

Welcome to Worship!

December 24, 2023

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for signing the attendance pads.

***INVOCATION** Becky Damron , Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM "Away in a Manger: Choir

ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING Kerri Robinson
Jaci Robinson , **Candle Lighter**

Reader: When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, announcing God's plan for her to conceive and give birth to the Messiah, "Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'" And yet, only a few months later, Mary sings to Elizabeth,

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

Congregation: And so, we wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, our just peace, our fierce joy, and the love that transforms us. May Love grow within us, transforming us into bold witnesses of God's salvation with our voices and our lives. Amen.

PRAISE MUSIC Lilly Robinson

PRAYER OF THE DAY with 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

CHILDREN'S STORY

INVITATION to the OFFERING with "Doxology" No. 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER Liturgist

***HYMN** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 218

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Liturgist

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Shepherds Found a Lamb" Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38

SERMON " Company's Coming: Waiting on the Threshold" Rev. Greg Markins

***HYMN** "Joy to the World" No. 246

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: Thank you all for the gifts of love and appreciation you have given us for Christmas. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and we cant thank you enough for all you do for us. --Rick Shull & Lisa Rhoades

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: All are invited to the Christmas Eve Service this evening at 6:30 p.m. to join us in the wonderful setting of the evening worship with carols, candlelight, and holy communion.

Rejoice! And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14 [KJV]

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPE: As a way to embody and fully acknowledge whose birth it is we celebrate, this evening, Christmas Eve, for the Candlelight service, 100% of the offering will go towards mission. For your convenience, a Christmas offering envelope is enclosed. If you wish to designate your Christmas gift offering to a specific mission, you may write it on the envelope.

ENGAGE TEAM: The Engage Team will start the New Year with a meeting immediately following morning worship, January 7th in the New Fellowship Hall. We will have pizza and drinks and discussion will center around our vision and mission for 2024. Members on the team will be contacted. -Jack Perkins

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE: Eddie and Vicki Smith invite everyone to their home at 8 Pembroke Lane, Huntington for their annual Christmas Open House. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to come and tour their home adorned with twenty-seven trees and many Christmas collectibles.

ECCHO NEEDS: Canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, spaghetti, pinto beans, canned pasta, soup, and household items such as toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

We especially need financial support to continue to purchase additional commodities. Donations may be placed in the ECCHO Closet in the Narthex.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES New offering envelopes for 2024 are available on the table in the Church Office hallway. Those interested in starting a new process for contributions can receive a boxed-set by contacting Lisa in the Church Office, 304.736.4583.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Argabrite
Eloise Baumgardner
Teresa Blake
Sandy Boggess
Dana Godfrey
Amy Herrenkohl
Mary Howard
Fred Huff
Monica Jackson
Virginia Keefer
Brenda Morning
Keith Ross
Chris Roy
Lois Silling
Karen Turman
Doris Wooten

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY-24

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Merry Christmas!
(Office Closed)

WEEKLY REPORT – December 17, 2023

GIVING

Needed per Week: \$8,039.15

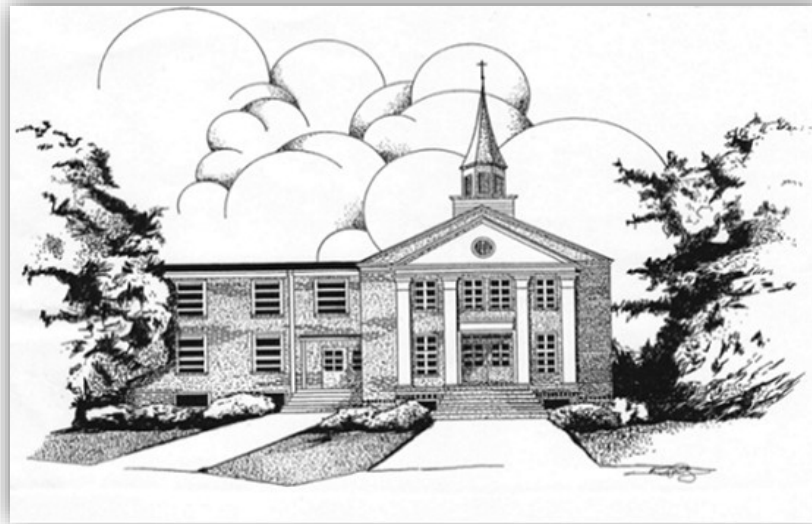
Received: \$5,999.80

Monthly financial statements available upon request.

ATTENDANCE

Present: 121

Online Views: 10



FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

Bittner Ballard (Former Member of Steele)
John and Jill Chapman (Friend of Dick & Louetta Jimison)
Cathy Drazenovich (Friend of Karen Canfield)
Darrell & Connie Shull (Parents of Rick Shull)
Kimberly Westerfield (Daughter of Jim & Nancy Allman)
Nancy Underwood (Friend of Karen Canfield)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

1- Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
7- Engage Team Meeting

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Greg Markins
Secretary: Lisa Rhoades
Youth Director: Ashlee Gallion
Music Minister: Johnna Adkins
Pianist: Lynette Call
Organist: Becky Chenoweth
Custodian: Rick Shull

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WELCOME

to Steele Memorial
United Methodist Church

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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

Almighty God, break through and open doors to your new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for Steele Memorial and in our individual lives, and as you do, we will surrender and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of your new and unknow future. (Ephesians 3:20) Amen.

COME,

LET US ADORE HIM

