

**Order of Worship**  
**December 31, 2023**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**

**Everyone Welcome!**

Welcome and Announcements                      Lew Walker, 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                      Don Johnson

Personal Sharing    Lew Walker

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    Don Johnson

\*Scripture    Luke 2:21-40

Sermon    Joe Beavon

\*Hymn of Dedication    Don Johnson

**OUR ALTAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!**

\*Benediction and Shalom Circle

*Upcoming Events*

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

**Joe and Jane would like to thank the congregation for their generous Christmas gift. Your blessings continue to amaze us, and we are so happy to be a part of this loving congregation! We wish everyone God’s blessings in 2024!**



**Last week’s plate offering: (Christmas Eve)                      \$ 504.00**

**Weekly amount needed to be on budget:                      \$1,500.00**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 36**

**Online Views of Streaming Video: 155**

## *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  
Jim Eberly – 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  
Joe Beavon – James Laiben family protection  
Ann Hughes – Prayers Rosemary Henry  
Janet Meadows – Prayers for Becky Brown

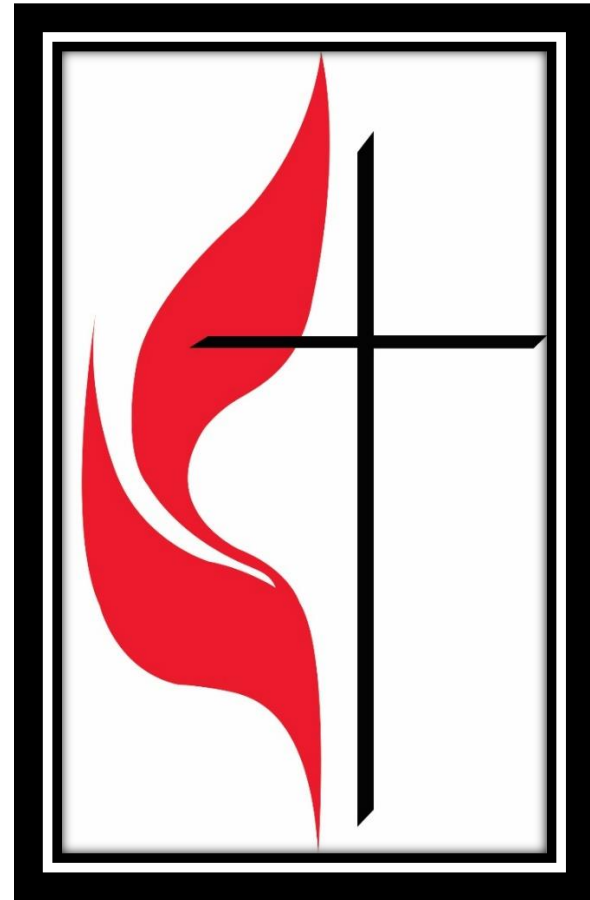
## *Praises*

Pam Kilmon – Blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation and thankful for the Christmas gift from the everyone!  
Sandy Heinrich – Praises for a great family get together!

Email Prayer Request: [gainesboromethodist@gmail.com](mailto:gainesboromethodist@gmail.com)

*Happy New Year!*

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