

Announcements & Community News

January Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC: Love, Inc.

Love, Inc. is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to, "help churches help people with material, emotional, or relational poverty in their local communities to transform lives In the Name of Christ."

Financial Gifts for 2024 — *Tuesday, January 7*, will be the last date to accept financial gifts for 2024, which should be clearly marked 2024 offerings.

FUMC Bible Study— Wednesday Bible Study will take a short break and will return on **January 8** at 10:30 am, Room 1.

FUMC Knit & Crochet Winter Break — Knit & Crochet is taking a short winter break. They will return on **January 16**. Questions, please reach out to Sonia Vincent.

North District Leadership University 2025—Mark your calendar for the North District Leadership University 2025 Workshops. They will be offered on *Zoom Saturday, January 25, 9am—noon CST, and Saturday, February 1, 2025 8am-11am CST*. Free training events are open to all laity and clergy, and every church leader should participate in at least one workshop. Register online at inumc.swoogo.com/leadership2025.

Joint Epiphany Service Hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church— On Monday evening **January 6** there will be a joint Epiphany service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1101 Park Drive, Munster Indiana. A light meal will be provided at 6:00 p.m. (please bring a side dish) with the service to be conducted at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending the meal, please contact the church office.

Membership Class—**Sunday, January 12** after Worship at Woodmar UMC. Pastor Jim will be having a New Membership Class for the congregations of both First and Woodmar Church. If you are not yet a member and have been considering membership, you will want to take this class. This is also an opportunity for existing church members to consider taking the class as a refresher.

Messy Church — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, January 28** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Woodmar UMC Community Center.

(For This Week Schedule & Prayer Concerns, please see your Bulletin Insert)

Epiphany Sunday



*Hammond First/Woodmar
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.
January 5, 2024*

Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome you and pray that you will be blessed in worship this morning. Please remember to send your joys and concerns to the office so we can continue to pray throughout the week.

Online worship will be streamed *via YouTube*.

January 5, 2025

10:15 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

Leader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

Leader: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

Leader: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Bobby Jones

Prayer Hymn

Heal Me, Hands Of Jesus

UMH 262

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Hear Us, O God

UMH 490

Choral Anthem

Behold that Star

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 72:1-14

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"They All Gather Together"

Pastor Jim

Holy Communion

Confession & Pardon

The Peace

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body
Fill My Cup Lord

UMH 620

UMH 641

Offering our Gifts to God

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn

Christ Is the World's Light

UMH 188

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

Bishop:

Rev. Tracy S. Malone

Conf. Supt:

Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy

Assoc. C.S.:

Rev. Paul Arnold

Lay Leaders:

Nancy Craig &
Pat Mosley

Worship Leader:

Marcos Pontes

Accompanist:

David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Sherrill Stanford, Phyllis Sovola

Usher(s): Sue Craig, Jackie Lewis,

The pastor may be reached through the office, and, when needed, via cell phone.

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