Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes Welcome to Mark's Home



MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We exist to connect all people with Jesus Christ.

We do this by welcoming enthusiastically, growing deeply and serving courageously.

Children of all ages and their rustling are welcome in our worship services. Worship activity packets are available at the Chapel door. Nursery care is available in Whittler Treehouse during this service.

PRELUDE Ann Merrifield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

+MARK'S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We knock on the door of our friend Mark, the writer. He greets us:

"Come on in, hurry out of the cold!"

We shuffle in and stamp the snow off our shoes.

"I've got good news and hot drinks to share!

The room is simple and clean, no decorations of the season. We circle the fireplace and settle in for a story as we sip from our mugs And Mark says,

"Get ready, I've got a great story to tell you! The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God..."

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **+OPENING HYMN UMH 211**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lead Team

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SELECTIONS

Ryan Hampton

JOYS & CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "There's a Song in the Air" (Karl P. Harrington, arr. Cindy Berry)

Ryan Hampton, Piano

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-3 (NIV)

Holy Spirit, as we have read this Scripture in our community, humbly interpreting through Reason, varied Experience and Tradition, bless our hearing and understanding.

May our listening be done with love.

MESSAGE "Christmas in the 4 gospel homes: Mark"

Pastor Jewell

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastors Daniel & Jewell

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 13

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TIME OF OFFERING

To e-give, text "MOUMC" to 73256 or give online using the QR code below.

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

- **+PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
- +CLOSING HYMN UMH 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
- +BENEDICTION David Lile
- +POSTLUDE





The annual Heifer International Alternate Gift Market will be in the Connector the first two Sundays of Advent,

rst two Sundays of Adv Dec 3 and 10.

A table in the Connector will have gift catalogs to choose animal gifts and gift cards to announce the gift.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Morning & New Year's Eve Services | December 24 & December 31 MUMC will host a combined worship service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary on both Christmas Eve morning and New Year's Eve.

Heifer International Alternative Gift Market| December 3 & 10

The Annual Heifer International Alternative Gift Market will be in The Connector the first two Sundays of Advent. Stop by to peek at the gift catalogues to choose animal gifts and gift cards for purchase.

Angel Tree Sign-Up | December 3

Stop by the table in the Connector and collect an angel! We have 15 angels remaining

Pecans Have Arrived! | November 26 & December 3, 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Pick up your pecan pre-orders from the Searcy-Feely Circle in The Connector between services. They also have extra pecans for sale! This is the last Sunday for sale or pick up.

Organ Advent/Christmas Concert | December 5, 12 PM in the Sanctuary

Organists from the Central Missouri American Guild of Organists will perform their holiday concert at MUMC in the Sanctuary on Tuesday at noon. Our own Craig Datz and Rochelle Parker will play. Organists from Columbia and Jefferson City.

Serve on Christmas Eve | December 24

Chrsitmas Eve is a Sunday this year so we will have five services: 10:30 AM, 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM. As we open our doors to the community and church for this holy day, we need hopsitality and nursery volunteers for all of the services. Please contact the church office or hospitality team if you are interested in volunteering. More info to come!

CONNECT WITH US!