

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

TODAY

8:00a Pre-Service Prayer—B106  
 8:30a Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
     Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing  
 9:45a Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Fellowships  
     Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing  
 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
     Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing  
 3:30p Chimes of Joy—B102; Tintinnabulation Handbells—Asbury University  
 4:45p Heaven's Harmony—Sanctuary; Youth Choir —B102  
 6:00p Christmas Caroling and Social—Building C

MONDAY

10:00a Ladies' Bible Study—Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Dr.  
 7:00p Leviticus Bible Study—Francis Asbury Society

TUESDAY

6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200  
 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C  
 9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200  
 No WeBelieve or Blessings Handbell Choirs

WEDNESDAY

4:55p Bible Quizzing—B104  
 6:00p FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C (Dinner 6:30p)  
 7:00p Adult Prayer Meeting—B200/201  
 CLC (Christian Life Club) 2 yrs. old - 5th grade  
     2 yrs. - K: Building B Preschool Wing  
     1st - 5th grade: A100 Wing  
 Nursery/Childcare—Building B Preschool Wing

THURSDAY

7:00p Prayer for the Lost @ Dargan home, 191 Academy Dr.

FRIDAY

12:00n Bible Quizzers depart for Wellsburg, WV

SATURDAY

9:00a Children's Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary

HAZARDOUS WEATHER PLAN: Schedule changes for church events can be found in the news feed on the front page of the church website and also on local TV news, typically one hour prior to service times.



12/8 **Second Sunday in Advent**  
 Musical Celebration of Christmas—8:30a & 11:00a  
 Christmas Caroling and Social—6:00p  
 12/15 **Third Sunday in Advent**  
 Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a  
 Children's Musical—6:00p  
 12/18 Youth Christmas Party  
 12/22 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
 Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a  
 No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship or Evening Worship  
 12/23 Church office closed through January 1, 2025  
 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship 5:00p, 6:30p, 11:00p  
 12/29 Worship—8:30a & 11:00a  
 No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship or Evening Worship  
 1/5/2024 John Wesley Covenant Service, 6:00p

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**PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION:** *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted to You.*

**PRAYER SEEKING SANCTIFICATION:** *Lord Jesus, I recognize my need for holiness. Purify me of all that is unlike You, fill me with Your Holy Spirit until I am totally Yours, and set me apart for Your purposes from this day forward.*

If you seek or have found salvation or sanctification today, please let a member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey with Jesus.



*Musical Celebration of Christmas*

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WFMC!**

If you are “new,” this is for you!

**COMPLETING THE WELCOME CARD** allows us to welcome you personally. Please fill it out and drop it off at the Welcome Center. The attendant there will give you a nice gift.

**THE WORSHIP GUIDE** in this folder leads through the service. We try to use elements, liturgy and music from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into God’s presence. Worship is, by nature, participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song, and respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit however He leads.

**NURSERY** for children up to 2 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP JR.** (CWJR, age 2 and 3) is available all year for both morning worship services in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW)** **THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** today. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) will meet again next Sunday, December 15..

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**WHEELCHAIR SEATING** is readily available in the center aisle or an usher will be glad to remove a sanctuary chair for your convenience.

**PRAYER FOCUS:** Let’s ask the Lord to help all of our celebrating in this season be completely about Him...to turn our attentions away from ourselves and our own desires and toward Jesus and His love and sacrifice for us.

**WORLD MISSION FOCUS—AFRICA:** Pray for Mike and Vickie Reynen, FM Area Directors for Africa, as they collaborate with African church leaders and encourage the missionary team. Vickie works with Kenyan women’s ministries.

**HOME MISSION FOCUS:** Pray for Assurance for Life as they counsel women and men facing unexpected and often crisis pregnancies. Pray that the staff will have godly wisdom and that they will be protected from burnout.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS:** A big thank you to all who have helped with the youth ministry this semester! Blessings on you all this Christmas season!

**NURSERY:**

	<u>TODAY / THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	M Dietrich/J Evans/C Rumble C Shafer	A Dedman/L Evans/R Proctor
Sunday School	T Kidwell/S Wiggam	J Lovell/D Roxberry
11:00 Worship	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh	L Barbosa/M Ramos/G Schumacher
6:00 Worship	No Nursery—Caroling Social	B Bowers/E Cannon/C McGlothlin A Warnock
Wed. Evening	A Diddle/R Zent	M Henderson/R Powdrill

• **THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TODAY** for children age four through grade three. Children are welcome to enjoy the Christmas Choir. Also, there will be no Children’s Worship December 22 or December 29 to give our Children’s Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you to all who serve on the Children Worship teams!

• **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS / BOOKS** are available on the table in the foyer. Please take all you can give away to those who need Jesus.


• **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE:** Our church is providing the opportunity to give to FMC Wunders: a \$50 gift provides kits for girls overseas with feminine products to last 3 years. Take an African-print bag from the foyer tree for giving details.

• **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** Which service do you think you’ll attend? It would help us know how best to plan if you would simply write, “5:00,” “6:30,” or “11:00” on your Welcome Card today.

• **PRAYER FOR NATION AND FAMILY:** You are invited to come this Thursday, December 12, 7:00p to pray for our nation, family, and friends who need Christ as Savior. Hosted by Margaret Dargan, 191 Academy Dr.

• **YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Young Adults! Join us for a Christmas party Sunday night, December 15, 7:45p at the Winter’s house, 229 South Lexington Ave. Questions? Call/Text Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109.


**CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!**  
We need children age 4 through grade 5 to present our Nativity between the 5:00p and 6:30p services on Christmas Eve. Sign up at the Welcome Center today so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.



**HEAVEN’S HARMONY’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 6:00p**  
Join us for this Dickens-like story that reminds us of the prophets foretelling of Jesus’ birth. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and support the choir!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
The WFMC Finance Team invites the congregation to honor our church staff with Christmas gifts. Mark your gift “Gifts for Staff” and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center (envelopes are available there) or give online marking the “Staff Gift” box, by December 11. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to Benevolence.



**VAN FUND UPDATE:** We have raised over \$45,000 so far toward our goal of \$100,000 to purchase 2 “gently used” vans. Thank you for your giving! To contribute, mark your offering, “Van Fund.”

**ALL-CHURCH CAROLING TONIGHT**



Join us as we visit the elderly of our church and bring them the songs and carols of Christmas. Meet in Building C at 6:00p, join a caroling group, and then car-pool to 5-7 homes. We then return to Building C and fellowship over a salad bar, chili dogs, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

*Please bring a plate of cookies or hand-held treats to share!*



**THERE IS A WRAPPED GIFT BOX** placed at the foot of the sanctuary tree that contains letters/cards written to deceased loved ones reflecting on celebrating Christmas without their physical presence by your side. If you would like to participate, please write a Christmas card/letter or find a small memento to be placed in the wrapped box. The purpose is to give you a visual reminder of a loved one in the present as we reflect on Christmases past, knowing the hope of a future time celebrating with them in the presence of our living Savior. You may place items in the box before or after a service. They will remain in the box unread.



**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 23, 2024—JANUARY 1, 2025**

Worship folder announcements for the next three Sundays (Dec. 15, 22, 29) must be submitted to the church office by **Wednesday, December 11.**

Thanks for planning ahead!



**5:00 and 6:30p** - Worship with word, candlelight, scripture, children’s time and carols. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months. (Children’s nativity before the 6:30 service).

**6:00p** - Childrens’ Nativity (foyer)

**11:00p** - Christmas worship with Holy Communion, candlelight and carols. No nursery care provided.



**DECEMBER FOOD ITEM: CONDENSED SOUPS —  
TOMATO & CHICKEN NOODLE**

Our *Food for Kids* program is in full swing! Drop off food donations in the foyer basket.