

Opportunities To LEARN, To GROW, To SHARE, To SERVE

Christmas Ornaments. FMCW *Preschool* is still selling Church Christmas Ornaments as a *fundraiser for the program*. They can be found *under the TV in Wesley Hall or by the Welcome Center*. Ornaments are **\$15 each** and proceeds will go to help fund our Scholarships for the remainder of the school year!

Family Night Dinner. Please *sign up* at the *Welcome Center* or *outside the Sanctuary* by *Noon* on *Monday, December 16*, or call the church office. No program will follow the meal. The menu for *Wednesday, December 18*, at *5:30 p.m.* includes *Chili, Baked Potato Bar, Mixed Green Salad, Cornbread, Dessert, Tea and/or Water*. *The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12*. *Be reminded* that we will not have a dinner on neither December 25 nor January 1.

You are Invited. The First Methodist Childcare Board cordially invites you to a *floating retirement celebration* to honor *Diane Van Staalduinen* on *Monday, December 30*, from *4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.* in the *Fellowship Hall*. Come share your love, thankfulness, and best wishes for Diane who has served as our faithful director and Christian witness to hundreds of children and families within our church and community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Operation Christmas Child. *Many thanks* to all of you who helped pack our *63+ boxes* this year. Because of you, *63+ children and families* will hear about Jesus. *Kudos to the youth* who shopped and packed 25 of these!! Because of your generous giving, the *shipping costs* for all of the boxes was *paid by the Missions Committee*. May God use these boxes to increase His kingdom. To God be the glory forever.

Worship Service Reminders:

Children's Christmas Play, Sunday, December 22, 9:00 a.m., Wesley Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service, Tuesday, December 24, 9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Combined Worship Service, Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m., Wesley Hall



Welcome, Friends, as we worship God today. May the time we share together in this place be a blessing to you. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a member of First Methodist Church Washington, contact the church office to speak with a pastor.

Weekly Calendar	
Sunday	December 15 Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	Methodist Men's Breakfast—FH
9:00 a.m.	Blended Worship Service—WH/ Children's Church—FH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults (Regular Classrooms))
11:15 a.m.	BathTime Missional Community— WH Kitchen
11:15 a.m.	Christmas Cantata—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Channels Missional Community Christmas Bags for John Cotton Tayloe—ACR/Hallway
Monday	December 16
5:30 p.m.	Child Care Board Meeting—Ruble
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting—ACR
7:00 p.m.	Troop 99 Meeting—FH
Tuesday	December 17
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting—Parlor/OEB
Wednesday	December 18
12:00 p.m.	Staff Christmas Dinner—FH
4:00 p.m.	Men of Redemption—ACR
5:30 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—WH
Thursday	December 19
7:00 a.m.	Men at the Table—ACR
6:00 p.m.	Child Care Staff Meeting—Library
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Program— WH
Friday	December 20 Church Office Closed
Saturday	December 21
Sunday	December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	Children's Play—WH
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Children, Youth, and Adults (Regular Classrooms))
11:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service— Sanctuary

**God's Servants
Worship Services
~ December 15 ~**
Nursery: Kim Sawyer, Susan Bailey
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Lighting Advent
Wreath: Jerry and Rachel Cessna
Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup,
Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner,
Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon
Communion Servers: Lynn Bassett, Matt Sopher,
Fritz and Sheila Tanner,
Tim and Kim Copeland,
Ed and Brenda Anderson,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: Methodist Men
Praise & Prayer: Larry Lang
Welcome Center: Ken/Lee Matveia
Camera: Greg Cushing
Sound: Erin Franz
Streaming: Sarabeth Franz
Video: Seth Edwards
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Lighting Advent
Wreath: Chris and Allyson Bollow
Family
Altar Guild: Shirley Stone,
Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone,
Alma Friedman
Sound: Charlie Moore
~ December 22 ~
Nursery: Morgan Bullard, Delaney O'Brien
Wesley Hall—9:00 a.m.
Lighting Advent
Wreath: Dixon and Katherine Davis
Family
Altar Guild: Nancy Jessup,
Nancy Hemink, Sheila Tanner,
Joan Campbell, Bea Dillon
Communion Servers: Beth Litchfield,
Elizabeth Sweatland,
Keith and Gail Travis,
Marshall and
Kathleen Taylor,
Mary Toler (gluten-free)
Holy Java: BathTime
Praise & Prayer: Sarah Beth Wood
Welcome Center: Mike and Jean Ash
Camera: Bill Rompilla
Sound: Steve Toler
Streaming: Jerry Cessna
Video: Will Jefferson
Sanctuary—11:15 a.m.
Lighting Advent
Wreath: Clint and Susan Bailey
Altar Guild: Shirley Stone,
Marsha Bowes, Kasey Stone,
Alma Friedman
Sound: Charlie Moore

Legend
ACR Asbury Conference Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MYF Methodist Youth Fellowship
NEB/OEB New / Old Education Building
MM / MW Methodist Men / Methodist Women
WH Wesley Hall
NEB and ACR Classrooms
Adult Sunday School:
Friendship Upstairs
Joy ACR Downstairs
ABC Ruble Conference Room Downstairs
Children's Sunday School
Youth Room Upstairs



First Methodist Church Washington

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024



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BLENDDED WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 a.m.

Gathering Song Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Jerry and Rachel Cessna

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who has done marvelous things; let it be known in all the earth!

PEOPLE: SHOUT ALOUD AND SING FOR JOY, FOR IN OUR MIDST IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL!

Worship Song Praise Team

Children's Church is held for ages five through 2nd Grade. The children are directed to meet in the back and will return following the Sermon.

Praise and Prayer Concerns and The Lord's Prayer Larry Lang

If you wish for the pastors to receive your concern privately, we invite you to please fill out a Prayer Card and place in the offering plate.

Scripture Lesson Luke 2:8-20

Sermon "The Shepherd's Journey" Rev. Ken Hall, Jr.

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Come forward as directed by the ushers. Offering will be received by ushers as we come to the table. The invitation to Communion is open to all who love and seek to serve Christ.

Lynn Bassett, Matt Sopher, Fritz and Sheila Tanner, Tim and Kim Copeland, Ed and Brenda Anderson, Mary Toler (gluten-free)

*Concluding Song Praise Team

*Benediction

**Please stand as led.*

Praise Team

Amanda Barnes, Pam Carson, Neva Cashion, Dixon Davis, Nicole Jackson, Jim O'Brian, Bill Peele, Dale Peele, Les Sheridan

Ushers

Ron Branch, Paige Davis, Alton Griffin, Walter Jessup, Richard Jones, Ken Matveia, Ray Peede

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.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Chris and Allyson Bollow Family

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer

If you wish for the pastors to receive your concern privately, we invite you to please fill out a Prayer Card and place in the offering plate.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" English Carol
Arr. by Bock

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Cantata

"Joy Has Dawned"

by Lloyd Larson

Guest Instrumentalists

Christine Gustafson, Flute

Lori Wacker, Clarinet

Michael Johnson, Violin

Terrence Blue, Trumpet

Guest Vocalists

Megan Dixon

Ashka Lewis

Cheryl Carroll

Tyrone McClean

Charley Ann Hopkins

Wayne Hopkins

Jim O'Brien

Along with the members of the FMCW Chancel Choir

Narrator, Ingrid Hall

Director, Susan Crawford

Pianist, Leigh Stanley

Please welcome our guests, and we extend many thanks for their participation in today's performance.

Our performance is made possible by the B.E. Singleton, Jr., and Jane W. Vaughn Memorial Funds.

*Benediction

*Congregation standing.

Our Mission | The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Our Vision | Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

*The Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the
Glory of God
and in loving memory of
our Parents
by Mark and Gay Reames.*

Chancel Choir

Lynette Amick, Jerry Cessna, Ron Champion, Alma Friedman, Patty Jackson, Melonie Lewis, Mary Maddox, Jim McPherson, Mike Moore, Patricia Moore, Tish Moore, Jim O'Brian, Gay Reames, Mark Reames, Barbara Van Vliet, Stephen Vaughn

Ushers

Charlie Alligood, Rick Amick, Stan Friedman, John Gunnels, Will Jefferson, Brian McCormick, Stephen Oden

Vital Signs as of December 8, 2024

Worship Attendance (in person) 260
Worship Attendance (online)..... 412
Sunday School Attendance 65

YTD Giving thru 11/30/2024 \$ 797,085
YTD Amount Needed to Meet Budget. \$ 770,000
YTD Expenditures thru 11/30/2024 \$ 754,013

Monthly Giving thru 12/08/2024 \$ 36,808

Online Contributions

