

ANTICIPATING CHRISTMAS

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.**



December
Calendar



Recovery
Groups

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

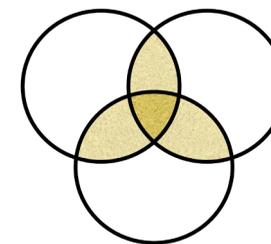
Is life more than you can handle right now? Are the approaching holidays bringing painful and sad memories that seem too much to handle alone? Let a Stephen Minister be a special listening friend with you and your journey during this time. Contact Rev. Barbara Hatchell: stephenministry@smyrna-fumc.org.

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.



Rev. Derek Porter
November 30, 2025



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Smyrna First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

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

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AFFILIATE RETIRED CLERGY

Rev. Beverly Marshall-Goodell
Rev. Dr. Dawn Britt

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 is a chance you and/or your children will be on camera.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 • 9:00am Common Foundation

WORSHIP SONG

WELCOME / AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Derek Porter

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

The McCoy Family

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Trinity Children's Church, 3 yrs. (by 9/1/2024 & potty trained) – PreK, B106.
Children's Church, K - 3rd grade, C204.

OFFERTORY SONG

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Derek Porter

WORSHIP SONGS

MESSAGE

The Poinsettia, Hope

*Luke 2:22-27

Rev. Derek Porter

WORSHIP SONG

BENEDICTION

Worship Leader: Amy Wallace

Ushers: Ed James, Karen James, Lauren Race, Liam Race

CELL PHONES

As we enter this sacred time together, we kindly ask that you silence your phones, so we may focus our hearts fully on worship.



GIVING MADE EASY

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

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.

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.

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.)

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

See menu in Monday's email

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 **Nov. 11th - Dec. 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.

