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NOTES



"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



Sunday December 29, 2019 8:30 am

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Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Gathering

Welcome

First Time Guests / Announcements and Connection Cards

Introit "When Christmas Morn is Dawning"

Terri Boykin

*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God is Spirit, Truth, and Love!

May Spirit, Truth, and Love bless all who enter here!

*Hymn UMH 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely: By ignoring your teachings, living lives of apathy against your love, and silencing the screams of those in need. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know the Son of God is here, and through him, we have the power to overcome the world to seek justice and mercy; In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(all pray in silence)

*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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*Passing of the Peace

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9

Call to Prayer "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Merle Epperson

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

*The Apostles Creed UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

The Children's Hymn UMH 217 "Away in a Manger"

The Children's Message

Pastor Ron

Anthem

"Christmas Hallelujah"

David & Lindsay Epperson

I've heard about this baby boy who has come to earth to bring us joy. And I just want to sing this song to you. It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, the major lift, with every breath I'm singing Hallelujah. A couple came to Bethlehem expecting child; they searched the Inn to find a place. For You were coming soon. There was no room for them to stay, so in a manger filled with hay. God's only Son was born. The shepherds left their flocks by night to see this Baby wrapped in light. A host of angels let them all to You. It was just as the angels said. You will find Him in a manger bed. Immanuel and Savior. A star shone bright up in the east to Bethlehem the wisemen three came many miles and journeyed long for You. And to the place at which You were. Their frankincense and gold and myrrh they gave to You and cried Hallelujah. I know You came to rescue me. This baby boy would grow to be a man and one day die for me and you. My sins would drive the nails in You, that rugged cross was my cross too; still every breath you drew was Hallelujah.

*Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon "What Now?"

Pastor Adam

Giving our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Christians, Carol Sweetly"

Terri Boykin

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH 250 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices"

Terri Boykin

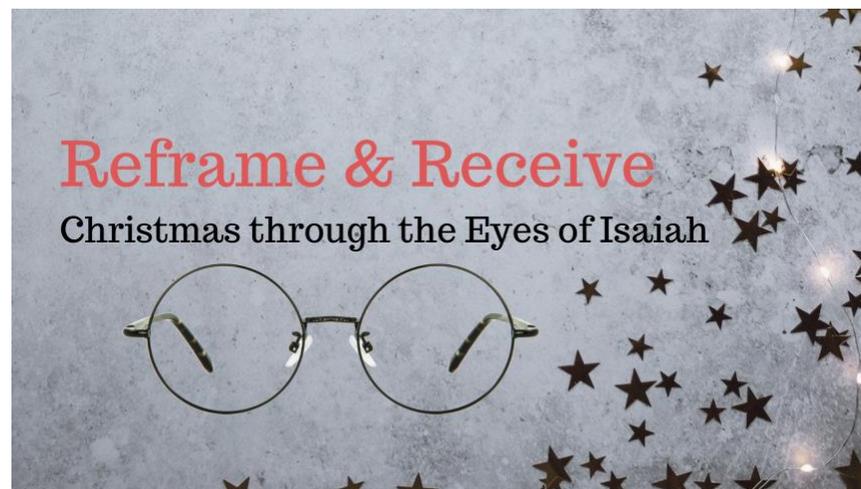
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Anthem

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Regney

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky little lamb? Do you see what I see, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite." Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing thru the sky, shepherd boy? A song high above the tree with a voice as big as the sea. Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king. Do you know what I know? A child, shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold." Said the king to people everywhere, "Listen to what I say: pray for peace, people everywhere! The Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light."

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*Postlude

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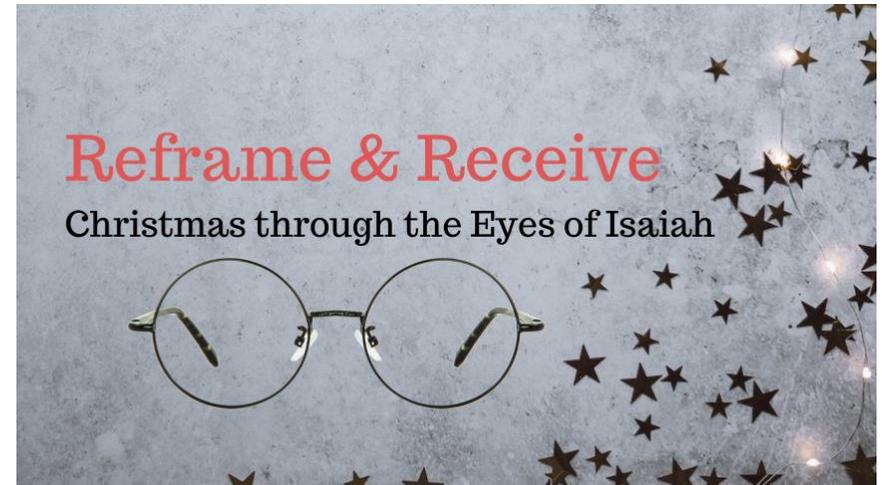
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Contemporary Worship

Opening Song

Welcome and Announcement

Scripture
Isaiah 63:7-9

Praise & Worship

Congregation Prayer

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon
“What Now?”

Song of Commitment/Sending Forth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **All are invited** on January 5th to the Fellowship Hall starting 9:15-12:15 for Nativity Displays by the JOY Sunday school class to celebrate the three kings' arrival. There will be a children's touch section. There will be light refreshments. If anyone has a child-friendly nativity they want to share please let us know. We have several but the more the merrier (pieces will be well marked for return the same day).

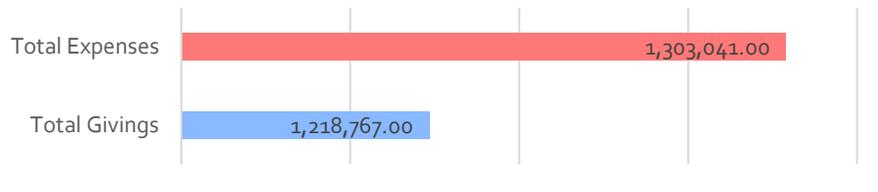
- **Denise and Pastor Kevin** would like to extend an invitation to celebrate your birthday and anniversary on the 4th Sunday of each month. For January, If you are a couple celebrating your anniversary or a single adult (18 years old) having a birthday in January, you are invited to drop into our home on January 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm for a light supper and refreshment (613 W. Russell St.). We want to celebrate you and your partner/spouse. If you have kids, they are more than welcome to join you. Each 4th Sunday of the month will be the same invitation. We look forward to meeting you soon. If you have any questions, please call or text or send an email to denisebaker179@gmail.com or call 919-724-8327. Happy New Year and blessings to you.

Peace and Grace
Denise and Pastor Kevin

- **All contributions received** in the church office by noon, Dec 31st **will be reflected on 2019 contribution statements.** Online contributions will need to be submitted no later than Dec 27, 2019. Any contributions received after this time will be reflected on the 2020 contribution statements. The church office will be open on Dec. 31st from 9-12 for anyone wanting to drop off contributions. 2019 contribution statements will be mailed by Jan. 15, 2020.

- **SUMW The 2020 Tea Among the Bible Stories** will be held in Building 3 on April 25 from 2:00-3:30. Mark your calendars and start thinking about hosting and decorating a table depicting a Bible story of your choice. We invite all circles, individuals, and youth to participate. Please join us! We will have the building open for set-up Friday, April 24, and Saturday morning. Event coordinators are Patti Heller and Sara Bergazzi. More information to follow.

Financial Status at a Glance Month ending - November 2019



Financial	November Month End	Year to Date
Tithing and Gift	\$ 83,490	\$ 857,955
\$20 Fellowship Fund & Building Gifts	\$ 15,289	\$ 141,682
Childcare Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 67,500
Transfer In for Parsonage Expenses, A/C Unit, and Fellowship Hall Carpet	\$ 0	\$ 47,936
Transfer From Hurricane Repair Funds	\$ 12,948	\$ 103,694
Total Income:	\$111,726	\$1,218,767
Less Operating Expenses:	\$107,506	\$1,136,085
Hurricane Repair Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 103,694
Net	\$ (780)	\$ (21,012)
*Apportionments not paid	\$ 0	\$ 63,262

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:30 – 175 9:45 – 180 11:00 – 171 11:15 – 50

OUR SERVICE

Nursery

8:30 Susan Stuart, Jeannie Adams

9:45 Aiden Cobb

11:00 Angie Bean, Heather Baile

Children's Church

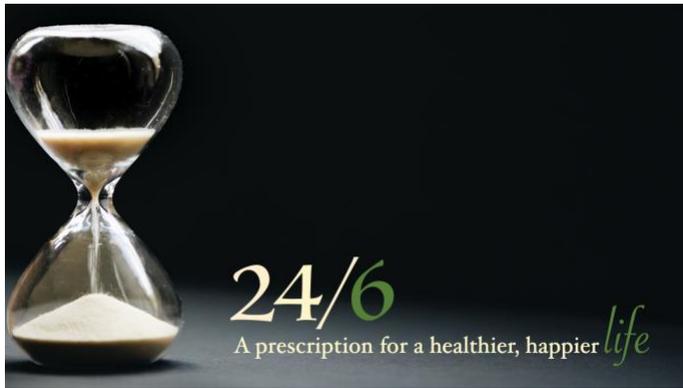
8:30 Hazel Scott 11:00 Molly Fahy

Prayer Room

8:30 9:45 11:00 Helen Botic

OUR GIFTS

-In memory of Dr. Oscar Schindelar given by Mark & Julia Wax.



Rest. It is such a small word but a BIG idea. It is also as elusive as it is restorative. We live in a 24/7 world, but the unholy rhythms that mark most of our hurried, frenetic lives are not the original rhythm, it is not the ancient creation gift that even God observed after six days of working and creating the heavens and the earth.

Rest. It takes on an even deeper meaning in the context of Sabbath. Why have we spurned the command and discarded the gift? For Jews and Christians, Sabbath observance is a command straight from Mt. Sinai, serving in the Decalogue as a **hinge** between the first three commandments, focused on our relationship with God, and the six that follow focused on human relationships with our neighbors. Our neglect of this command and gift has left us **unhinged**, burned out, and joyless.

Join us for a new series beginning January 12th, 2020 titled: **24//6: a prescription for a healthier, happier life**” as we explore together how to be transformed – physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually – by once again adopting a 24/6 lifestyle.

- January 12 – “Our 24/7 World”
- January 19: “Why We Need 24/6”
- January 26: “How We Do 24/6”



For those who desire, we will also have copies of the book by the same title: *24/6: a prescription for a healthier, happier life* by Matthew Sleeth, MD available for you read along with this new series. We invite you to use for a reading group or consider using this text for your Sunday School or current group. A \$10 donation is suggested.

This Week at SUMC

Sunday

December 29, 2019

- 8:30 am Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)

Monday

December 30, 2019

- 7:00 am Emmaus Reunion Group - Men (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
- 8:15 am Emmaus Reunion Group - Women (Bldg 1, Rm 29)
- 10:30 am Mission Monday (Bldg 1, Rm 10)

Tuesday

December 31, 2019

Church Offices Open 9 am – 12 pm

Wednesday January 1, 2020

Church Offices Closed

Thursday

January 2, 2020

- Church Offices Open
- 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 13)

Friday

January 3, 2020

Church Offices Closed

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Barbara Brown, Eleanor Cooper, Matthew Felipe, Jill Geelhard, John & Angie Hall, John Henderson, Don Henriksen, Dee Hoover, Shelton Kellum, Sheryle Kinney, Beth Lenthall, Bryant Smith, Larry Wicker (*shut-in)

Friends & Family: Sara Bergazzi, Steven Butler, Gregory Davis, Tom Ericson, Ronnie Ernst, Ray Haga, Eric Hart, Bridget Marie Hodsdon, Al Kohler, Chris Machovina, Molly Mackey, Darla & Kenny Morton, Woody & Tammy Murphy, Kathy Nilsen, Deborah & Bob Nolan, Lee Orwat, Anna Rodriguez, Smith Family, Angela Ulin, Freddy Valez, Charlie Walker, Carolyn Willey

Deployed Military: Jimmy Gainey, Dennis Grazios*, Scott Harper Jr.*, Lee Moffett, James Pidgeon III, Cooper Redfearn, Michael P. Smith, Jason Sullivan, Erik Werhner, Lance Young (*Church Member)