

**Last Week's Attendance and Giving**

Attendance .....	88
Regular Giving.....	3,807.00
Plate/S.S.....	106.00
Total Giving for administrative/operating expenses.....	3,913.00
<b>Average weekly total needed to continue offering the ministries/administrative objectives of FUMC.....</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
Designated Giving for ministry/projects (not for operating objectives)	
Lumina.....	65.00
Matthew 25 .....	1,997.09

**Calendar**

<u>T</u> oday	9:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>
<u>M</u> onday	7PM New Ray of Hope
<u>W</u> ednesday	Bible study on Women of the Bible; FAUMC, 1:30pm
<u>T</u> hursday	6:30PM Bell Choir 7:30 Sanctuary Choir 8PM AA
Sunday	9:30 <b>Worship</b> 9:30 <b>Facebook Live Rainbow Bell Choir</b>

Worship Committee will not meet in December.

Lumina dues are due soon. If willing, please give \$2 in a special offering envelope. This benefits the youth and families of our community. Any questions, see Kraig.

**SPRC cookie sale will be Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Pancake Festival. Please bring any donations of baked goods to the church office Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> by noon.**

2024 Poinsettia order forms are at the Welcome Center. Orders are due by Dec. 8.

Please place cards for homebound members in the bags by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. On Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be refreshments after church and then delivery will be after that. Any questions, call Lisa Heckman at 717-250-9539.

**Koinonia Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6 pm at Mary Jo Everhart's (134 Oak Ridge Road.) Please RSVP to Mary Jo at 717-994-1659 or [everhart134@comcast.net](mailto:everhart134@comcast.net) by Dec. 9th. All past, present and potential members are welcome! Bring a dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange.**

**Kevin Zook's Benefit Concert for the Thiel and Andrea Kauffman Memorial Bible Fund, Sun., Dec. 15, 7:00pm at First UMC, Lewistown.**

**FUMC blood drive will be held Dec. 18 from 12-6PM in the Stevens Room. Pre-register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.**



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**200 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lewistown, PA  
December 1, 2024**



*Endure in HOPE*

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**Office Manager: Jamie Strawser**

**Liturgist: Pastor Karen Children's Message: Pastor Steve**

**Worship Leader: Katie Becker**

**Music Director: Katie Becker Organist: Lauri Dulis**

**PowerPoint: Doug Lynch Technical Coordinator: Jared Lynch**

**Jr Church: Pam and Elaine**

## December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

Announcements		9:30
	<i>(We welcome all who are worshipping with us on Facebook live.)</i>	
Prelude	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	arr. by Paxton
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Kraig and Susie Kratzer
* Opening Hymn	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1-4)	UMH 211
Special Music	"As Lately We Watched"	Sanctuary Choir
Invocation (in unison)		
<b>In obedience and trust, we approach you, God of the covenant. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ’s coming. Equip us, now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.</b>		
Passing of the Peace		
Children’s Message		Pastor Steve Portner
<b>Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.</b>		
<i>Children ages 4-10 may go upstairs for Jr. Church. Parents should come upstairs to pick up their children after the service is over.</i>		
* Hymn	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	UMH 196
* Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostles’ Creed, Trad. Version”	UMH 881
* Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36		
	<i>L: This is the word of our Lord!</i>	<i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>
Message	“Being Watchful”	Pastor Steve Portner
A Service of Word and Table		UMH 12
Tithes/Offering		
Offertory	“Cradle Song”	Schubert
Doxology		UMH 95
* Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Prayers of Intercession W/ Lord’s Prayer		UMH 895
* Hymn	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	UMH 206

### \* Call to Commission

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers.  
Live as thankful stewards of all God’s gifts.

**Our souls are lifted up to trust in God;  
our spirits rejoice to learn God’s ways.**

God’s steadfast love never fails;

God will keep covenant and lead us in all truth.

**We will look for signs that God’s realm is near;  
We will rely on God’s word to guide us.**

### \* Benediction

### \* Postlude

Behold, He Comes”

Blake

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

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**Prayer Squares:** *If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Square, please contact Chris Ferencz at 717-250-1600 or [caf6@verizon.net](mailto:caf6@verizon.net).*

12/8/24 -- Scripture: Luke 3:1-6 “Preparing through Repentance and Forgiveness of Sin”

**Our prayers for peace, health, and wholeness are shared with: Judy Headings, Larry Searer, Sandy Havice, Pam Bell, Vicki Elmer, Chad Ream, Donald Libby, Paul & Nadine Bryan, Ruth and Bob Broome, Karen Chesla, Stacy Mohr, Troy Gro, Bill and Rosemarie Baumgardner, Ruth and Darl Miller, Brenda Reeder, Virginia Weaver, Estella “Sis” Smith, Rebecca Knepp, Mike Schieber, Zachary Pandel, Jim Ream, Bobby Costello, John McKnight, Jean and Jim Walker, Katie Setzle, Carrie Stuft, Toby Sweigart, Esther Heider, Karen Doberneck, Chris Havice, Bonnie Harbst, Schamburg family, Kyle Smith, Dan Demskie, Bill Buffington, Brianna Renshaw, Gabe Hanawalt, Jason Buffington, Robert Beers, Roger Searer, Mary Carver, Becky Scholl, Randy Snyder, Scott Noss, Tammy Lucci, Marie Watkins, Barry Bargo, Nick Dickson, Carol Shank, Eric Benner, Skip Headings and Josh, Brian Decker, Allen Kratzer, Phyllis Snyder, Pete Marsh, Kelly Rhodes, Robert Benner, Jr., Hope Collective Prayer for area churches: Robin Wood Ave Chapel**

### **Advent Schedule:**

**Blue Christmas Service**, Sunday, Dec. 22, 4:00pm.

**Shining Light Through the Darkness UM Cluster worship service**, Sunday, Dec. 22, 7:00pm, in the former “Bumper Car Building” at Kish Park.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, Tue., Dec. 24, 7:00pm.