

# The Messenger

A publication of Smyrna First United Methodist Church

January, 2025

WELCOMING ALL, LOVING ALL, SERVING ALL



Larry Coleman	1/2
Jason Fritschler	1/2
Geneva Cronan	1/3
Debbie Jones	1/3
Katherine Pelletier	1/3
Gabe Wooding	1/4
Bentley Cronan	1/6
Earl Glasgow	1/7
Jodi Hite	1/8
Harry McAnally	1/12
Jan Bryant	1/13
Debra Haislar	1/17
Dub Raborn	1/17
Charles King	1/18
Jeana Smythia	1/18
Stephen Gilbert	1/19
Elizabeth Johnson	1/24
Ann Wallace	1/25
Norma Hawk	1/26
Corliss Nelson	1/26
Evelyn Lansdell	1/27
Tom Wright	1/29



- \*Sunday, January 5 is **Sharing Sunday**. Cereal donations for the Food Pantry can be left in the narthex.
- \***Christmas adornments** will be taken down immediately after the 11 am service on Sunday. We will need people to stay and help, especially men who don't mind tall ladders!
- \*Sign up for the **Blood Drive** on January 9, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm, fellowship hall.
- \*We will host an **Emmaus Gathering** on January 11, 3 - 9 pm in fellowship hall and the Sanctuary.
- \***Smyrna Meals on Wheels** is desperate for drivers to deliver meals to seniors in Smyrna and LaVergne. Be a best friend for a lonely senior. One hour of volunteer time per week means we may serve 4 additional meals. Meal site, 205 North Front St. Call 615-459-2227, or email [mow.smyrna@mcchra.com](mailto:mow.smyrna@mcchra.com)
- \***Pastor's 12-week Disciple Bible Study** (Luke-Acts) will begin January 15, 5:30 pm, in fellowship hall.
- \*Volunteers are needed for the **Sound Booth** both services. If you can help in this area, please see Pastor Theresa.
- \*Let the church office know the dates and time for your **committee meetings** in 2025 so we can update the 2025 calendar.

## JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### 8:30 Greeters

- Jan. 5 Nadina Tharpe
- Jan. 12 Nadina Tharpe
- Jan. 19 Candy Kane
- Jan. 26 Candy Kane

### 8:30 Communion Servers

Bill & Sandra Abernathy

### 11:00 Liturgist

- Jan. 5 Bridget Sloane
- Jan. 12 Matthew Frye
- Jan. 19 Karen Yatuzis
- Jan. 26 Karen Yatuzis

### Coffee & Conversation

Mike Ashworth  
United Methodist Men  
Michelle Martin  
Trish Pendleton

### Children's Message

### 11:00 Ushers

Jeff Bowles, Greg Upham

### 11:00 Communion Servers

Neil & Mary Ann Rogers



Tim & Donna Sweeney	1/1
Corliss & Donna Nelson	1/26

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

If you need to make changes to your Vanco Account before your January transaction is scheduled, please follow these instructions:

1. Go to <https://smyrna1stumc.org>
2. Click on "donate" button
3. Click on "log in"
4. Select your account (email address)
5. Enter your password
6. Click on "profile"
7. In the transaction window, click "edit"
8. Make the change to your amount.
9. Click "save changes"
10. Log out.

### PRAYER REQUEST

Please be in prayer for former SFUMC member, Chris Burke and his wife, Michelle. His cancer has returned.

### FNANCIAL UPDATE BUDGET VS ACTUAL

Dec. Tithes & Offerings Rec'd	\$ 36,003.00
Dec. Budget Needs	\$ 39,786.00
Dec. Over/(Under) Budget	\$ ( 3,783.00)
YTD Balance Forward	<u>\$ (96,879.00)</u>
YTD Over/(Under) Budget Needs	<u>\$(100,662.00)</u>

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 8:30 AM Modern Worship
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth

**MONDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 9:00 AM Sparrow's Nest
- 6:00 PM Scouts
- 6:00 PM Sinfonietta Rehearsal

**TUESDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 11:00 AM Yoga Class Dismissed during January

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 9:00 AM Sparrow's Nest
- 3:00 PM Food Pantry
- 5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study (as scheduled)
- 6:00 PM Hand Bells
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 6:00 PM Yoga Class Dismissed

- 6:00 PM Praise Band

**FRIDAY SCHEDULE:**

- 10:00 AM Morning Glories (as scheduled)



# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Food Pantry Open	2 See Schedule 6 pm Finance Committee	3 See Schedule Church office is closed on Fridays.	4 Epiphany Ring, St. Marks 4 pm
5 See Schedule 12:15 One Board Mtg. 4 Youth	6 See Schedule 6 pm Worship 6 pm Orchestra 6 pm Scouts	7 See Schedule 11 am Yoga Out	8 See Schedule 9 am Sparrow's Nest 5:30 Girl Scouts 6 Hand Bells 7:15 Chancel Choir	9 See Schedule Blood Drive 10:30 am-4:30pm 5:30 Pack Backpacks	10 See Schedule	11 Emmaus Gathering 3 pm - 9 pm FH, Sanctuary
12 See Schedule 7:30 Men's Breakfast	13 See Schedule	14 See Schedule	15 See Schedule 5:30 pm Pastor's Disciple Bible Study Fellowship Hall	16 See Schedule No SALT Luncheon	17 See Schedule 5:30 pm Scouts Lock-In	18 8:00 am FH
19 See Schedule	20 MLK Holiday	21 See Schedule	22 See Schedule 5:30 Girl Scouts	23 See Schedule	24 See Schedule	25
26 See Schedule 12:15 pm Chili Lunch	27 See Schedule	28 See Schedule	29 See Schedule	30 See Schedule	31 See Schedule	
Complete Cleaning Crew is on campus every Friday, 1:00-5:00 pm to clean our buildings.						FH=Fellowship Hall