



Together on the Journey  
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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**December 31, 2017**

*To nurture ALL people on their life journeys  
and to bring God's love to the world.*

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**Welcome to Worship today!**

Welcome! We are delighted to welcome all in our Christian community. We invite all to journey with us in ministry and mission. Please indicate a desire to join us by contacting the pastor. Stop by our welcome table in the narthex for further information and stop in the parlor for a cup of coffee between services!

Persons with some difficulties hearing, but who do not wear hearing aids, can find receiver/earbuds on the table in the parlor. Feel free to bring your own earbuds. LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins and Bibles are available; please ask an usher.

***FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.***

There is **NO Sunday School** today.

We welcome back Grace Wang and thank her for substituting while Nicole is away.

**Fellowship Opportunities**

Starting January 16 in Room 204, **Tuesdays @ 4** will begin a 4 week DVD study on Muslims, Christians, and Jesus with international expert in Arab-American & Muslim-Christian relations, Carl Medearis, who will explore background info on Islam and address key questions and responses to the current Muslim/Christian tensions facing our society. All are welcome! Contact Karen Hartnett (karenhartnett38@gmail.com or 223-4837).

## **General Announcements**

**Church conference January 14**, just before the 10:30am worship service, will be held to approve Pat Dupont as a candidate in the process toward Ordained Ministry.

**Flower for the Lord's Table** – sign up to purchase altar flowers (\$20). Please sign up on the calendar in the hall way. Bouquet is yours after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Thank you, Jane Tucker & Terrie Sleeman

**Perinton Food Shelf needs:** Coffee, hot chocolate, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, salad dressings, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, cooking oil, canned meats such as chili, hash, beef stew and sloppy joes

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**Please silence cell phones.**

*\*indicates we stand, either in body or spirit*

**Bold print indicates congregational response**

*Hymn numbers above 2000 are found in The Faith We Sing.*

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**After worship today and every Sunday, we are invited to step into the parlor for a time of fellowship.**





## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b> December 31	9 & 10:30A	Worship
<b>Monday</b> New Year's Day!		HAPPY NEW YEAR
<b>Tuesday</b> January 2	12noon 4:00P 5:30P 7:00P	Spiritual Lunch Break – P Tuesdays @ 4 - 204 Centering Prayer – Filkins House SPRC - 204
<b>Thursday</b> January 4	11:30A	Grace Class – off-site
<b>Friday</b> January 5	10:30A	Heart Listening – 204
<b>Saturday</b> January 6	9:00A	Quilting Group
<b>Sunday</b> January 7	8:00A 9:00A 9 & 10:30A 10:00A 10:00A 11:30A	Early Choir - 113 Children /Adult Sunday School Worship Reach Meeting – 214 Student Leadership - 207 Jr/Sr High Youth – off-site

**Ted is away with Mission of Peace and will return January 14.**

### OFFICE AND CHURCH HOURS

Monday afternoon the office is closed

**Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00am – 4:00pm; Friday: 8:00am – 3:00pm**

<b>Attendance – December 24</b>	145	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	651	
		<b>Year-to-date</b>
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 396,909	\$ 408,967
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 429,388	\$ 439,202
<b>Net Revenue over Expense</b>	\$ (32,478)	\$ (30,236)

*Offerings include Pledged, Unpledged, Loose, and Gift of Love envelopes.*

## LEARNING TAKE HOME SHEET

Scripture focus: Luke 2:34b  
Memory verse: "This child is destined for the falling and  
the rising of many in Israel..."

### Questions for the Journey

1. Luke 2:33 says that Mary and Joseph were amazed at the holy activity Simeon recognized in their family. Have people around you ever helped you to recognize God's presence? Who? When?
2. Luke 2:34 says that Jesus will cause "the falling and rising up of many." Has Jesus ever caused you to fall? What happened?
3. What is the difference between solidarity and charity? What are some ways that you could pair charity and solidarity with the poor and marginalized in your community?

### Prayer for the week

God, let us live in peace, according to your word; for our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to all and for glory to your people. Amen. (based on Luke 2:29-32)

Scripture/message for next week

Message focus: Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Matthew 2: 1-12

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

**Ministers** – All God's People

**Reader** – Bill MacKenzie

**Greeters** – Mary Easton (9:00) Chip and Lorraine Rieck (10:30)

**Music Ministry Director** – Nicole Camilleri

**Church Administrator** – Kathy Harris

**Children's Ministry** – Joy Leinenbach

**Custodian** – Lisa Radford

**Pastor** – Ted Anderson; cell phone (585-402-3575)

**Note: An Automated External Defibrillator is stored in the white wall case in the Kitchen off the narthex.**