



# January 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

A blessed new year to all of you! As we rip off the last page of our 2023 calendar and hang a fresh, crisp 2024 one, we hear many people encourage us to “ring in the new year.” Others will ask us to make New Year’s resolutions to shed a few more pounds and run a few more miles.

As the people of God we enter the New Year “in the Lord.” After all, this is the truth that is conveyed in the acronym “AD.” It is the abbreviation of the Latin phrase *anno Domini*, meaning “in the year of the Lord.” So while the world asks us to make the New Year memorable, relevant, and significant by our actions and resolutions, God asks us to greet the changing year by finding ourselves in Him.

So how do we remain in the Lord as we flip the pages on the calendar from month to month, year to year? To be sure, we remain in the Lord by remaining in Christ. We remain in the Lord by living as God’s children. We remain in the Lord through prayer – maintaining our relationship with the Almighty. We remain in the Lord by studying His Word in Bible. We remain in the Lord when we see every person we meet as a child of God – as someone we love. These are ways that we live as “AD” people this calendar year and hereafter. These are the ways we can ensure that 2024 will be a wonderful year!

*Bro. Gary*

## **Church Tithes & Offering Update**

### **December 2023 Financial Update**

#### **Church Budget needs after 53 Sundays thru December 31, 2023**

Budget: \$ 288,797  
Received: \$225,160  
Difference: **-\$63,637 or -22.03% behind**

Please review the numbers above and see where we stand with our finances at the end of 2023. We struggled with our finances, but managed to pay all our bills at the end of the month.

Please be in prayer for our church and its finances as we enter into 2024.

We need to try our best to meet our budget of \$4,848 (each week). You may mail your offering to the church or drop it off at the office, place it in the slot on the front door. Our online giving is almost ready to use. We will let you know when this is available. We thank each of you for remembering the Lord with your tithes and offerings.

Just a reminder to turn your pledge cards in for 2024. So far, we have 11 pledges turned in totaling \$58,680 of our 2024 budget pledged.

**Children's Church Volunteer**  
We need two to three more adult volunteers for Children's Church. You will rotate every other month. Contact Annie Washburn to get on the list.

#### **Security Team**

We are in need of volunteers for the Security Team. We need people to help with sitting in the foyer during the Morning Worship. You do not have to be a concealed carrier. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Mike Myers at (318) 470-7731

#### **Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to take down the Christmas tree and all of the Christmas decorations on Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00pm.

#### **Just a Reminder**

Please make sure you pick up your Christmas cards from the mail box in the foyer.



January 1 - Randy Brigham  
 January 3 - Ember Boyce  
 January 4 - Reggie Gathright  
 January 5 - Daniel Marshall  
 January 5 - Alyssa Ryan  
 January 5 - Jim Blackwell  
 January 6 - Lisa Trombley  
 January 8 - Jamie Akard  
 January 9 - Jesse Harrison  
 January 10 - Cindy Miller  
 January 11 - Brent Flaherty  
 January 11 - Karly Couch  
 January 12 - Nick Trombley  
 January 12 - Amy Laws  
 January 13 - Melody Harberson  
 January 15 - Brandy Frohnappel  
 January 18 - Maddox Lane Williams  
 January 20 - Linda Bell  
 January 22 - Patsy Jean Owens  
 January 24 - Jason Arnold  
 January 25 - Wiley Reeder  
 January 30 - Brandy Dean

Ushers

January 7.....Volunteers  
 January 14.....Volunteers  
 January 21.....Volunteers  
 January 28.....Volunteers

Liturgist

January 7.....Mike Myers  
 January 14.....Dexter Boyce  
 January 21.....Gerald Moses  
 January 28.....Connie Castleberry

Acolytes

January 7.....Presley Bennett & Wyatt Kuykendall  
 January 14.....Jayci Stanley & Ember Boyce  
 January 21.....Jaylee Hughes & Talon Stanley  
 January 28.....Minka Stanley & Wyatt Kuykendall

Children's Church

January 7.....Mary Boozer  
 January 14.....Annie Washburn  
 January 21.....Vickie Kuykendall  
 January 28.....Jennah Bennett

Children's Church Helpers

January 7.....Braylee Smith  
 January 14.....Jayci Stanley  
 January 21.....Ember Boyce  
 January 28.....Minka Stanley

Children's Sermon

January 7.....Telia Dunn  
 January 14.....Carol Ackley  
 January 21.....Annie Washburn  
 January 28.....Judy Cassady

Money Counters

January 7.....Marilyn Hockaday & Gail Milum  
 January 14.....Telia Dunn & Stacy Purnell  
 January 21.....Marilyn Hockaday & Vickie Kuykendall  
 January 28.....Telia Dunn & Connie Castleberry

Security

January 7.....Need Volunteer  
 January 14.....Need Volunteer  
 January 21.....Need Volunteer  
 January 28.....Dexter Boyce

Memorials

In Memory Of

*Jackie Hockaday*  
*Judy Hockaday*

*Norma Jean Myers*  
*Jim & Vickie Kuykendall*



# January 2024 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9-45am S. S. Class 10:50 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm Youth	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Office Closed Holiday		PPR Meeting 6:15pm Chanceel Choir 6:00pm			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	UMW Meeting 11:30am	Mother's Day Out 9-2	Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chanceel Choir 6:00pm	Mother's Day Out 9-2		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	No Love Group or Joy Circle	Mother's Day Out 9-2	Blood Drive 4:30pm-6:30pm Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chanceel Choir 6:00pm	Mother's Day Out 9-2		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Master Gardener's Mtg. 5-7	Mother's Day Out 9-2	Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chanceel Choir 6:00pm	Mother's Day Our 9-2		
28	29	30	31			
Admin. Brd. Mtg 12:00pm			Kids Club 3:00pm Children's Choir 5:00pm Chanceel Choir 6:00pm PPR Meeting 6:15pm			
						May the faith of God be with you this year. May the peace of God surround you, and may you be blessed each day! <i>Happy New Year</i>



BE A DIFFERENCE  
**MAKER**

**Blood Drive**

Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> | 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
LifeShare Bus | 1403 West Sunset

**Donate and receive a long sleeve influencer shirt!**  
While supplies last.





First  
United  
Methodist  
Women

January's Meeting is  
Monday, January 8, 2024  
11:30am

PPR Meeting  
Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
6:15pm

Trustees  
Meeting  
Sunday, January 14, 2024  
12:00pm

Finance  
Committee  
Meeting  
Sunday, January 21, 2024  
12:00pm

Administrative  
Board  
Meeting  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
12:00pm

**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer

December 3, 2023



Annie Washburn - Children's Moments



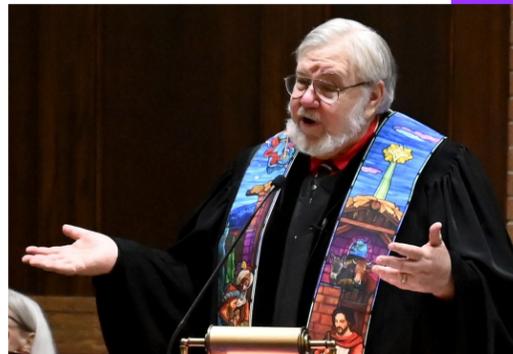
Jaylee Hughes & Presley Bennett  
Acolytes



Dexter Boyce  
Liturgist



Don & Jaree Hall  
First Reading of Advent



Rev. Gary Harrison - Sermon



Men's Quartet



Kristi Eggers - Offertory

First United Methodist Church

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
December 10, 2023



Carol Ackley - Children's Moments



Connie Castleberry - Liturgist



Kathy Peer & Dan Carter - Duet



Bro. Gary Harrison - Sermon



Kristi & Wade Eggers  
Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
December 17, 2023



Chancel Choir & Children's Choir presenting the Christmas Cantata



Children's Choir - Christmas Cantata



Don Hall - Narrator



Closing Hymn



Telia Dunn - Flutist

First United Methodist Church

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
December 17, 24 & 31, 2023



Judy Cassady—Children's Moments



The Kuykendall Family  
Lighting the Third Advent Candle



Hannah & son at Christmas Cantata



Dede Robinson—Children's Moments

**First United Methodist Church**

Photos by John Robert Schirmer  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



**First United Methodist Youth  
December Activities  
Photos by Heather Cox**

