



“Developing Followers of Jesus Christ to Serve the World”

Tidings

Union United Methodist Church, Belleville, IL

December 23, 2025



Dear families and friends of Union United Methodist Church,

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this: that the one who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:3–6, NIV)

As we step into a new year, I find myself looking back with deep gratitude and looking ahead with confidence. God has been leading us faithfully—through changes, challenges, and moments of growth. And as we move forward, we trust this truth: the same God who has led us so far will continue to lead us. The same grace that has sustained us will remain with us.

January invites us to dream again. This does not necessarily mean fuller calendars or busier schedules, but God-sized dreams—dreams rooted in hope, faith, and love. At Union, we are called to do ministry with joy and excellence. Offering our best is one way we honor God and care well for one another. Quality matters—not for perfection’s sake, but because people matter. When we pursue ministry with care, intention, and faithfulness, we create spaces where people can truly encounter God.

I am especially grateful for our leaders and volunteers who continue to say “yes.” Your willingness to serve—often quietly, faithfully, and generously—makes ministry possible. You offer your time, your gifts, and your hearts, and God uses your faithfulness in powerful ways.

As we begin this new year together, let us keep trusting, keep dreaming, and keep serving with joy. May God guide our steps, strengthen our hearts, and bless the work of our hands in the months ahead.

With gratitude and hope,
Angie



GriefShare is a 13 week grief support group open to Union members, their friends and families. Co-led by Pastor Allynn and Danny Nollman, we will meet every Sunday @ 10:30am (except the first Sunday of the month) in room 408 starting January 11.

This Christ-centered program helps people as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one. The videos and curriculum feature respected Christian counselors and pastors who provide biblically sound advice and guidance. There is no cost.

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Journey

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UWF

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Mark Your Calendar

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Official Roll

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Music Tidings

United Women in Faith
10:00 am
Krause Room
2nd Wednesday
(not January, April or July)
Special events posted in Tidings and the bulletin

United Methodist Men
Third Wednesday 5:30 pm
Krause Room

Ruth Circle
Quilters/Stitchers
Each Thursday 9:00 am
Krause Room

Horticulture
Each Wednesday, 9 am
Coffee, 8 am
Krause Room

Junior Church
(Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
Junior Church is held during the 9:00 am worship service

The Psychology of Gun Violence

Why do we have so much gun violence in our society? What causes mass shootings? What motivates a shooter to kill? How can we save lives by making smart choices?

An expert in the field, Dr. Janet Shibley Hyde, a professor emerita of psychology at the University of Wisconsin will speak of the public health approach to gun violence on Sunday, March 8, 10:30 am in the Forum classroom on the 2nd floor at Union Church. All are welcome to this highly relevant talk.

In addition, on Sunday, March 1, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 am the group will study in more depth Dr. Hyde's book, The Psychology of Gun Violence. Please come and share your thoughts in a group discussion. All are welcome.

Union UMC livestream services

9 am service:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Kent5122>

or later through YouTube

Union United Methodist Church,
Belleville, Illinois

11:15 service:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

@Crosswalk.UnionChurch.Belleville

Tidings

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Thel Lemons, Editor

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**Upcoming Tidings
deadlines (12 pm):**

January 23

February 27

March 20

JOURNEY CHURCH

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Continuing the Journey What's Happening in Freeburg

We didn't have a place to decorate a trailer this year for the Lighted Parades in Smithton and Freeburg, but lights could still be added to our side-by-side, Christian Christmas music could still be broadcasted in the streets, and we could still pass out candy that Mike ordered and Christmas Eve invitations that Jenny made.

My husband Paul and our oldest son Daniel spent many hours stringing lights and mounting and securing screens and speakers. Daniel put together a music playlist and screens that said, "Jesus loves you / and so do we / Journey Church / Freeburg." Less than 36 hours prior to the first parade, our youngest son Noah was inspired to freehand draw and cut huge wooden letters that said "JESUS LOVES YOU" and mount them. It wasn't fancy, but it really touched my heartstrings because that is what I sense is the most important message to get out there in the streets. When I wasn't singing along with the music, I was saying, "Jesus loves you" and "Merry Christmas." My heart is full and I can't wait to do it again!

Thanks to our December Lunch Bunch who – last minute – put together 50 bags of groceries and delivered them to Freeburg schools. They were the hands and feet of Jesus! (The shopping and bags are normally done by FCHS Life Skills class, but they had a different schedule the last week of the semester.)

On Epiphany, we will enjoy music by the Greiman family – guitar, voice, clarinet, and drums. Most of Journey Praise Band is looking forward to having a day "off."

It was good to see many of you at recent events – the UWF Luncheon where I brought two guests from Journey and a staff dinner lovingly prepared and served by Pastor Angie and SJ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



"Cathy O"

Cathy Obernuefemann
Journey Worship Leader

EVERY WEEK

- Worship - Sundays at 10:15 am with Pastor Mike Olson and Journey Praise Band
- College & Career Bible Study - Sundays at 4 pm with Jenny Olson 618-979-3937 or jolson@nashville-k12.org
- Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6 pm with Jenny Olson, 618-979-3937 or jolson@nashville-k12.org (not first Wednesdays)
- AA and Al-Anon - Thursdays at 7 pm; Eric G., 618-406-0366

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

December 21	Christmas Sunday; Fourth Sunday in Advent; no C&C
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship, 5 pm
January 4	Epiphany; Greiman family leading music; Communion; Undecorate
January 7	First Wednesday Dinner: Football food
January 21	Lunch Bunch, 11 am

United Women in Faith News January



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Tea so special. Special thanks to Jo Elyn Lynn and Sandy Patrick for chairing the event.

A reminder that while there is no general meeting in January, circles will continue to meet. Lydia Circle has the card ministry in January.

Please mark your calendar for February 11—10 am in the Krause Room—when we will have our first unit meeting of the year. Elizabeth Circle is hostess; Thel Lemons has the program: “UWF101 (aka “So what is UWF and what in the world are we doing?”)

Keep Praying!
Marjie



Lydia Circle at Christmas



Miriam Circle at Christmas



Elizabeth Circle at Christmas

Mary Circle meets the 3rd Sunday of every month (unless noted otherwise) from 10:30 -11:00 am.

Contact Stephanie Pierce, 618-406-7960, for more information.



Union UMC's United Women in Faith recently presented their annual Special Mission Recognitions.

These recognitions honor members of the church family who have gone above and beyond in their devotion to church life and community missions.

*This year's recipients are **Bill Baysinger** and **Laura Koehler**. Congratulations!*

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Tea. It is so wonderful to have so many participate—if you're a UWF member or not. Thanks to all!
Sandy Patrick and Jo Elyn Lynn



The Outreach Committee celebrates God's work among us and gives thanks for the many ways Union United Methodist Church continues to serve our neighbors with compassion, generosity, and love.



Grants & Gifts of Support: We are grateful to share that our Food Pantry has received a grant from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. This funding strengthens our ability to respond to hunger in our community and ensures that families have access to nourishing food when they need it most. We also extend heartfelt thanks to the Scouts for their recent Food Drive benefiting the Food Pantry. Their service and dedication made a meaningful difference—thank you for being faithful servants in action.

Seasonal Ministries of Care: Our Angel Tree Ministry, supporting children from Douglas School and families served by the Salvation Army, was a beautiful reminder of Christ's love in action. Thank you to everyone who selected angels, donated gifts, wrapped with care, and prayed over each child and family.

Our ongoing Sack Lunch Ministry continues to provide nourishment and dignity to those experiencing food insecurity. In addition, Lobby Prayers remain a quiet but powerful outreach—offering prayer, presence, and encouragement to all who pass through our doors.

Looking Ahead In 2026

Introducing: Methodist on the Move. We are excited to introduce Methodist on the Move, a new outreach initiative encouraging faith in action through service, prayer, and intentional living.

Lent 2026 – A Family Journey beginning February 18, 2026, we will launch a 40 Days of Lent Family Coin Calendar. This simple, meaningful practice invites households of all ages to reflect, pray, and give together throughout the Lenten season.

Save the Date: Violence Prevention Workshop, March 28: Join us for an important workshop focused on awareness, prevention, and faith-based response in our community.

With Grateful Hearts: We are deeply thankful for our Union Church members and friends whose prayers, time, generosity, and faithfulness make every Outreach Committee ministry possible. Your continued support allows us to be Christ's hands and feet beyond the church walls. As John Wesley reminds us: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Together, we continue to move forward in faith—serving, loving, and sharing hope. The Outreach Committee

No Sunday School December 28

Jane Peters
Sunday School Superintendent



The Worship Committee encourages you to get involved! Volunteers are always needed for the following at the 9:00 service:

Liturgists (read scripture and Call to Worship)
please contact Lisa Koerkenmeier at
koer1922@gmail.com or 618-979-2085

Ushers

please contact Danny Nollman at nollmandl@att.net or call 618-334-0320

Greeters

please contact Judy Eckert at
judy.eckert@eckerts.com or 618/476-1757

Hobby Time

Room 211
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



These are open times;
you are welcome to come and go as you please.

Bring your portable hobby, a snack, and a friend for fellowship and fun as you work on a project. *Please contact Becky Keiser, 618-795-0317 for more information.*

We will continue "Dinner & the Word" in February 2026. The group will watch Season 2 episodes this next year. This is a fun group with lively discussions and delicious potlucks. Please feel free to join whenever your schedule allows. Hint! If you read the bible you know the storyline! But this series helps the characters come alive!

Hosts are Bruce and Marjie Simms: 618-623-9279;
address, 1745 St. Andrews Dr., Shiloh

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

2nd Tuesday BBQ Crew

The New Year kicks off with a new BBQ venue for the *2nd Tuesday BBQ Crew* - **Mr. BBQ's Restaurant & Grill**, 2080 Columbia Centre, Columbia, Illinois! On Tuesday, January 13th, we will meet in the Upper Parking Lot Of Union Church at 11:00 am and carpool to Columbia. Or, you may just meet us there at 11:30. There will be fun, fellowship and great food! Questions? Contact Joe Milton, 618-235-5344 or joseph.milton@att.net.



Thanks to Dave Philip for photos

Mark Your Calendar for 2026 Wednesdays at Union

2026 Spring (10 Weeks)

Beginning with Ash Wednesday – Theme: *Peace and Nonviolence*

February 18 – *Ash Wednesday Service* at 6:30 p.m. (no dinner)

February 25 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, First Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 4 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Second Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 11 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Third Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 18 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Forth Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 25 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Fifth Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.

April 1 – *No Wednesday event due to Holy Week.*

Joint Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 pm at Union

Joint Good Friday service: Friday, April 3 (Time to be announced) at Journey

April 8 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

April 15 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

April 22 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

April 29 – Yoga with Prayer at 4:15 pm Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Emphasis:

The Lenten series will center on *promoting peace and reducing violence*—in our words, actions, and relationships.

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In addition, on Sunday March 1, 15, 22 and 29 at 10:30 am the group will study in more depth Dr. Hyde's book: *The Psychology of Gun Violence*.

Violence Prevention Center will offer their workshop on Saturday, March 28, 8:45 am till 1:00 pm.

2026 Fall (10 Weeks)

September 16

September 23

September 30

October 7

October 14

October 21

October 28

November 4

November 11

November 18 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner

2026 Winter (3 Weeks during Advent – Morning Series at 10:00 a.m.)

December 2

December 9

December 16

Mark Your Calendar for

World Communion Sunday & Fall Gathering –October 4, 2026 (One Combined Service)



Good news! The Church's 2026 calendar is already filling up.....as your committee starts planning its year, please confirm with Sheri in the church office that there is no conflict.



The sign-up for altar flowers in 2026 is now available in the Welcome Center (look for yellow folder).

Arrangements are \$25 and you may take them home with you after the service.

You may sign up for as many Sundays as you wish.

Faithful Communion Stewards

Thank you for your faithful service throughout the 2025 year. We are deeply grateful for the reverence, care, and commitment you bring to this sacred ministry. Your willingness to serve helps create meaningful moments of worship and connection for our congregation. With appreciation and blessings.....

[UMC 101 – New Membership Class](#)

#Union United Methodist Church: Faith That Works

When: Saturdays, Jan 17, 24, and 31, at 9:00-10:30 am

Where: Krause Room

Whether you are new to Union or have been part of our church family for many years, you are invited to our UMC 101 Class: #Union United Methodist Church: Faith That Works—a welcoming introduction to who we are and what we believe as United Methodists. This class explores our roots and heritage, our Wesleyan theology, and how Christian faith becomes lived faith—faith that shapes our daily choices, guides our decision-making, and moves us into mission for the world. Together, we will reflect on how to practice love of God and neighbor in real and meaningful ways.

Joining the church is not required to attend.

All are welcome—curious newcomers, seekers, long-time members, and anyone who wants a fresh understanding of our shared faith journey. Long-time members will especially find this class helpful as a way to refresh their understanding, engage in conversation with others, and offer wisdom gained through years of faithful discipleship.

[Feel free to invite your family and friends who would like to learn more about the United Methodist Church and the heart of Union, and who may be considering becoming members of Union UMC.](#)

Morning bagels and coffee will be provided by your pastor.

We look forward to learning and growing together!

[Session 1: Saturday, January 17, 9:00 am -10:30 am](#)

Content:

Where It All Started: The UMC story in church history
John Wesley: Meet a person whose heart was set on fire for God

Salvation and Grace: God's grace at every stage of life

Session 2: Saturday, January 24, 9:00 am -10:30 am

Content

Faith + Action = Transformation: The Methodist equation
The Word and the World: How Methodists read and understand Scripture

How Church Works: What's a "conference"? Why do we do things that way?

Session 3 (optional | invitation to Leadership Summit): Saturday, January 31, 9:00 am -10:30 am

This session focuses on how we live out our faith together—and how each person's voice, gifts, and vision matter in God's work through Union. Session 3 is relational, participatory, and missional, helping you not only learn more about Union, but also begin to see where you belong and how you can serve. Most importantly, this is a time for Union leaders to listen and hear your voice as we discern God's future for our church together.

Union UMC 2025 Leadership Summit Shaping Our Future in Christ

When: Saturday, January 31, at 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Where: Krause Room

You are warmly invited to the Union UMC 2025 Leadership Summit, a morning set aside for prayerful reflection, listening, and discernment as we seek God's guidance for the next chapter of our life together.

This gathering is not only for committee members or church leaders. It is for anyone who loves Union and cares about where God is leading us. Each person's voice, gifts, and perspective matter as we live out God's mission together.

During our time, we will reflect on Jesus' Great Commandment and Great Commission, which shape our ministry at Union:

Love God through worship, prayer, and spiritual formation

Love Your Neighbor through mission, outreach, compassion, and justice

Go Make Disciples by inviting others into faith through relationship and hospitality

Baptize Them by building a welcoming, caring community where people belong

Teach Them to Obey through Christian education and lifelong discipleship

After a brief overview of our mission, we will break into small groups to celebrate what God has already been doing at Union, identify areas where we feel stretched or called to grow, and listen together for the Spirit's leading. We will then come back together as a large group to share insights and hopes.

As we look toward 2026–2028, one guiding question will shape our conversation: *If Union could focus on just two or three things exceptionally well in the next three years, what should they be?*

Your presence matters. Your voice matters. Please join us as we pray, listen, and shape our future in Christ—together.



Holy Grapes
sing at
Crosswalk

THANK YOU, ANGEL BREAKFAST HELPERS

Saturday, December 6th, we celebrated the beginning of advent with the "Angel Breakfast" hosting 19 children and 24 adults as our special guests. The children made a nativity craft with miniature nativity figures in a snow globe. The kids also had a family picture taken by Dave Philip before they had a meal of pancakes and sausage and then listened to the story of Christ's birth read from the Bible by Dan Nollman. Men then sang Christmas songs to the kids before wishing them a "Merry Christmas!"

It took our behind-the-scene angels of cooks, servers, crafters, singers, photographer and storyteller to kick off this meaningful morning. Thank you to those who donated their time on Friday and Saturday: Dick Frette, Billy and Julee Baysinger, Donna Shock, Sheri Hill, Jim Lemons, Joe Milton, Dave Philip, Dave Steincamp, Bill Campbell, Keith Dintelmann, Terry Mueth, Kay and Dennis Watt, SJ Lee, Dan Nollman, Jerry Sauerwein, Michael Howland, Mike Engel, Mark Tieman, Pastor Angie and Karl Walz. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

Blessings to everyone this Christmas season!
Jane Peters

Visitation and Other Good Stuff with Dr. Joe Scheets

January 2026

Special Edition of Where's Joe?



Following the advice of my wife and a few relevant medical doctors, I'll be on an unforeseen short leave of absence early in 2026.

My "check engine light" came on last January. An ambulance arrived and I spent almost twelve hours in an Emergency Room. Since then, I've joined the parade of people going from one specialist to another for a variety of tests and procedures involving a couple of situations.

Paramount among them is a prostate cancer diagnosis. I ask for your prayers and understanding while going through surgery and getting beyond this. Pastor Angie and I have planned for coverage of my pastoral responsibilities during that time.

As always, as you may have heard me say, God's still in business and by God's grace so are we.

It continues to be an honor being in ministry with you!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Joe Scheets
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The 13 mentors from Union visit their students for one hour each and every week. It is an hour to listen, encourage, play, laugh, learn.

Each mentor is required to complete a Weekly Progress Report. That report is sent to me as the KH Director, and to the student's teacher and to Kristin, the Douglas School social worker. Meanwhile, each mentor has a prayer partner who checks in with the mentor to get prayer requests and updates.

Well, here is my Progress Report to you, Union Church. This week concludes the first semester of the KIDS HOPE ministry at Douglas. God is surely at work in the friendships being formed, the lessons being learned and the fun being had. Here are some excerpts from the Progress Reports—

One student introduced his mentor as “my best friend.” One student tells his mentor he loves her when they part ways. Another student, when asked by his mentor if he wanted him to come back after Thanksgiving break, enthusiastically said yes! One mentor said on her report “I am blessed to have this child in my life.”

There are also some sad things shared on the reports. One student told her mentor that she didn't want to take the ornament they made home because her dad might tear it up. The mentor told her to keep it in her desk, so she could remember their time together.

Meanwhile all the prayer partners assigned to a mentor check in weekly for new requests. Prayer is the language of hope in KIDS HOPE!

It is an honor and privilege to bring the light and love of Christ to these precious children. I thank our mentors and their prayer partners. I thank Kristin and Principal Geoff at Douglas. Above all else I thank God for enlisting us in the ministry of Jesus. We say, let the little children come to us!

Pastor Allynn
Director KIDS HOPE

PS Note from Principal Geoff:

What a pleasure it has been to watch and see first hand the incredible, positive impact our mentors are having on our Douglas School students. The smiles and excitement from both the students and mentors say it all! Thank you for blessing our students with your time and energy. We are incredibly thankful for this awesome partnership!

*Geoffrey Schwalenberg
Principal
Douglas Elementary School*

2026 Pledge Drive Update

As we come to the end of 2025, we want to thank all who have contributed to the missions of Union, whether financially or your volunteer spirit and helpfulness to ensure we have met the needs of our church and community. We are completing 2025 in a strong financial position.

As we move forward into 2026, we are slightly behind our goal to meet 2026 financial stability. The current status of our pledge drive has been shown on the pre-service slide show for the past three weeks. Many of you have already submitted your 2026 pledge and we are deeply grateful.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your pledge form, we warmly invite you to do so. Planned giving, including pledge commitments, helps the Finance Committee manage the month to month financial needs as we work through the year.

Pledging is not a rigid obligation, but a faith-filled intention made with grace. It can be adjusted as life circumstances change. If you have unforeseen financial issues during the year, a simple email or call to our Comptroller, Bunny Von Bokel, will allow her to work with you to delay, decrease or eliminate your pledged amount.

Thanks again to those who have pledged. We request those who have not yet done it to turn in your 2026 pledge information as soon as possible.

If you have further questions, contact Bunny Von Bokel, Comptroller; Dick Frette, Church Treasurer, or Mike Engel, Finance Committee Chairman.

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)



The Great Commission. It's what we are all called to do. In the year of 2026 I pray we can set this as a priority. Invite your neighbor, co-worker or someone you meet at the grocery store to worship with you at Union Church. We will have a smile and a cup of coffee for you at 11:15 each Sunday! Happy New Year!

January 4 – The Commission by Cain
January 11 – Nobody by Casting Crowns
January 18 – Old Church Choir by Zach Williams
January 25 – You Will Never Run by Rend Collective

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***Assistant Pastor**

Mike Olson 409-9358

***Director of Family Ministries**

Angela Rawson 432-254-2944

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Danny Nollman 334-0320

Jenny Olson

Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference

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Bill Campbell 513-208-3422

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Jane Peters 235-3804

***United Women in Faith**

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***United Methodist Men**

Tom Wade 530-2623

Administrative Council Members*MEMBERS AT LARGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (107)****2026**

Judy Woodruff

Marvina Lee

Bill Campbell

2027

Dave Favreau

Bette Frette

Mardy Eisloeffel

Dianne Hilgert

2028

Bill Hutcherson

Suzanne Hutcherson

Helen Rinehart

Keith Dintelmann

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Judy Woodruff

Mike Engel

2027

Lary Eckert

Dave Steinkamp

Jim Lemons

2028

Sherry Greiman

Arlene Glaeser

Board of Trustees (204): Jerry Koerkenmeier, Chairperson**2026**

Kay MacIntire

Marvina Lee

2027

Dennis Watt

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Charles Rogers

2028

Jim Maule

Jerry Koerkenmeier

Mike Callaghan

Staff-Parish (202): Danny Nollman, Chairperson*Ex-Officio:* Mike Engel, Danny Nollman, *Annual Conference**Delegates;* Angie Lee, *Sr. Pastor***2026**

Arlene Glaeser

Cindy Knox

Dick Frette

2027

Donna Shock

Dan Nollman

2028

Suzanne Hutcherson

Mardy Eisloeffel

Doug Greiman

Lay Leadership (201): Senior Pastor, Angie Lee,**Chairperson** *Ex-Officio:* Lisa Koerkenmeier, *Lay Leader***2026**

Suzanne Hutcherson

Lisa Koerkenmeier

2027

Sandy Kuehn

Linda Edwards

Barb Cleland

2028

Mardy Eisloeffel

Lisa Melton

Dave Steinkamp

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Worship Committee (250): Thel Lemons, Chairperson
Ex-Officio: Angie Lee, *Senior Pastor*; Carole Eckert, *Music Director*; Beth Walz, *Praise Team Director*; Karen Milton, *Altar Guild*; Julie Petraborg, *Youth & Children's Choirs*; Gail Long, *Organist*; Laura Koehler, *Communion Steward*; Dan Nollman, *Head Usher*

2026	2027	2028
Tom Wade	Nancy Weston	Karen Milton
Judy Eckert	Laura Koehler	Thel Lemons
Dianne Hilgert		Lisa Koerkenmeier

Outreach Committee (302): Laura Koehler, Bill Koehler, Co- Chairpersons
Ex-Officio: Kay MacIntire

2026	2027	2028
Lori Kinney	Connie Stein	Carol Morey
Linda Moyer	Laura Koehler	Julie Callaghan
Barbara Harszy	Bill Koehler	Suzanne Hutcherson
Joe Milton		

Nurture Committee (192): Kay Watt, Chairperson
Ex-Officio: Jane Peters, *SS Superintendent*; Angela Rawson, *Family Ministry Director*

2026	2027	2028
Jordyn Walz	Laura Koehler	Jan Wiggs
	Morgan Howland	Karen Buehler
	Mary Peck	Kay Watt

Evangelism Committee (4): Joe Milton, Chairperson

2026	2027	2028
Marjie Simms	Laura Koehler	Joe Milton
Bruce Simms	Bill Baysinger	Doris Wiemers

Visions Committee (241): Judy Woodruff, Chairperson
 Mark Tiemann Danny Nollman Kay Watt
 Lisa Koerkenmeier Thel Lemons Joe Milton
 Jerry Koerkenmeier Mike Engel Laura Koehler
 Dianne Hilgert Angela Rawson Pastor Angie Lee

Communications Team

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Joe Milton	Karl Walz	Beth Walz
Mike Callaghan		

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Visitation: Dennis Poole, Chairperson

Clergy Assigned to the Church Conference (13):

- Robert Edwards, Retired
- Roger Knox, Retired
- Edward Weston, Retired
- Dr. Joe Scheets, Retired
- Allynn Walker, Retired



Angel Breakfast



Thanks to Dave Philip for photos



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Thank You 

Our thanks to the children and youth, their director: Julie Petraborg; accompanist: Gail Long; set: Paul Petraborg; costumes: Ginger Jones for the wonderful Children's Christmas Pageant given on December 14th!

Our thanks, also, for the United Women in Faith's lovely Christmas tea given on December 21st!

Our thanks to Susan Botula for directing the Jubilation handbells on Christmas Eve!

You all bring us much joy this Advent season!



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MUSIC TIDINGS

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9 am - Special Music with the Petraborg family
Rev. Allyn Walker's sermon: "Let's Dance"; Matthew 9:27-31

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem - "Christ, Be Our Light" - Farrell
Rev. Lee's sermon: "Grace Upon Grace for a New Year"; John 1:1, 10-18
Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem -
"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" - Burkhardt
with oboist: Dawn Striker
Rev. Lee's sermon: "Claimed By God"; Matthew 3:13-17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem - "I Believe This is Jesus" - arr. Johnson
soloist: Michael Woodruff
Rev. Lee's sermon: "Come and See"; John 1:35-42

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9 am - Sanctuary Choir anthem - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - arr. Wachter
Rev. Lee's sermon: "Follow Me"; Matthew 4:12-23