

December 4, 2016

# MEMORIES OF Christmas PAST



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 10:30am Worship Service

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### Mission Statement:

*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, welcome! We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you’re new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you’d prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a hearing assist device; or for a large print Hymnal.

Inside this bulletin is a an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place before worship and in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

## We Come Into God's *PRESENCE*

\* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE Organ Dee Wallace  
Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell *(The Light of Christ enters our worship)*

# WELCOME GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING      Candle of Hope      Deanna, Ted & Steven Licht

\* CANDLE LIGHTING RESPONSE “Emmanuel” No. 204

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW (Children's Lesson) Dusty Johnson  
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.  
Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

ACT OF PRAISE                      “Every Valley”                      Chancel Choir

## God Calls Us to *PRAY*

(The bulletin insert includes space to write your prayer requests, both joys and concerns.)

## PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **Lord Jesus, You are Master of light and of darkness. We ask that You send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We have so much to do, yet still we must seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We are often those who are anxious over many things. Still, we look forward to Your coming among us and hope to be blessed in so many ways. Our hearts may be heavy and yet we still seek the joy of Your presence. We are ever Your people, walking in darkness, searching for meaning, and always seeking the Light of Life. So this Advent season, we come to You and say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.**

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

PRAYER SONG                      “Come, thou Long Expected Jesus”                      No. 196

## We Proclaim Christ's *WITNESS* Through the Word

\* Gospel Lesson Matthew 6: 25-33, NRSV  
 RESPONSE: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of *GIFTS***

## HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“Like a Child”

Chancel Choir

## \* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND DEDICATION

Let us Pray: **Gracious God, we lift our voices to glorify you! You sent Your Son Jesus to lead us in wisdom and mercy. We have experienced His grace through the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the juice. His kindness to the poor and meek reveals the harmony of God’s heavenly kingdom, and for that we are grateful. Help us, Your people, to allow the church’s ministries to demonstrate Your love for the world. We dedicate our hearts and our tithes and offerings to bless people in our community who are searching for Christ’s abiding hope. We pray in His name. Amen.**

**We Are Sent Forth for God’s *SERVICE* to the World**

## \* SONG OF SENDING

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

No. 218

*(The Light of Christ goes before us into the world)*

## \* BLESSING &amp; SENDING

L: As we depart from here, go with God, who is the source of all hope.

**P: Infuse our lives with an abundance of joy and peace.**

L: No matter what comes our way in the days ahead, help us be confident in hope.

**P: Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We’ll Each Put Hands &amp; Feet To The Gospel This Week

Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

## POSTLUDE

Organ

Dee Wallace

Please join us in the dining room after worship for Fellowship Coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

**The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, December 5.**

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Don Griffith - Custodian

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Sylvia Gould - Chancel Choir Accompanist

Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher

## December 4 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Meredith Coppess & Alicia Walter

Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

Liturgist: Pastor Jenny

Ushers: Ted & Deanna Licht, Larry & Kathy Houston

Greeters: Dusty, Jen, Noah, & Lily Johnson

Nursery: Jen Johnson

PowerPoint: Brian Heil create; M Stonebraker run

Fellowship Coffee: Ken & Lorna Muller, Cheryl & Steve Person

Advent Candle: Ted, Deanna, Steven Licht

## December 11 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Noah Johnson & Jenae Walter

Children's Lesson: Gail Fleming

Liturgist: Kathy Houston

Ushers: Ted & Deanna Licht, Larry & Kathy Houston

Greeters: Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban

Nursery: Zoe Stonebraker

PowerPoint: Trina and Landan Hill

Fellowship Coffee: Rosalyn Hill & Gary Eichhorn, Ron & Laura Hembry

Advent Candle: Scott & Karen Anderson Family

## PRAYERS

**Hospitalized/Procedures:** Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law)

**Healing:** Christina Eicher's mom, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Donna Gault, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Kathy Hein, Rex Idlewine, Carsten Kime, Mike Lucasson, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Jeff McKinney, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Cheryl Person, Mike Smith, Pam Spear, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Alberta Wagaman, Jon Williams, and others under care or treatment.

### **Prayers for those in Life Transitions:**

All those affected by flooding and those who are called to help Families of Mitch McCrea, Stella Gardener, and all experiencing loss

Comstock family

Deb and Mike Eisele as they move to Minnesota

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

**In Treatment:** Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul

**November 27:** General Fund \$3232.00; GIG Books \$110.00; Shared Blessings \$4.00; LF Preschool Teacher Salary \$886.32; LF Preschool Director Salary \$299.03; Missions \$25.00; Copper Kettle \$84.39; Mission Work Trip \$100.00; Thanksgiving Offering \$245.00; **Grand Total \$4985.74**

### **This Week:**

**Sun. Dec 4:** 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship, 3:00 pm Worship @ Cedar Manor

**Mon. Dec 5:** Office Closed, 6:45 pm Missions Meeting

**Tue. Dec 6:** 1:00 pm GIG, 1:00 pm Survivors of homicide and other violent crimes Open House

**Wed. Dec 7:** 5:30 pm Youth Group, 6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00 pm Choir

**Thu. Dec 8:** 9:30 am Communion @ Cedar Manor, 10:00 am GIG, 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal, 8:00 pm Creative Worship

**Sat. Dec 10:** 11:00 am Shared Blessings Meal (Youth Group)

**Sun. Dec 11:** 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship, 2:30 pm Kids for Christ, 6:00 pm Dominoes, 7:00 pm IF: Tipton Mtg