

Messenger

December 2020 Part 2

**Worship together to celebrate
Christ's birth!**

All three services will be available in-person and online. Have a candle, light or even your cell phone flash-light ready to sing *Silent Night*.



Thursday, December 24

4:15 pm Preservice Music

4:30 pm Children's Service

"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

7:15 pm Preservice Music

7:30 pm Lessons and Candlelight

"The Promised One is Here!"

10:15 pm Preservice Music

10:30 pm Lessons, Candlelight and Communion

"The Promised One is Here!"

In-person seating is very limited. Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-christmas5>.

Masks will be required and attendance will be taken at you enter. Although we cannot lift up our voices together in song we can lift up our hearts in praise!

Watch online at:

YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/channel/UC87AzcdD-88Lr8e39HBKEFw>

Facebook Live link: <https://www.facebook.com/First-United-Methodist-Church-of-Springboro-202709196426644>

Advent Caring

Cornerstone Class VA Collection December 1-21

Help the VA this Christmas with gifts of socks, briefs, t-shirts and gloves. Donations may be dropped off in the box in the narthex.

At this time many of the VA patients are homeless and/or experiencing PTSD. Thank you for blessing others.



Christmas Offering

In celebration of Christ's birth, each year we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) through our undesignated Christmas Eve offerings. In times of disaster, 100% of all donations to UMCOR go to relief efforts.

You may also support UMCOR through a designated offering any-time throughout the month of December. Simply mark the amount you want to give as UMCOR.

Interfaith Hospitality Network December 20-27

While the IHN families continue to be housed in hotels, host churches are still providing meals and activities. We will provide dinner each night, brought to the church by 4:45pm and taken by the driver to their hotel. We also still need help with activity packets for the children. To assist with a meal or activity packet, please contact Jennifer Fry or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-interfaith19>



Worship



A Night of Reflection December 21st 6:30-8:00pm

On the longest night of the year, you are invited to pause and reflect on the gift of God with us.

This evening is a come and go opportunity to be in the sanctuary for 5 minutes or more of prayerful reflection.

Live music will be playing. Candles can be lit. Scripture will be read. If you are not comfortable attending in-person Christmas Eve, may this be your opportunity to see the lights and pray in the sanctuary.

PLEASE NOTE: All December activities are subject to change due to rising COVID numbers. If Warren County goes purple, all church activities will go virtual. We will send out updates as needed.

Worship Services

**December 26- No Service
December 27- 10:30am only**

Luke 2:22-40
"Glory Revealed"

January 2/3

Jeremiah 31:31-34
"Claiming the Covenant"
Covenant Renewal Service
Holy Communion

In-person Worship Reservations:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054aaaaf2ba46-worship1>



Office Closed

The church office will be closed Friday, December 25 thru Friday, January 1. In case of emergency please contact Pastor Amy.

Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt

Before December 17th, see if you can find these pictures at the following locations! Kids can then turn in their checked off forms to receive a gift from Miss Kim!



After December 17th, enjoy the lights at each one of these homes, and many more as you drive around town! (Don't miss Newspring Church on 741!!)

Can you find all 16 pictures? Check the boxes when you do!

- Angels
- Shepherds
- Baby Jesus
- Mary and Joseph
- Innkeeper
- Wise Men
- Bethlehem
- Donkey
- Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
Jn 8:12

- Star
- Wreath
- Candy Canes
- Christmas Lights
- Christmas Tree
- Snowflakes
- Merry Christmas!

All addresses are in Springboro:

- 140 Sycamore Creek Dr
- 5 Mill Run Ln
- 65 Heston Dr
- 205 Farr Dr
- 60 Pembroke Dr
- 140 Rippling Brook Ln
- 364 Laurel Glen
- 4774 Deerfield Trail

- 447 Poplar Grove Ct
- 30 Fenwick Ct
- 15 Bentbrook Ct
- 280 Springmill Dr
- 260 Jeanne Dr
- 24 E Waterbury Dr
- 60 Millard Ct
- 7429 Larkspur Ln

Office News

Giving Envelopes, Statements and End of Year Giving

- **Giving envelopes:** Giving envelopes for 2021 will be available for pick up in the church office beginning December 19th.
- **Statements:** Statements will be mailed or emailed out in mid-January. Online Giving users will receive a statement or can print one out from the site at any time. If you did a combination of Online and Traditional giving, both will be included in the statement that is mailed in January.
- **Special Gifts:** In the course of year-end tax planning, you may find yourself considering special one-time donations. There is a growing trend among donors to make contributions to their favorite organizations via the web during the final week of the year.
- As you contemplate year-end gifts, please keep FUMC in mind.

We welcome your donations through the Online Giving page on the church website at <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/fumcofspringboro>

2021 Flower Calendar

We thank everyone for their support in providing Sanctuary flowers each week. **The flower calendar for 2021 is now available for sign-ups.** Please call Kerri to sign up. You are welcome to sign up in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please make sure you print all the information clearly to ensure we can put the correct information in the bulletin. **Flowers are \$20 per request.** Payment can be made by placing an envelope in the offering plate. Please be sure to mark the envelope "Flowers" and include your name and the date for which you are purchasing flowers so we can track payments. If you provide your own flowers, there is no fee but we do ask that you let the church office know by the Tuesday before the weekend services.

Giving—

2020 Budget: \$320,000.00

Needed YTD: \$308,938.00

Given YTD: \$292,052.60

Worshiping God Together

First United Methodist Church of Springboro
December 20, 2020 10:30 am

PRELUDE	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	arr. by Smith
WELCOME	If using Facebook Live, please check in and say hello!	
CENTERING MOMENT	"All Earth is Waiting"	Mary Fogle
HYMN	"Blessed Be the God of Israel"	UMH #209
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	UMH #204
STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT		
OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer		
SPECIAL MUSIC		
Saturday Night	"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"	Dick Coyle
Sunday	"God Rest Ye Merry Medley"	Ryan Pesavento
HEARING GOD'S WORD	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	
MESSAGE	"Good News for Everyone"	Rev. Amy Haines
HYMN	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	UMH #218
BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. by Smith & Hustad	

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December 27, 2020 10:30 am

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" arr. by Smith & Hustad

WELCOME If using Facebook Live, please check in and say hello!

CENTERING MOMENT- Lighting the Christ Candle

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR PRAYERS, & OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Prayer of Dedication/ Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC Kathy Hott

HEARING GOD'S WORD Luke 2:22-40

MESSAGE "Glory Revealed" Rev. Amy Haines

HYMN "There's a Song in the Air" UMH #249

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Star of The East" arr. by Smith & Hustad

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Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
Amen
