

ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

GIFTMART

Find one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local missions.

Wednesday-Saturday, Welcome Center
Dec. 3: 4pm-9pm; Dec. 4: 9am-2pm;
Dec. 5: 4pm-9pm; Dec. 6: 9am-2pm

FESTIVE FRIDAY

An Evening for 12 years and up to make crafts, eat, shop and socialize. Childcare available with request.

Friday, December 6th, A105, A107

HANDS ON CHRISTMAS

A Children's Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6th, 9am-1pm, Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Various Musical Services offered by the Music Ministry
*Nursery with pizza and movie offered with these offerings.

*Adult Music Offering

Sunday, December 7th, 4pm, Sanctuary

Children's Choir Offering (PreK-K)

Wednesday, December 10th, 6:35pm, Fellowship Hall

*God's Light Youth Choir Offering (7th-12th Grade)

Sunday, December 14th, 4pm, Sanctuary

Children's Choir Offering (1st-6th Grade)

Wednesday, December 17th, 6:35pm, Fellowship Hall

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

We're offering Worship Services not only on December 24th, but also earlier in the week to accommodate those who may be traveling for the holidays.

*Nursery offered.

*Traveler's Service

Thursday, December 18th, 6pm, Sanctuary

Drop-in Holy Communion / Live Nativity

Thursday, December 22nd, 5-8pm, Sanctuary / Parking Lot

Family Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th, 11am, Fellowship Hall

*Modern Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th, 4pm, Fellowship Hall

*Traditional Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th, 7pm, Sanctuary

Traditional Candlelight and Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, December 24th, 11pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

One Service - December 28th, 10am, Sanctuary
Lunch to follow.

THIS WEEK AT SFUMC

Sunday, 11/30 - **Hymn & Haw Band Rehearsal:** 2pm, A107
God's Light Youth Choir: 4:00pm, Choir Room
Adult Music Rehearsal: 5:30pm, Sanctuary
Youth Friendsgiving: 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Monday, 12/1 - **Yarn Disciples:** 11:30am, Welcome Center
Pick-Up Basketball: 6pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 12/2 - **UWF Christmas Lunch,** 11am, Fellowship Hall
GiftMart Setup: 12:30pm, Welcome Center
Girl Scouts: 3:30pm, A105
Cub Scouts: 6:30pm, C Hallway

Wednesday, 12/3 - **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10am, A102
GiftMart: 4pm, Welcome Center
Children's Choirs: 5:15pm, Various Locations
Cornerstone Lightning: 5:15pm, A205
Wednesday Night Dinner: 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Youth Bible Study: 6:30pm, C-Hall
Cornerstone Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room
Instruments of Praise: 6:30pm, A207
New Praise: 7:30pm, Choir Room
Sounding Joy Handbells: 7:30pm, Bell Room

Thursday, 12/4 - **GiftMart:** 9am, Welcome Center
The Branches Bible Study: 10:00am, A107
Tillman Food Co-Op: 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, 12/5 - **GiftMart:** 4pm, Welcome Center
FUEL Women's Ministry: 9am, B211
Festive Friday: 6pm, A105, A107

Saturday, 12/6 - **GiftMart:** 9am, Welcome Center
Hands on Christmas: 9am, Fellowship Hall



December
Calendar



Recovery
Groups

For information about the recovery groups offered at our church, please click on the QR Code above.

CARD DONATIONS

Visiting Friends are asking for donations of cards they may use to send to those who are not able to attend church. Please drop any cards (including Christmas) off at the receptionist desk.

YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, Dec. 12, various locations. Each year the youth ministry celebrates Advent and Christmas with a progressive dinner celebration!

Middle and high schoolers will have separate Appetizer and Dinner homes and then meet together at the church for dessert, games, and a gift exchange (\$10 max). Meet at your appetizer home. Pick up at the church. Scan QR code.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Is life more than you can handle right now? Are the approaching holidays bringing painful and sad memories that seem too much to handle alone? Let a Stephen Minister be a special listening friend with you and your journey during this time. Contact Rev. Barbara Hatchell: stephenministry@smyrnafumc.org.

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Smyrna First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Rev. Derek Porter
11:15am Classic Worship
November 30, 2025



GIVING MADE EASY

If you would like to make your offering online, simply scan the QR code.

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Therefore, go and make disciples of all. Matthew 28:19

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 • 11:15am Classic Worship

We rejoice today to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to Harrison Walsh, son of Jared and Lauren Walsh. Grandson of Lisa Walsh.

The flowers on the altar were given to the glory of God in memory of Anna Mary Bell Floyd Blake by Betty Barber and Barbara Davis

As the prelude is playing, please silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship. We kindly ask that you silence your phones.

PRELUDE

Rick Quinton

TRINITY CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Derek Porter

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

Andy Bunker and Ashley Davis
(reading on right)

HYMN

* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #211

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

* The Apostles' Creed #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* Gloria Patri #70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

What's In the Box? Creating a message from the unknown.
4 years (by Sept. 1, 2025): **B106**; K-3rd Grade: **C204**

HYMN

* *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #196

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kathryn Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

God Bless Us Everyone Cornerstone

DOXOLOGY

* ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Jono Moehlig

MESSAGE

The Poinsettia, Hope

*Luke 2:22-27

Rev. Derek Porter

HYMN

* *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rick Quinton

* *Congregation, please stand as able.*

Music Director: Kim Duggins
Accompanists: Rick Quinton
Ushers: Ken Kincaid, Leonard McKenzie, Earl Rice, Corey Stiles
Acolytes: Ayden Bivek, Harrison Hill

We invite our youngest members (8 wks - 3 yrs.) to join our nursery ministry; however, children of all ages are always welcome in worship services.

Reminder: This service is live-streamed and there may be a chance you and/or your children will be on camera.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

We now have Assistive Listening Devices. If you would like to use one during one of our worship services, please ask for assistance in our Narthex (for the Classic Services) or in the back of the Fellowship Hall (for our Common Foundation Service). *Check to see that the location on the device screen is set to the correct room.*

ADVENT READING - HOPE

First Reader-

This is the First Sunday in Advent. Today we light one purple candle. It is the candle of Hope. We wait for the day when we can again celebrate the birth of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus of Bethlehem. We live in the Hope and Anticipation that all will come to know and worship God.

Second Reader-

When we look at the first candle, we remember God's promise. God promised to send a Savior to the people. When we listen to our Scripture reading, we hear what the prophet Isaiah wrote about God. God fulfills the promises made to care for people. God is loving and just. God brings peace and this gives us hope. We anticipate the time when everything is fair, when the world is at peace, and all people are treated justly.

First Reader- Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Prayer-

Let us pray...
Dear God, thank you for Your Son Jesus. Thank you for the words of the prophet Isaiah that remind us that you are the source of our hope. Help us to live in anticipation of the Light of the World coming into our hearts and into the world.

PRAYING FOR

Amanda Schmidt, Becky Newton, Jeff Pickard, Tim Shannon, Patricia Shannon, Justin Van Broekhoven, the McKormick family, Colin Tibbs, Bill Mason, Ann Butler, Tanya McDonald, Andy Goodell, Betty Turley, Mary Haston Vest, The Evans family, Joe Stone, Esther Simmons, Michael Fuller, furloughed public health workers, Maxine Kirkland, Annie Walters, Daloris Ross, Kelly Buskin, Bobbe Pharr, Chris Bearden, Quinn Morse, Kay and Gene Cummings, Ronny Roberts, Jo Ann Bookout, The Blackwell Family, The Bonser Family, Katie Orr, Angie Ruffulo, Martha Jackson, Dale Metcalf.

Sympathy to the family of Sara John on her passing.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

See Monday's Email for Menu.

MATCH MAGIC FOR TILLMAN

Tillman House has been selected for a matching program through a grant from Cobb Community Foundation. The period of matching is from **November 11th - December 2nd**, so please consider donating during this time. To get details and make a donation scan QR Code.



ANGEL WISH TREE

The United Women in Faith are once again sponsoring our annual Angel Wish Tree. The tree is located in the Welcome Center. Simply take a paper tag from one of the wooden angels and fulfill the wish listed. Please be sure to follow the instructions provided on the table next to the tree. This year, we'll be filling wishes for individual families as well as children from the Murphy-Harpst Children's Home.

MURPHY HARPTS DONATIONS

As part of the Angel Wish Tree, you may also have an option to donate money that will go to purchasing Christmas gifts for Murphy Harpts Children's home. Please scan the QR to make your donation.



GIFTMART

GiftMart is Dec. 3-6th. *Handmade with heart, sold with purpose.* GiftMart celebrates the creativity of local artisans while supporting missions that uplift women and children in our community.

GiftMart Times: Dec. 3: 4pm-9pm Dec. 4: 9am-2pm
Dec. 5: 4pm-9pm Dec. 6: 9am-2pm

FESTIVE FRIDAY

Friday, Dec. 5th, 6pm, A105, A107. A fun, evening of socializing for youth (age 12 and up) through adults, making a craft to keep, and eating some yummy hors d'oeuvre. Plus, a chance to shop GiftMart while you're here.

Hosted by the women of SPARK and Children's Ministries, to raise money to benefit the Children's Ministries at SFUMC and women and children in our community. Cost: \$30 per person. Registration is required. (childcare available with request). Scan QR to register.



HANDS ON CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9am-1pm, Join us for a day filled with creativity, laughter, and festive cheer as we make unique holiday crafts together. Cost: \$1 per ticket. Crafts range from 1-3 tickets. **Tickets will be available at the door.** Tickets are good for All Activities listed and the Candy Cane Cafe.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

"Anticipating Bethlehem" will be **presented by the Adult Music Ministry on Sunday, December 7th, 4pm in the Sanctuary.** This program will offer familiar carols and beloved Christmas songs to celebrate the season.

A nursery will be available, complete with pizza and activities for the kids. Come ready to lift your hearts in song and rejoice in the spirit of Christmas! *(See list of other musical offerings on back.)*

SMYRNA TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, Dec. 2. in Smyrna Market Place. Stop by the Smyrna First UMC Hot Chocolate Station to enjoy a warm cup of cocoa and greet our SFUMC staff. God's Light and Tomorrow's Promise will also be leading Christmas songs at the tree before the lighting.