

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 15th
Sunday Live Worship, 10 am, Sanctuary
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PiratesoftheColumbia>
(Click the "LIVE" link in the tool bar to see recent worship services, as well)

Sunday, December 18th
LIFT Bible Study, 6 pm, Youth Chapel
No meeting on December 25th or January 1st

Thursday, December 19th
Blue Christmas Service,
6:30 pm
Outside, Weather Permitting

Sunday, December 22nd
Nativity Scene Show Case, 11 am - 2 pm, Overflow Room
(See Details below)

Tuesday, December 24th
Children's Christmas Pageant, 3 pm
(with Silent Night candles)

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship, 5 pm
(with Communion & Silent Night candles)

Dear Friends,

One of the great joys of Christmas is found in the giving of carefully chosen gifts to people we love. We consider who they are, what they need, what would give them joy, and what is in our capacity to give. When the recipient recognizes the gift for everything it is meant to be, the joy and love experienced by both giver and receiver is profoundly beautiful.

God's plans to send a savior to the world was the most carefully considered gift of all time.

- God's love for the people God created is boundless and eternal.
- The people desperately needed rescue from the seductions of evil forces in the world.
- People in right relationship with God know joy and peace.
- Such a gift only God has the capacity to Give.

So, God gave the greatest gift of all time! A savior who is also brother, friend, teacher, comforter, healer, guide, and more.

At KFUMC, it is our joy to give back to God. We do this by worship, by service, and also by monetary gifts. This year our Christmas offering will be shared in these ways:

- **Hospice House** (30%), our gift will provide snacks and beverages to family members sitting with loved ones during their final days and hours of life.
- **Foster First** (30%), our gift will support foster families hosting special needs children by providing family training, fellowship, and special activities for children who always need extra chaperones.
- **Ministries of KFUMC** (40%), our gift makes possible so much, from Soul Soup to Youth Group, children's ministries to choir, fellowship to discipleship, and the many blessings God works through us every day.

As we shop, wrap, and exchange gifts with our family and friends, let us make room in *The Inn* of our hearts and lives for a gift to the Christ Child, that when multiplied by God's grace, will cause immeasurable joy and peace.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Shirley

"Real joy comes from God, who has invaded us, conquered us, and liberated us from eternal death and sadness—who has given us hope and joy because He has poured out His love within our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us." Romans 5:5
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NIV.

12/15
"How Much is Enough"
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scriptures:
Isaiah 12: 2-6 (CEB)
Luke 3: 7-18 (CEB)

Blue Christmas Night Service

There will be a Blue Christmas Worship Service on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm. The service will be held outside (weather permitting.)

Nativities on Display

- Please bring your Nativity set to share for display: Saturday, December 21 from 9 - 11 am
- Enjoy viewing the Nativity sets: Sunday, December 22 from 11 am - 2 pm
- Please come retrieve your Nativity set: Sunday, December 22 from 2 pm until finished (approx. 1 hour.)

Financial Gifts

The last day of the year to contribute to 2024's funds is Monday, December 30th.

Pep's Bean Soup for Sale

Pep's Bean Soup is for sale in the church office for \$9.00/bag. You can also buy a bag with corn bread mix for \$12.00/each.

Church Office Staff Meetings

The Church Office meets for a Staff Meeting the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10 am - Noon. The office is closed 10 am - 1:00 pm on those days.