performers, please arrive at 9:30am for costuming and final preparations.



Children's Bell Choir

The Explorers meet to rehearse bells on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the education wing (upstairs). Children's Bell Choir will perform in the Christmas Program during worship on Sunday, December 10. Reach out to Ashton with any questions or for more information.

The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals and sing in worship again in January.



Explorers' Sandwich Project



Extra Christmas Fun

We have a busy Advent ahead of us! Join the rest of the church for these special activities!

Hanging of the Greens - all ages help to decorate the church! December 3, after worship

Christmas Music Celebration - Sunday worship will be filled with special Christmas music from choirs and musicians! December 17, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Worship - Candlelight worship with a special message for children during the earlier service! *No morning worship.* December 24, 4:30pm and 10:30pm

Christmas Hymn Sing and Cookie Exchange - A special time to sing Christmas hymns during worship. *Bring a plate of cookies to share afterwards!* December 31, 10:30am

Holiday Break: NO Sunday School on December 24 and 31, and NO Explorers T.G.I.W. activities on December 27 and January 3.



Followers T.G.I.W.

Thank God It's Wednesday, including Followers Youth Group, runs each Wednesday night, 6:30-7:30pm. Come often; come when you can!

What to Expect: We will build community through games, activities, prayer, and worship. We will explore our faith in action!

Upcoming Dates

Friday, December 1:

- Winter Plant Sale Pick-up (Followers help unload and organize; afternoon time TBD)

Sunday, December 10:

- Children's Christmas Program (Followers support)
- Youth Council after worship

Sunday, January 21:

- Followers Creative Arts group share during worship
- Youth Council after worship

Friday-Sunday January 26-28:

- Followers' Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Koronis

Sunday, February 4:

- Followers Youth Sunday

Sunday Faith Formation

Followers youth Faith Formation is held in the youth room on Sundays, 9:00-10:00am. We continue our study of the early church community through Acts. Come often; come when you can!

What to Expect: A time to connect and discuss faith formation topics. We will start off with the theme "Building Connection and Community," using teachings of Jesus, Wesley, and beyond!

Holiday Break: NO Faith Formation on Sundays December 24 and 31, and NO Followers T.G.I.W. on December 27 and January 3.

Cindy's Corner

Reflection Topic: Inner Peace

In the Followers' Youth Group, we took one Wednesday to explore inner peace themes through sharing our own imagery, different ways to meditate while walking outside, and Bible readings. We shared in worship, and share it again here as we begin our new church year with Advent's themes of Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy.

Inner Peace Exploration from the Followers Youth's Reflections

Inner peace is elusive at times;

A state of mind where we are aware of the world
And still calm;
When our mind is clear of bad things;
When stress feels like it is being lifted off our shoulders.

Finding inner peace is
Recalibrating the brain by
Listening to music and daydreaming;
Laying down on a comfy bed, letting go;
Talking with friends.

Inner peace is
Remembering that God is leading me to still waters;
Not worrying, just surviving;
Not solving every problem.

Inner peace is
Listening to a friend,
Trying to understand, sharing their burden.

Inner peace is
Remembering that Jesus carries our life burdens
As we lift them up in prayer.

Inner peace is
Remembering that Jesus was so tired,
He could sleep in a boat in a storm—
Yet wake up to remind us
To have faith.

And the young shall lead us! Amen.

Cindy Radtke, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
cindy@faumc.net 763/321-8077

P.S. Followers, Follower Parents/Guardians and Y.A.M. Young Adults:
Please keep connected with our e-newsletter from Smore. Email Cindy if you are not receiving them.

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**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
FAIRMOUNT AVENUE UMC**

Sunday Faith Exploration: Y.A.M. Faith Exploration is held each Sunday following worship, 11:45am-12:45pm in Susanna or Wesley room. Come often; come when you can! Coming Up... **12/3:** Bring a lunch, then decorate the church for Hanging of the Greens. **12/10:** Bring a lunch and make ravioli in the downstairs kitchen. (RSVP!) **12/17:** Hybrid, Zoom ID: 81239500489 Passcode: 048277. **12/24 and 12/31:** No Faith Formation

Spaghetti and Scripture: First Saturdays, December 3 and January 6, 5:00-6:00pm, upstairs kitchenette/Wesley Room. Come for conversation, vegan spaghetti (optional cheese/meat), and a chat around scripture.

Service Activity: Saturday, December 16, 4:00-6:30pm serve dinner at Project Homes' Provincial House. Contact Cindy for more information.



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The UMW-UWF **Afternoon Circle** will be meeting on Monday, December 18 at 1:00pm via Zoom. We will have a Christmas theme.

The UMW-UWF **Book Group** will not meet in December. If you have suggestions for reading in 2024, please send them to Marge Langer.



Monday Meditations

We send out a weekly email newsletter, Monday Meditations, which offers important information about the upcoming week, details about worship, and a devotional thought from Pastor Shawna. If you would like to join the Monday Meditations email list, sign up online at www.faumc.net or email the church office at admin@faumc.net.

Upper Room Devotional

The Upper Room Devotional book is available in the Little Free Library in front of the church building or at each entrance. These devotional books are a free resource for you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us this month on Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm via Zoom. There will not be a meeting Sunday, December 24. Contact Muriel Olson for the link.

Covenant Discipleship Groups

Covenant Discipleship Groups are small groups that meet regularly, often weekly or monthly, to support one another in their personal commitments of faith

practice. They are not Bible studies per say, rather peer groups that creates a covenant for each person to practice their faith beyond just Sunday mornings, through personal Bible study, prayer, acts of service and compassion, worship, and other faith formation opportunities. These groups can meet in person or online.

Weekly Sunday Schedule

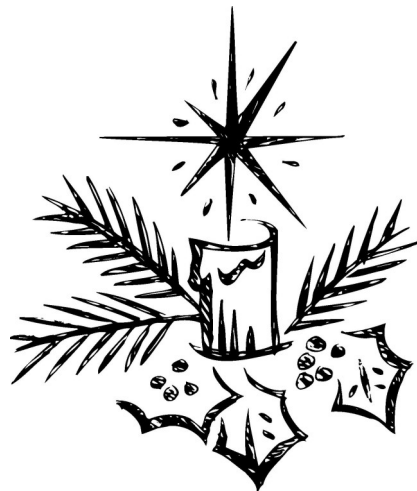
9:00am— All Ages Sunday School
10:00am— Fellowship Time
10:30am— Worship
after worship, fellowship continues

COVID-19 Policy

Our current Covid-19 policy is “masks welcome, but not required.” Please stay home if you are unwell and join us for worship online.

Newsletter Deadline

The submission deadline for the January issue of the Messenger is **Friday, December 15**. Please send all materials to the office **no later than the 15th**.



In Person Worship Tips:

We are livestreaming worship. The camera does not focus on worshippers, but if you wish to avoid being on camera, consider sitting in the back of the sanctuary or in the balcony.

We want to pray with you.

Complete a Prayer Card before worship and hand to an usher (mark the box that it can be shared in worship) to be included in our congregational prayer. Or, simply put in the offering box/plate. Be sure to check the box to share the prayer request in worship, otherwise it will only be shared on our email payer chain.

Communion is offered every first Sunday during worship. We hope to resume coming forward for communion in October.

First Fruits food donations are generally collected the first Sunday of every month. Donations support Keystone Community Services, our local food shelf.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay home and join us for worship online.

Online Worship Tips:

Be sure to follow Fairmount Avenue United Methodist Church on Facebook.

Subscribe to Fairmount Avenue UMC's YouTube channel. We will be using YouTube to offer other creative learning experiences as well as publishing our weekly worship and Children's Message.

Share our worship services on your social media, inviting others to join!



Blood Pressure checks will be offered in the Susanna Room from 10–10:30am and following worship on **Sunday, December 3.**

We like to think of Christmas as a joyous time of celebrating Christ's birth. A time of gatherings, gifts, cards, food, etc. However, death does not limit itself to any certain time of the year, month or day. So anytime can be a time of grieving. Also, grief seems to return at special times. Knowing what to say to someone who is grieving is sometimes a concern.

An article in a recent NAMI newsletter talked about **Responding to Suicide Loss**. Actually, I think the information is useful in any time of loss. Suicide loss survivors often report feeling isolated, abandoned and lonely because others don't know what to say to comfort them. Taboos, fears and discomfort around the topic can lead otherwise kind and compassionate people to either avoid talking with loss survivors or to make well-meaning but insensitive comments.

Cara Fox from the Minnesota chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention shares the following **ten tips to help us navigate conversations with loss survivors** in a kind, thoughtful and compassionate way:

1. **Say "I don't know what to say, but I'm here for you."** There are no easy answers, it is important to help them to know you are a safe place to voice their emotions. It is also important to just be there.
2. **Avoid saying "I understand**

what you are going through." Suicide is not like other losses. Each loss a person experiences is unique. You can acknowledge this and show you understand the complexity of their grief.

3. **Do not ask questions about how the person died.** Let the survivor take the lead. Let them know you are there to listen if there is anything about the death that they would like to talk about
4. **Avoid bad advice and hurtful cliches.** Avoid saying "everything happens for a reason" or "they are in a better place." Avoid giving direct advice other than encouragement to take care of their basic health needs like eating, sleep, and exercise. Remember there is no right or wrong way to grieve.
5. **Do not place value judgements on the suicide.** Referring to it as sin, a selfish choice, or due to lack of love, faith, or strength can magnify the survivor's grief.
6. **Do not try to assign or imply blame.** Avoid saying "did you miss the warning signs?" or "was there something that you did to upset them?" These statements may increase the survivor's sense of self blame, fear, and regret.
7. **Be proactive about offering help.** People often find it hard to ask for help. Offer to do something concrete such as take the dog for a walk, run errands, grocery shop, pick the kids up from school. These can make a huge difference.
8. **Don't be afraid to talk about the person who died.** Say their name. Give the survivor a chance to share memories about the person they loved.

9. **Be patient.** Don't place a timeline on the survivor's grief. It is a lifelong journey of healing. Common phrases such as "you need to move on" or "this too shall pass" can put pressure on the survivor to just "get over it." Feelings of grief can come and go for quite some time.
10. **Don't disappear.** The weeks and months following the funeral can be hard as the full weight of the loss sinks in. Continue to check in and let them know you are thinking about them.

II Corinthians 1:3-4 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction...*

The following prayer is by Georgia Harkness: Give me O God the understanding heart—the quick discernment of the soul to see another's inner wish, the hidden part of him that, wordless, speaks for sympathy.

May we in our time of joy, remember those who are grieving and show them love.

~ Muriel S. Olson RN, BS,
Parish Nurse

Prayer Chain

The email prayer chain is an important way that we fulfill our baptismal promises to pray for one another. If you would like to take part in this prayer ministry, sign up online or email the church office.



Fellowship Hall Prayer Wall

A Prayer Wall is located in the Fellowship Hall as a way to share prayer requests and support one another in prayer.

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9:00am— All Ages Sunday School
10:00am— Fellowship Time
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December 24, services held at
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*No morning worship.***

**Christmas Hymn Sing and
Christmas Cookie Exchange
December 31 Sunday Worship**

**“Thank God It’s Wednesday!”
Weekly Schedule**
5:30-6:15pm — Wednesday supper
in the Fellowship Hall
6:00-6:30pm — Children's Choir
rehearsal in the education wing
6:30-7:30pm — T.G.I.W. activities
for all ages
6:30-7:30pm — Heritage Ringers
rehearsal in the Wesley Room
7:45-9:15pm — Adult Choir rehearsal
in the Rosenberg Room
**No programs December 27*

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