



**PRELUDE** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" with "King of Heaven" Mary Jane Seanor

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* OPENING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

UMH #224

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

People: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory.

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

O God our Father, you have brought us again into the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.

Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will to all; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### \* MUSICAL INTERLUDE & INTRODUCTION

"12 Days of Christmas" v1

#### ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on December 25, the first day of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, recalling the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so" (Luke 13:34)

\* **HYMN** UMH #234



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Blessing of the Toys

#### ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME TWO TURTLE DOVES

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.



#### ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME THREE FRENCH HENS

The Three Theological Virtues: 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love

\* CAROL

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

UMH #242

#### ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME FOUR CALLING BIRDS

The Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.



The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.



#### ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME SIX GEESE A-LAYING

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

\* HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" v1-4

UMH #147

#### ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING





#### ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek,

4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

\* HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

UMH #399

#### A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

#### ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME NINE LADIES DANCING

The nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness, 6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) self-control. (Galatians 5:22–23



The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

#### TITHES & OFFERINGS

See the back page for a variety of ways to give.

Offertory "Variations on the Sicilian Hymn"

Mary Jane Seanor UMH #95

DoxologyPrayer of Thanksgiving



#### ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING

The The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip,

- 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot,
- 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

#### \* SONG OF CELEBRATION

"12 Days of Christmas" v12

#### ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF CHRISTMAS, MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING



The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

- 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
- 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the holy catholic Church, 9) the communion of saints,
- 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #882

The Apostle's Creed

#### \* HYMN OF CELEBRATION

UMH #251

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

#### \* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Mary Jane Seanor

\* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

# PRAYER REQUESTS

# Pray for the healing of our church family, friends & relatives

Lailon Dorsey (12/17)
Estelle Elmore (10/15)
Brian Frounfelker (12/23)
Johnny Gatton (10/15)
Nelson Houchens (10/9)
Kathryn Liebschutz (12/18)
Jim & Carole Lupis (12/20)
Kyle Reed (9/23)

Sue Rehder (12/23)
Nancy Rehder (12/23)
Ethan Reuter (12/5)
David Roberts (12/23)
Keith Southworth (8/7)
Douglas Tucker (10/3)
Nancy Williams (12/18)

# REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

## Pray for those who are battling cancer Mike Britt Curtis Graves Iames Rothwe

Mike Britt
Tim Buckheit
Christine Clontz
AJ Davis
Melvin Dean
Sandy Denison
Jason Duke
Connie Evans
Pam Grace

Nathan Gray Harold Insley Gene Keller, Jr. Mike Knight Lance Lupis Bob Napier Steven Nourse Leanne Riley James Rothwell
Lorena Stiefel
Rob Sutor
Yvonne Tabor
Janet Taylor
Denny Woodruff
Sarah Zsak

Pray for Pastor Matthew & Danielle, and Amelia, Simon, and Ambrose

Pray for those who are grieving, including Pastor Wendy van Vliet, who lost her mother last week.

Pray for our Homebound

Robert & Sharon Hayes John Porter
Connie Langford CD & Judy Wood

To request prayer, fill out a Keeping in Touch card or call or <u>email the office</u>.

Please keep us updated on the status of your prayer requests.

Names in bold indicate new prayer requests or those who need extra prayer this week.



HUMC mugs are available on the counter in the narthex. Take a mug. Place some money in the jar. Give the mug as a Christmas gift. Use the

mug during your devotional time. Use them as your guest mugs. Coffee! Hot chocolate! Hot tea! Soup! Enjoy!







Filling Empty Little Tummies

Thank you so much for supporting this ministry! These are the items we currently need in our pantry for local school children who need food during weekends of the schoolyear.

- ♥ Oatmeal Packets
- **♥** Pop Tarts

# HOLLY WOOD YOUTH GROUP

We will not be meeting tonight! We'll see you next Sunday evening! Talk with Ryan if you are interested in sharing a testimony or providing dinner with the teens at one of our monthly Taste-imony nights! Stay tuned for more youth news!

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to the HUMC Needy Fund and Three Oaks Center. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve services will be directed to the Christmas Offering. You can also use the Christmas Offering envelope from your numbered box or give online to the Christmas Offering.

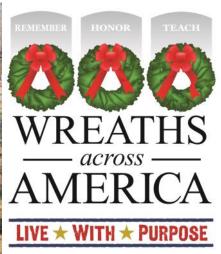
#### PAJAMA CONNECTION

THANK YOU!! Because of your monetary and gift donations, and with the support of our Preschool families, and local businesses, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 73 children in Southern Maryland! Praise the Lord! Merry Christmas!

Help us get a jump on next year's wreaths! Through January 14, due to a matching program, sponsor 2 wreaths and we will receive FIVE!









# SPECIAL SUNDAY Sunday, January 19

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING IR.



On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we celebrate and take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation

# **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**

#### YEAR-END GIVING

The year is quickly coming to a close. For your tithes and offerings to be credited for 2024, they need to be received as follows:

- Physical offerings (in-person) must be received by 10:00 AM on Monday, December 30.
- Online offerings must be submitted by end of business on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 31</u>.
- Mailed offerings must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31.

If you have moved in 2024, please make sure we have your current mailing address. Giving statements will be accessible in Realm. Stay tuned for more info. Thank you for your

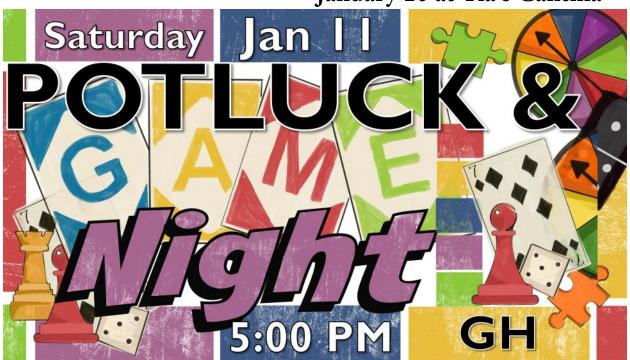
continued faithful giving.

#### # H U M C W R A P P E D

All month long on our Facebook page, we've been sharing the innumerable ways the Lord has blessed us and we have blessed others throughout the year. We've compiled them all into an album which you can view here:



January 20 at Tia's Cantina



## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service (In-Person/YouTube)

6:00 PM Youth Group

Tuesdays 9:00 AM Jazzercise (GH)

Wednesdays 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study (Youth Room)

6:30–8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays 9:00 AM Jazzercise (GH)

10:00 AM Deadline for Bulletin Info for Next Sunday

Fridays Pastor's Sabbath

9:00 AM Jazzercise (GH)

Event indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 29 10:00 AM 12 Days of Christmas Service

5<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

7<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day—Office Closed

8<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany/Star Words Service

12th Day of Christmas

Solomons Mission Center Collection

After Service Undecorating Party

Monday, January 6 Epiphany

Saturday, January 11 5:00 PM Game Night & Potluck

Sunday, January 19 Human Relations—UMC Special Sunday

Monday, January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed

Noon Ladies Lunch at Tia's Cantina

Friday, January 31 Statistical Reports Due

Saturday, February 1 10:00 AM Kitchen Clean Up (COME HELP!)

Sunday, February 2 Solomons Mission Center Collection

Sunday, February 9 After Worship Souper Bowl

Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day—Office Closed—No School (SMCPS)



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## Ways to Support Hollywood UMC

- † Mail a check to us at the address above!
- The Click here to give online or scan the QR Code. We incur a smaller fee when you give directly from your bank account versus a credit card.
- The You can give indirectly to HUMC through iGive as you shop online!

