

Calendar

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:35 a.m. Worship with
 Dr. Keva Green

Monday, December 25

Celebrate
 Christ's Birthday

Tuesday, December 26

Church office closed

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:35 a.m. Worship with
 Rev. Ryan Elms

Our MISSION:

is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
 for the transformation of the world
 from the heart of Clay County.

Our VISION:

Is to serve as the heart, hands,
 and feet of Christ by...

- * strengthening our personal
 relationship with Christ daily
- * growing internally within
 our church family, and
- * connecting externally throughout
 our community and our world.

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Prayer Concerns



*...sympathy for the family of
 Robert Fougeron (Layce Cates
 grandfather)*

*...for those sick or recovering
 from illness or in need of ex-*

tra prayer

Dr. Marvin Guier, Faye Blanscet, Doris Payne,
 Richard Hodges, Doris Davis, Frances Bunting,
 Lyric Ann Aylor, Rex Chambless, Tammy
 Weaver

....those battling cancer

Alan Herring, Ashley Gonzenbach, BG
 Cocanougher, Diane Borgman, Diane Sargent,
 Debbie Wiest, Bob Davidson, Don Martini,
 Doris Slaughter, Frank Cooper, Gerald Hohfeld,
 Lester Blanscet, Linsye Franklin, Lisa Rankin,
 Lori Pence, Pat Hamilton, Ronnie Ford, Roger
 and Marianne Foster, Sherri Halsell, Tana Ford,
 Tommy Lyde, Terry Hager, Tony Smallwood,
 Walter Wright

....around the world

Germaine Mowery-Missionary in China
 Orphanages in Kenya:
 Rev. Josam Kamau
 Rev. Joseph & Pastor Christine Simiyu

Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 24-30

24 Billy Paul Isom
 25 JoAnn Glassford
 27 Jerry & Doris Payne
 28 Billy Paul & Bonnie Isom
 29 E.C. Crump



Prince of Peace

Luke 2:1-20

Henrietta First United Methodist Church
 Dr. Keva Green, Pastor

Order of Worship

PRELUDE Jennifer Fleming & Jennifer Browning
Mary Did You Know

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GREETING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Billy Paul Isom, Liturgist

Leader: O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.

Leader: Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.

People: Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* OPENING PRAYER

* **OPENING HYMN** UMH #238

Angels We Have Heard On High

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Elms— Ryan, Deanna,
Wesley, William, Waylon, Wyatt, Wade

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

ADVENT SONG FWS #2090 (vs. 4)
Light The Advent Candle

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

* **GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70

CHILDREN'S TIME Jennifer Fleming

CALL TO PRAYER UMH#204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.*

PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Dear God, thank you for the many ways you have blessed us! Particularly on this Christmas Eve we focus on the gift of your Son who came into this world to save us. Lord, we can never repay you for all that you have given us, but we come faithfully before you now as we bring our gifts, tithes, and offerings. May we honor you for who you are and strive to glorify your name by serving you with all that we have and all that we are. Glory to you in the highest! Amen.

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH #236 (vs. 1, 2, 6)
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

MESSAGE Dr. Keva Green
The Prince of Peace

* **CLOSING HYMN** UMH #246
Joy To The World

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION/ POSTLUDE UMH #238
Angels We Have Heard On High (refrain)
**Please stand as you are able*

Memory Verse

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 25 – Luke 2:14

Tuesday, December 26 – 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Wednesday, December 27 – Psalm 29:11

Thursday, December 28 – Philippians 4:7

Friday, December 29 – Colossians 3:15

Saturday, December 30 – Hebrews 12:14

Announcements

Candlelight Service: We will have a candlelight service tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m.

January Sermon Series: In January we will be starting a new sermon series "Divine Support for the New Year." It will address some of the questions that some of you have asked about angels, praying for protection, and turning difficulties into opportunities. Join us as we dig deeper into God's Word and invite others to be a part of this time of seeking the Lord.

Altar Arrangement: The altar arrangement was given in loving memory of our beloved son and brother, Shad Slaughter by Doris and Bill Slaughter, Shannon, Kade, Jade and Makenzie.

