

The liturgical colors are gold & white for joy and festivities

**PRELUDE** "How Brightly Beams the Morningstar" J. C. Bach  
Amy Bender

**WELCOME** Ben Chiappone, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: With the birth of Jesus, our lives have been forever changed. We are transformed by his model and message.

**C: 'For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born!**

L: It may seem naïve, in a world of grief, to choose to live in joy.

**C: It may seem foolish to sing and dance to a different tune.**

L: It may seem cruel to speak of light with so much darkness.

**C: But Jesus has come to bring light to the world!**

L: Jesus, the Light of the World, has come with healing and deliverance!

**C: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Hallelujah!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "People Look East" UMH 202

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Great God, in a small animal shelter, two young newlyweds came to take refuge. In candlelight, laying upon straw, the promised one stirred within a nervous young mother. A piece of you, sent from heaven, resided in such a humble being. We remember this moment now and continue to wonder at your grace-filled plans, at your unfailing love and at your amazing grace. With gratitude and adoration, we pray, Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11:1-4,10, p. 491

*Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School*

**ANTHEM** "Festival Sanctus" John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*\* Congregation invited to stand if able*

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "A Covenant Prayer" Allen Pote

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All our giving has its foundation in the gift you gave to us. Emmanuel, God with us! Accept these our gifts of tithes and offerings with compassion, O Lord. In your powerful name, Amen.**

**HYMN OF CENTERING**

"We Three Kings"

UMH 254

*Hymn History:* The words and music to this hymn (and famous Christmas Carol) were written by John Hopkins Jr. He was born in Pittsburgh in 1820 where his father served as an Episcopal Bishop. He was one of twelve children. He moved with his family to Vermont where his father began the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont. Hopkins received Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Vermont. He became an Episcopal Priest himself in 1850. He never married. This hymn was written in 1857 as part of a Christmas pageant that his nieces and nephews took part in. Hopkins served churches in Plattsburgh, New York and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He delivered the eulogy for the funeral of President U. S Grant in 1885. He died in Hudson, New York in 1891 and is buried next to his father in Vermont.

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 150, p. 449

**MESSAGE**

"The Gospel According to Peanuts: The Church and the Arts"  
Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**HYMN OF MISSION**

"Jesus, The Light of the World"

see insert

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE**

"Choral Song"

Samuel Wesley


Altar Flowers are presented by Dale & Deb Lewis and family  
In Loving Memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, grandson, brother, and uncle,  
Jean Lewis, mother & grandmother & Betty M. Klein, mother and grandmother

Yellow Rose on Altar is in celebration of Zinnia Louise Irvin  
Daughter of Elizabeth & Sarah Irvin,  
Granddaughter of Connie Irvin & deceased Robert Irvin

*There are openings for flowers in January:  
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

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# The Gospel According to Peanuts





# Jesus, the Light of the World

CHRISTMAS

*We'll Walk in the Light*



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;  
 4 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new - born King," Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
 hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.



*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; addl. text "J.V.C."; adapt. George Elderkin  
 Music: JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, traditional; arr. George Elderkin

# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

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## Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa

## Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Facility:

*The Enclave* - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson

*Governors Point* - Doris Sturm

*Parker Place* - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

*Mentor Ridge* - Russ Lancaster

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Village of St. Edward* - Dale Porter

*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richard

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## Monday, January 6

- Parents Morning Out
- Carr Journey Group

## Tuesday, January 7

- Ring Journey Group
- Young Adult Class

## Wednesday, January 8

- Knitting Group
- Missions Meeting

## Thursday, January 9

- PEO Luncheon
- Choir Rehearsals

## Saturday, January 11

- Doug Kepp Celebration of Life, 11 AM

## The Gospel According to Peanuts: Snoopy Scavenger Hunt

Join us the first three Sundays of January for our new sermon series: *The Gospel According to Peanuts*. After service, we encourage ALL ages to participate in a Snoopy scavenger hunt: find all the Snoopys hidden around the building! There are 20 in total.

## Disciple Bible Study

Discipleship Bible studies begin soon. Pastor Steve will lead a Disciple 1 class on Thursdays, 4-6 PM starting January 16th. Syndie Toth will lead Disciple 1 on Mondays from 10-12 PM and Lucas & Wendy Rhoads will lead Disciple 2 on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. This will go all 2025, with a break in the summer. Pastor Tammy will facilitate the fast track version, which is 24 weeks. The prayer is to have 100 plus people involved to learn more about the Bible. Register ONLINE or contact a leader.

## Shepherding Summit

Join us on January 15th here at MUMC for the next Shepherding Summit. This is a great opportunity for leaders & friends of the church who wish to know more about leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship through faith, processes, ministries, and more. More info coming soon!

## Communion

Continue to join us in the Chapel at 10:30 AM in between services for communion all Sundays EXCEPT Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month).

## Altar Flowers

There are openings for flowers in January in Traditional worship. Please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

## Church Directory

Directories will be available soon. We're excited to start off the New Year with new books!

## Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online at 6 PM on Mondays. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.