

MEETINGS & EVENTS

(Please wear a mask at meetings and worship services and practice social distancing)

(Boys & Girls Club — CLOSED THIS WEEK)

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Tuesdays at 8:30AM

Sun., Dec. 20th—Sunday Night Meals prepared by EUMC, served at First Church in NSB.

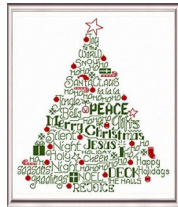
Thurs., Dec. 24th, 7:30AM-UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit)

Thurs., Dec. 24th, 7:30 PM—Christmas Eve OUTDOOR Worship Service


Fri., Dec. 25th, CHRISTMAS—OFFICE CLOSED

Sat., Dec. 26th—PANTRY CLOSED

**Sun., Dec. 27th,
9AM Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service
11AM Indoor Traditional Worship Service
(please call the office for reservations for 11AM service)**




Jesus loves the little children
Our nursery is now open for both services.



Need an idea for Christmas gifts? We still have some cook books available @ \$15 each. They are available in the office.



Thank you to all who bought and sold wreaths and winter greens from Sherwood Forest Farms. EUMC received a profit of \$365.



CHRISTMAS UNDER THE PALMS

Thank you to so many people who helped with our Christmas Under the Palms event. The total amount received:

Vendors=	\$2,945.00
Christmas Shop=	483.40
Craft Ladies=	545.00
Coffee Donations=	52.35
Total	\$4,025.75


Sunday Night Meals
Edgewater United Methodist Church will be hosting Sunday Night Meals again beginning Dec. 20th and continue the 3rd Sunday of the month at First UMC in NSB. The UMM will host the 5th Sunday meals, also at First UMC. Please call the office if you would like to help out on these committees.



Thank you to my awesome church family for the many prayers, cards, and calls sent my way. Blessings, Shirley Vickers

BIRTHDAYS

12/21 Marla Hager
12/22 Chuck Jessup
12/23 Mary Lawson +
12/24 Joy Hughes +
12/25 Jesus Christ
12/26 Carol Nelson



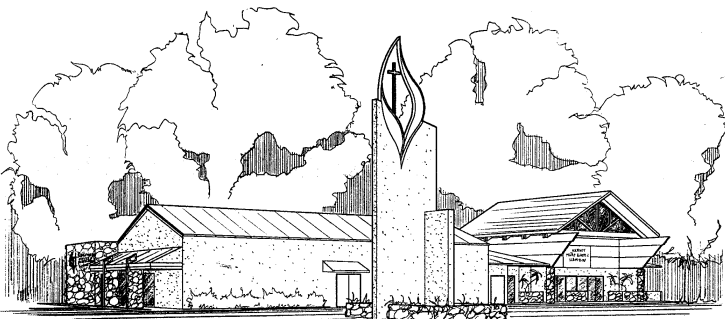
ANNIVERSARIES

12/23 Bob Gudis & Ginger Clark
12/25 Doug & Kathy Jones



Women's Breakfast
Thursday, January 14th, 9AM
Golden Biscuit, NSB
Going forward, we will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Edgewater
United Methodist Church
Rev. Donna J. Blythe, Pastor



Traditional Worship Service
December 20, 2020

Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors
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OFFICE HOURS:
9:00 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday

**TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP SERVICE
December 20, 2020 —11:00 a.m.**



✠Please stand if you are able.

It would be a blessing to us if you would:

Sign the attendance slip including prayer requests provided with our bulletin.

Your presence is important to us.

**WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF FIRST TIME VISITORS**

Pastor Donna

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Patty Moody

CALL TO WORSHIP

Claire Cooper

L: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

P: Thanks be to the God of light.

L: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and soothes us.

P: Thanks be to the God of peace.

L: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

P: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

✠**OPENING PRAYER**

Claire Cooper

This Advent season we long to leave this last year in the past. There is nothing left to do but wait. God shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us in peace to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2-7 (CEB)

Pastor Donna

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

✠**OPENING HYMN** *Break Forth, O Beauteous*

Heavenly Light

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MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Piano/Organ

OFFERING PRAYER

✠**DOXOLOGY**

HYMN

It Is Well

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**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

John 1: 1-8 (CEB) Pastor Donna
I Believe in Light: Illuminating Peace

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY Ron Gray, Judy Locke,
Melissa Macnab, Linda McGinnis,
Patty Moody & Arden Sulzbach

✠**CLOSING HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God*

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BENEDICTION

PRAYER REQUESTS

MOURNING FOR THE FAMILY OF:

Katherine Filbert—passed away on Dec. 6, 2020 (Dot Myers neighbor)
Michael Warren—passed away on Dec. 3, 2020 after a long illness.

GENERAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK:

Jerry Coxson—health issues (Lindy DeLoe's brother-in-law)
Kjell Johansson—was diagnosed with colon cancer
(Gretchen Gray's friend)
Marlize Smuts—has covid (Karin Smuts daughter)



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Donna Blythe
Music Director:	Melissa Macnab
Administrative Assistant:	Dot Myers
Treasurer:	Bob Snyder
Pianist:	Patty Moody
Audio/Visual Tech:	Andy Macnab
Custodian:	Fred Dean
Nursery Supervisor:	Karin Smuts

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY:

Buck & Susie Lawson & Shirley Vickers
"In celebration of the birth of Jesus"



Flower Arrangements by: B J'S FLOWERS and PLANTS