

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Billy Anderson	Betty Ford	Houston Hall	Carolynn Scruggs
Donna Beard	Lauren Gilliland	John Henderson	Neal Simonton
Faye Beckett	Howard Greenwood	Jackson Hughey	Maurice Smith
Joe Campodonico	Kelly Greenwood	Jane Mayfield	Bart White
Phronia Dailey	Rocky Greenwood	Frank Racy	Dr. Barney Witherington III
Cassie Evans	Mary Ann Gulley	Emogene Ray	Lanier Young

Condolences to the families of: Frances Austin and Mary Eve Dawson.

## UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong-Volunteers Needed      Traditional-Sandra Naifeh and Nancy Peeler

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong-Laura Richardson and Teri Carter  
Traditional-Casey Rogers and Sarah Smith

## NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong-Liz Newman  
Sunday School Hour-Chelsea Griffin  
Traditional-Yvonne Bryant

## CALENDAR DECEMBER 17-23, 2017

### Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship-Christian Life Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM  
12:15 p.m. Church Council Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
4:30 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

### Monday, December 18

11:00 a.m. Staff Luncheon  
6:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Christian Life Center

### Tuesday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Worship Planning Meeting-Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 20

4:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal-Christian Life Center  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry-Munford UMC



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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017**

**11:00 A.M.**

# Order of Worship

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Liturgical Color-Blue*

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Howard and Beverly Vance  
arr. Broughton

WORDS OF WELCOME Andrew Davis

INSTRUMENTAL WORSHIP *Little Drummer Boy* Howard and Beverly Vance  
arr. Davis

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Micah Bricco  
Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!  
**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**  
We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.  
**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**  
You turn our mourning into dancing!  
**Our souls cannot be silent!**  
**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!**  
*(JANE C. WEAVER, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* UMH 218  
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Steve, Angela, Lane and Baize Clark

NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Andrew Davis

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

————— *Children are dismissed for Children's Church.* —————

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Catherine Phelps

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234  
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Andrew Davis

OFFERTORY *Mary, Did you Know?* Howard and Beverly Vance  
arr. Barker

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below:  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ANTHEM *O Holy Night* Helene Kramer, Soloist  
arr. DeFord Howard and Beverly Vance

SCRIPTURE John 1:14 Rev. Dan Camp

SERMON "Shekina!"

†MARCH TO THE MANGER *Away in a Manger* UMH 217  
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Camp

POSTLUDE *Good King Wenceslas* Howard and Beverly Vance  
arr. Cohen

† *March to the Manger, our annual Christmas offering, dates to 2007. It represents this congregation's desire to be a community of faith reaching beyond our walls-spreading the love of Christ. Our leadership has discerned the needs for this year's offering to be twofold: The Van Fund and the Good Samaritan Fund.*

*Our current van (a 2001 model) has faithfully hauled our youth on mission trips, delivered children to summer camps, toys to Reelfoot, taken scouts to camp and has done so with style and grace. While it has served us well, it is time for retirement.*

*The Good Samaritan Fund assists those in need within our community by providing emergency lodging and assistance with gas, prescriptions, rent and utilities. As of December 8, 2017, 771 awards totaling over \$39,000 have touched the lives of over 1,800 persons this year.*

*Please bring your March to the Manger gifts to the altar rail during this service today or at the Christmas Eve 6 p.m. service.*



FUMC welcomes classical guitarist, Howard Vance and his wife; flutist, Beverly Elliotte Vance to our worship services today. Howard has studied, performed, taught, and composed for three decades. He opened the Howard Vance Guitar Academy in 1974. Beverly brought home a school flute in 1967, and hasn't put it down since. She teaches music as a faculty member of the Vance Academy and typesets Howard's flute and guitar publications. To find out more about the Vance's, visit their website at [www.howardvance.com](http://www.howardvance.com).

*\*Please stand as you are able.*