

## Celebrate Christmas at First

### Saturday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant in the Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the Multipurpose Room

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

*all with Holy Communion and Candlelight*

### Sunday, December 25:

11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 1:

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

## Another Christmas Shoppe is in the History Books

Special thanks to all who participated in, and donated to, last week's Christmas Shoppe!



## Ushers Needed in Traditional Services

Beginning in the new year, some of our faithful ushers have asked for a break. This means that there will be a few extra spots opening up in the 11:00 a.m. traditional services. So, if you have a spirit of service and would be interested in helping those who come to worship with us feel welcome, please consider joining one of our ushering teams. Contact Josh Sumter ([jsumter@fumcor.org](mailto:jsumter@fumcor.org)) or any of the ushers for more information.

## Grief Support Group

Recognizing that it can help people through the grief process to meet with others who are also grieving, our church will offer a Grief Support Group. The group will provide participants an opportunity to understand the grief experience and a safe, supportive community in which to express and explore their grief. It is open to those who lost their loved one in the last year, or perhaps years earlier.

The group will be co-led by retired grief counselor Steve Herbes and former lead pastor Rev. Bob Cantrell. This seven-week group will meet on Tuesdays, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., starting on January 17. While there is no cost for the group, pre-registration is required as group size is limited.

To register, contact the church office or email Rev. Jenny Caughman ([jcaughman@fumcor.org](mailto:jcaughman@fumcor.org)).

## In Sympathy

We ask for prayers for **Elaine Brubaker** and family in the death of her husband **Burt** who died on December 19. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

A service will be held for **Anita Butcher**, mother of Dwight, on Wednesday, December 28, at 1:00 p.m.

## In the Hospitals

George Smith (MMC - no visitors)  
Patsy Baker

## Discharged

Linda Houlberg  
Alice Miller

## Our Gifts

Offering This Week: \$29,303  
2022 YTD offering: \$1,291,568  
2021 YTD offering: \$1,277,479  
Missions Special offering: \$1,230

## Worship for December 25

Christmas Day

Sermon: Celebration of Jesus' Nativity Through Song

Scripture: John 1:1-14

11:00 a.m. Combined Service in the Sanctuary

Preaching: Rev. Mark Flynn



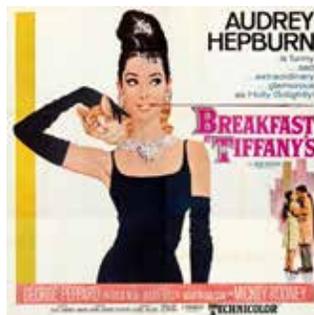
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## Marvelous Mondays Set for Wednesday, January 4

Come one, come all to a presentation of *Breakfast At Tiffany's* in the Fellowship Hall on January 4 at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, so you can munch away while watching a classic film. Questions about the movie or about the program in general can be directed to Mark Diemer at (865) 483-5410.



## Artists Perform at December XYZ



## Song of Songs Study

It is the scripture to which we seldom teach, preach, or refer. It is Solomon's song to his beloved. Some experts believe it is allegorical. Other experts believe it is the recounting of the history of Israel. It is written as ancient Egyptian love poetry. If you are interested in learning more about the Song of Solomon, or Song of Songs, join Pastor Denna on Sunday, January 15 in the Chapel for a special Sunday school lesson on this seldom studied book of the Bible. Contact Denna at [dhornby@fumcor.org](mailto:dhornby@fumcor.org).

Robyn Maker and Josh Sumter provided beautiful music for the December 14 gathering of eXtra Years of Zest (XYZ). Join us next month for another wonderful lunch and program!



**Pastors** Mark Flynn, lead • Jenny Caughman, spiritual care • Denna Hornby, associate

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