

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 12th
Cereal Sunday, 8 am, Ida Payne

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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, January 12th
Taking Down the Christmas Decorations, 11 am
(See Below)

Wednesday, January 15th
LIFT Bible Study, 6 pm, Youth Chapel

Saturday-Sunday, January 18-19
Jr. UMY Rock-a-Thon, 7 pm – 10 am

Saturday, February 1st
Holly Daze Workshop, 9 am, SWR

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Prayer Shawl Group, 9 am, SWR

Sunday, February 2nd
All-Church Bingo, 4-6 pm, Ida Payne

Friday News 1/10/25

The year 2024 was a challenging year for KFUMC, a year full of changes and adjustments: A change of pastors, a farewell to the music director, the deaths of too many beloved congregants, a never-ending sewer project, and a need for a hard look at our financial situation. Given the response of this congregation, I can imagine Jesus saying to us: *“Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.”* (Matthew 25:23)

You warmly welcomed me and helped me get a good start among you. Many people stepped up to fill the gap in music leadership and we are enjoying their shared talents. You hold each other warmly as grief is experienced. Phase 1 of the sewer project is accomplished and paid for with your extra giving. And when our financial situation needed addressing, you responded creatively and generously. The leaders of our various ministries answer their calls to serve with great faithfulness and love. Thank you, all of you, for all of that.

We are not finished. We have more work to do on all of the above and other things besides. And with that work will come more celebrating and more Christian Fellowship—even better!

As Christians we seek to faithfully follow Jesus on a life-long journey. A faith community, a church congregation, is also on a journey, each of us traveling a road we’ve never been on before, going places we may have only heard about, striving to accomplish what God asks of us. Our efforts to be more faithful followers of Jesus help the church community thrive so it can support individuals in their faith journey. It is a round-robin game, in which each part contributes to the success of the others, and each part continues to play.

Will 2025 be less challenging? There are no promises about that! But our God makes promises that will help us navigate the road ahead:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; (Isaiah 43:1b-2a)

I live with them, and I will move among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (2 Corinthians 6, Leviticus 26:11-12)

The year ahead excites me, not because we may or may not face challenges, but because we get to do this together, you and I, with God, this congregation building God's kingdom one day at a time. May we do it with joy and anticipation, hopeful to see what God will do with us.

Pastor Shirley

**1/12 – Baptism of the Lord
"I Will Be With You"
Pastor Shirley DeLarme
Scriptures:
Isaiah 43: 1-7
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

Taking Down the Greens

On **Sunday, January 12th, after the 10 am worship service**, please join in and help us take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make things go faster!! Thanks in advance!!

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.

We are running low!

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.