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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, Friends!

Advent and Christmas season is truly one of the most special times of the year. Advent is a time when we celebrate the coming arrival of our Savior as we remember the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that Jesus brings.

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve at our Family Service, Candle Light and Quiet Celebrations. Not to mention all the joyful opportunities to sing Christmas chorals plus special performances by our children and adult choirs. Of course, this season is not joyful for everyone.

We will have a time to gather at our Blue Christmas service to reflect, light candles and allow God's presence to give us assurance. This is the perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to church! Each Sunday worship service will feature a classic Christmas movie that reflects the joys and struggles we find in the Christmas story. You will find information about these events and so much more inside this Look Book. We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you!



Chad McSwain

Lead Pastor of MUMC

Comfort and Joy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chad McSwain".

MELISSA UMC PRESENTS

SUNDAYS IN
DECEMBER ...



CHRISTMAS

at the movies

Dr. Seuss's
**How
The
GRINCH STOLE
CHRISTMAS!**

"It's A
Wonderful Life"


elf

HOME  ALONE

PLUS A BONUS MOVIE
CHRISTMAS EVE!
A
**CHARLIE
BROWN**
Christmas





Angel Tree

Angels are available
beginning November 17
Gifts to be returned by
December 8

CHOOSE AN ANGEL (OR
MORE), BUY GIFTS FROM
THEIR WISH LIST. AND
RETURN TO MUMC BY DEC 8.

Advent Candle Lighters Needed



Scan to
register



REGISTER TO LIGHT THE
ADVENT CANDLE DURING ONE
OF THE SERVICES IN DEC.
MORE INFO IN CHURCH CTR.

**BRING THE KIDS FOR A FUN
AFTERNOON OF GAMES &
CRAFTS, WHILE YOU SHOP OR
REST OR GO OUT OR , , ,**

DROP & SHOP:

Holiday Edition

**NEED A HOLI-DATE?
DROP OFF YOUR LITTLES TO HAVE FUN
WHILE YOU ENJOY FREE TIME TO SHOP,
WRAP GIFTS. OR RELAX!**

**WHEN: DEC 1ST
12:00-4:00PM**

\$25 PER KID - FAMILY MAX \$50

INCLUDES A MEAL AND SNACK & CHRISTMAS CRAFT



**DON'T MISS THE CHILDREN'S
CHOIR PROGRAM
"A GIFT OF LOVE"
DECEMBER 8 AT 9 AND 11 AM.**

**A ^{*}GIFT
OF LOVE**

**Melissa UMC Kids
Christmas Choir**

SUNDAY - DEC 8TH

BOTH SERVICES

**Rehearsals every Sunday
in November
at 10a in Portable C.**



**CALLING ALL YOUTH!
DON'T MISS ANY OF THE FUN
THIS DECEMBER.
TIS THE SEASON!**

December

- 1- Parents Day Out Fundraiser 12-4pm
- 9- Angel Tree Shopping
- 15- Youth Christmas Party
- 22- No Youth Group: Merry Christmas
- 29- No Youth Group: Happy New Year

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**WE'LL GO SHOPPING FOR OUR
ANGELS ON DEC 8.
JOIN IN THE FUN OF
BLESSING OTHERS!**

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ANGEL TREE SHOPPING!

**DECEMBER 8, 6-8 PM
DRIVERS NEEDED**



Youth Pajama Christmas Party!!

Dec 15, 6-8 pm

White Elephant Gift Exchange- please keep it to a \$10 Limit

We will create a candy salad! Bring your favorite share size candy!!

Dinner, games, and fun!!

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!
WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS PJS.
BRING A GIFT FOR THE
EXCHANGE AND CANDY**

Summer 2025 Mission Trip!

Memphis Youth Mission

When: June 15-20
Memphis, Tennessee



Cost: \$425
Deposit: \$100
scholarships available



Learn about poverty,
food scarcity, and
social justice while
being emerged into the
community

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**IT IS TIME TO PLAN FOR OUR
MISSION TRIP NEXT SUMMER.
PAY YOUR DEPOSIT TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT.**

IS THE HOLIDAY SEASON
DIFFICULT THIS YEAR? COME
TO THE BLUE CHRISTMAS
SERVICE ON DEC 18.

Blue Christmas

December 18, 7 pm

Recognizing that the holiday season can be difficult for many, this service creates a space for reflection and comfort.



CHOOSE FROM THE FOUR
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES.
CANDLELIGHT AND SILENT
NIGHT AT EVERY ONE.

CHRISTMAS EVE

11 AM
Family
Worship

6 & 8 PM
Modern
Worship

11 PM
Quiet
Worship



ONE SERVICE DEC 29 10 AM

THE SUNDAY BETWEEN
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
JOIN US FOR THE COMBINED
SERVICE AT 10 AM.



NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!



Register on
Church Center



MUMC BEGINS A NEW MISSION
PROJECT IN 2025.
REGISTER TO JOIN IN
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.

LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY

- Jan 1-2 Office Closed
- Jan 5 Epiphany & Putting away the Christmas decorations

FEBRUARY

- Feb 7 Parents' Night Out
- Feb 22-24 Women's Retreat

MARCH

- Mar 4 Pancake Dinner
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday
- TBD Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Event



SMALL GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN

- Nursery, Playground & Children's Chapel during 9 & 11 am Worship Services.
- Bible Blasters, Sundays at 10 am

YOUTH

- Hangout Time, Sundays at 10 am
- Youth Group, Sundays at 6 pm.
Dinner, Activities, & Lessons.

ADULTS

- Wandering Souls Small Group
- Keep it Real, People Small Group
- Tuesday Women's Bible Study
- Men's Bible Study
- WAFFLES Women's Small Group
- Open Hearts LGBTQ+ Folx & Allies
- Seniors on the Go
- Young Families Meet Ups
- Young Adults Lunches
- Men's Breakfast
- Men's Night Out
- Women's Night Out
- Caregivers Support Group

H A P P Y

Holidays

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