

Wellspring

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



THE LIGHT SHINES

December 24, 2023
10:05

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INFORMATION

- **Information Center** in main foyer
- **Nursery** 1st floor south end of the building
- **Children** 2nd floor south end of building
- **Refreshments** in the Dyer hallways
- **Elevator** south end of the building
- **Youth** across the street at The Hub
- **Restrooms** in main foyer & Children's lobby
- **Shuttle bus** for remote parking

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Welcome to Wellspring!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Whether the holiday season has you feeling excited, nostalgic, stressed, sad, or broke, we are glad that you have joined us for our Advent series, *The Light Shines*!

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit." Our Advent season begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent we prepare for the birth of Jesus. As we anticipate Christmas, *The Light Shines* series will enlighten and brighten unique aspects of the birth of Christ that will light up our season and lives.

Amid all that is happening in the world it can feel a bit dark. We know, however, that light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not extinguish the light. Jesus is the light of the world and when we live for Christ, we shine bright!

If you are new, please feel free to look around, ask questions, be yourself, and let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience most memorable. Be sure to meet some of the great people here at Wellspring, and we look forward to *living well* alongside you. Merry Christmas!

First United Methodist Church
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Sermon Notes

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Stay up to date with Wellspring events, news, resources, and more. Scan the QR code to the left with your smart phone and click on the link that appears on your phone screen. Provide your name and email and you're all set. You may also visit us online at **www.sharingtheheart.org/wellspring** to sign up.

“Like” our Facebook page and be sure to check-in online! For every new like and check-in we receive we will supply three meals to hungry kids! That’s right, your simple check-in helps spread the word about Wellspring AND feeds kids. This is a simple click of the button that can have a big impact. You can scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone camera to be taken to our Facebook page.



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning!

Please use the tear-off form to let us know you are here

Online resources are also available at
SharingtheHeart.org/Resources

- Attendance
- Giving
- Join the Church
- Prayer Request
- Newsletter sign up
- Bulletins



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Please *Sign In*
We're glad you are here!

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What's Happening

WELCOME, VISITORS!

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!

We invite you to visit our website **www.sharingtheheart.org** or our Welcome Desk to learn more about our missions and ministries, including ESL, youth, children, music, special needs, Bible studies, support groups, military fellowship, and more.

May God's love fill you this day as we celebrate the birth of Christ! All are welcome!

GIVING

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving! If you haven't filled out your Estimate of Giving card, there are some at the front desk. We would also appreciate an end-of-year gift to help end a great 2023!

BRING A GIFT FOR BABY

Children's Ministry is collecting baby items! You can drop off onesies, blankets, diapers, wipes, or formula in the Children's Area by the manger. *We remember the child who was born in a manger and we bring gifts!*

ESL REGISTRATION

Our English as a Second Language ministry has begun registration for Spring 2024. We offer 6 levels of classes, and childcare. This is an amazing resource, so please share. You can learn more by emailing **edvolfe@sharingtheheart.org**, or visit **sharingtheheart.org/ESL**.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

We have a special Service Schedule for New Year's Eve. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:05* and 11:10. Wellspring will worship at 10:05*. Nursery will be provided for all services.

**Livestreamed*

HEART MINISTRY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Our special needs ministry strives to provide a supportive, loving, and safe environment for preschoolers through adolescents with special needs to experience the love of Christ.

SENSORY ROOM: available at the 10:05am, 1:30, 3, and 5pm services

SENSORY BAGS: available from ushers at all services

Please let us know how we can help! We are here to support and love all.

GUEST WIFI: Network: FUMC Guest Password: sharingtheheart

GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW?

During Advent, First UMC provided Christmas gifts for 204 Caldwell Elementary children, and Melissa UMC provided Christmas for 111 children in ECI.

Thank you for your generosity!

Ways to Give

www.sharingtheheart.org/give



Text "sharingtheheart" to 73256
Give online through our secure portal
Give at the offering boxes at the door
Give by credit card in the hallway

Your Gift Makes a Difference!

ATTENDANCE CARD Please complete, tear off, and place in the box at the exit. Thank you!

Service attended: ☐ 8:00 ☐ 9:00 ☐ 10:05 ☐ 11:10 Location: ☐ Sanctuary ☐ Wellspring ☐ First Time Guest ☐ Returning Guest ☐ Member

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Email _____

Phone _____ ☐ cell ☐ home

Children Attending (names & ages) _____

Address _____ City/St _____ Zip _____

☐ Update my info ☐ Send weekly email newsletter ☐ Preferred Contact: ☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ Adult age group: ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65+

Welcome to our guests! How did you hear about us? _____ Relationship of _____ (over)

Your Name _____ Today's Date _____

Prayers requested for (name) _____

This person is: ☐ self ☐ friend ☐ relative ☐ other _____

Prayer need (include info as needed) _____

I would like information about:

- ☐ Nursery ☐ Children's Ministry ☐ Youth Ministry ☐ Adult groups ☐ Music Ministry ☐ Becoming a member ☐ Other _____

Name _____

- ☐ Faith, being a Christian ☐ Generosity / Stewardship ☐ Bible Study ☐ Melissa UMC Campus ☐ Help with personal issues ☐ Finding a place to serve _____

(over)

Please do not tear here.

☐ Pastors only | ☐ Add to published prayer list | Would you like a pastor to contact you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

STAY CONNECTED

For the latest news and events, subscribe to the weekly church newsletter, "The Echo," online at **SharingTheHeart.org/Newsletter**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Engage with us on social media for up to date information and deeper connections.



Facebook.com/FUMCMcKinney

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Twitter.com/FUMCMcKinney

Worship Online

-LIVESTREAMED SERVICES-

-VIDEO DEVOTIONALS-

-SERMON LIBRARY-

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember these names in your prayers

† Cindy Alexander and family on the loss of her mother, Jean Chattin

† The family of Alana Miccolis on her death

- Amanda
- Amy Bunting Storrie
- Amy Sievert
- Ben Paul
- Bernard
- Bert Delagarza
- Brenda Freund
- Carol and Gera Crampton
- Cathy Christensen
- Cathy Wiser
- Cathy Zaccarello
- Chuck Bray
- Debbie Stone
- Dick Schlough
- Dorothy Hargrave
- Edith Barton
- Etta Campbell
- Gail
- Hannah
- Haydee Gonzalez
- Heather
- Jeanne Elizabeth
- Jill Didyk
- Joe Colburn
- Joey Pachuta
- Joey Patchen
- John Beavers
- John Burkhardt
- Judy Cox
- Karen Linstrum
- Karla Connolly
- Koku and Efova Amega
- Leslie Fitzgerald

- Linda Slater
- Marianne Lewis
- Marti Kale
- Michelle Van Deventer
- Norman Andersen
- Perry Waller
- Ron Paul and Marianne Lewis
- Ryder
- Shauntina Batiste
- Steve Bookout
- Steven Harris
- Tom Chandler
- Tony
- Winnie McWhirter
- Peace for all
- Israel and Palestine
- Ukraine and Russia
- Families affected by shootings in the USA
- People struggling to cope day to day
- Rev. David & Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
- Friends in care facilities
- Families experiencing job loss
- Church families in transition
- Those experiencing homelessness
- Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
- Melissa United Methodist Church
- Caldwell Elementary School
- Military service members including: Capt Scott Adler, Capt Libby Adler, Sofia Lerma Alarcon, Jose Almaguer, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CT12 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, Chaplain Capt Adam Cavalier, 2nd Lt Vincent Chavez, Capt Ryan Clark,

PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, PFC Mac Foulk, MSG Brian Franck, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, ETN2 Cory Halberstadt, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., LT Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Alec Mack, Capt John Martin, Lt Logan McQuerry, Maj. Richard Milam, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt Austin Rine, SPC Blake Robertson, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Colby Seamster II, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Jonathan Spiegall, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Specialist Zach Vernier, Lt. Jr. Grade Anderson Sumner Camp, SR Caelan Matthews, 2LT AnnMarie Kessler, Preston Walker

Please submit updates and new prayer requests to
www.sharingtheheart.org/pray
Thank you.