

**Order of Worship**  
**January 7, 2024**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Welcome and Announcements**                      **Bill Draper, Liturgist**

**Call to Worship – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**                      **UM Hymnal # 334**  
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

**\*Hymn of Praise and Lighting of Candles**  
                    **“There’s A Song in the Air”**                      **UM Hymnal # 249**

**Personal Sharing**

**Psalms 72:1-14**    **Bill Draper**

**Concerns and Praises**

**Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**Offering**  
**\*Doxology**    **UM Hymnal # 95**

**Hymn of Preparation**  
                    **“Let Us Break Bread Together”**                      **UM Hymnal # 618**

**\*Scripture**    **Isaiah 60:1-3; Matthew 5:16**

**Sermon**    **Joe Beavon**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**                      **UM Hymnal # 12**

**\*Hymn of Dedication**  
                    **“This Little Light of Mine”**                      **UM Hymnal # 585**

**OUR ALTAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!**

**\*Benediction and Shalom Circle**

*Upcoming Events*

**Monday, January 15:** 1:00pm United Women in Faith will meet.



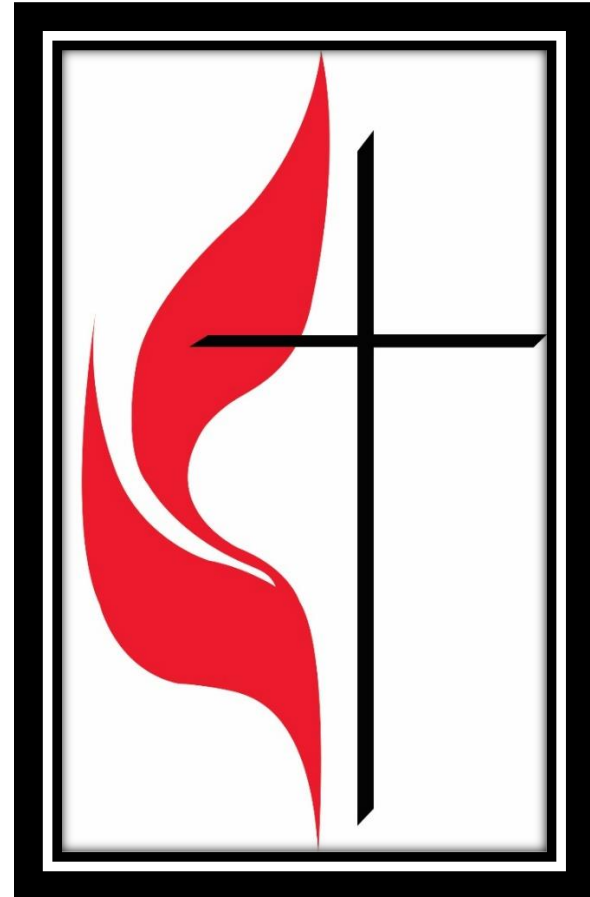
**Last week’s plate offering:**                      **\$1,783.00**  
**December plate offering:**                      **\$11,444.00**  
**Weekly amount needed to be on budget:**                      **\$1,500.00**  
**Attendance Last Sunday: 36**  
**Online Views of Streaming Video: 98**

*Prayers & Concerns*

Katherine Johnson - ongoing care  
Tyler Stafford - transplant issues  
Sue Matthews – health concerns  
Maria Rakaska – health concerns  
Steve Chapman – health concerns  
Judy Denny – health concerns  
David Bryant – cancer  
Shirley Tayse – health concerns  
Harold & Betty Martin – ongoing health issues  
Ann Hart – Prayers  
Tim Huffines – Prayers for Jaymon Loftis  
Steve Neer – prayers!  
Roger Borgmann – Prayers for Ida Reed  
Tom Barlow – Prayers  
Jane Beavon – Prayers for friend, Sherry Halteman  
Patrick Heinrich – Prayers for Dakota Bean  
Judy Ragland – Prayers for Peggy Dyer  
Tom Venable - Prayers for Julie Scott King  
Ann Hughes – Prayers Rosemary Henry  
Janet Meadows – Prayers for Becky Brown  
Pam Kilmon – Prayers for Jim Eberly for procedure on Jan. 3  
and prayers for Jean Richardson.  
John Willmore – Prayers for daughter in law, Kathy Willmore  
*Grief*  
Joe Beavon – Prayers for the family of Larry Dudney  
Pam Kilmon – Prayers for the family of Dale Scantland

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