

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 7

Worship Service 8:30 am - Chapel
Advocate Mizpah 9:00 Room 208
Worship Service 10:15 am - Sanctuary and Livestream
Sunday School - 4th grade and under
SLuG Meeting 6:00 pm - Sr. High Room
Sr. High 180 7:00 pm - Sr. High Room

MONDAY, January 8

Staff Parish 7:00 pm - Pastor's Office

TUESDAY, January 9

Art Guild 9:30 am - Room 205

WEDNESDAY, January 10

Prayer Time with Pastor Cerna 11:00 am - Zoom
Children's Choir 5:00 pm - Choir room
Bell Choir 6:30 pm - Sanctuary
Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Room 208
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, January 11

Yoga 9:00 am - Room 208



Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30 am and 10:15 am

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Exploring Our Faith, Extending Christ's Reach

With God's grace, our congregation's hearts, minds and doors are
open to people of all races, ethnicities, physical and
mental abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities,
and economic conditions.



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30 am Chapel

10:15 am Sanctuary & Livestream

Children will meet in the Chapel at the beginning of the 10:15 service.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader In the beginning . . .

People God.

Leader In the beginning . . .

People God's Spirit.

Leader In the beginning . . .

People God's Word.

Leader In the beginning . . .

People God's light.

Leader In the beginning . . .

People a new day.

Leader A new beginning for every day:

People God's gift of creation.

***Hymn** "Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine" Hymnal 606

***Prayer** (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
God of power and majesty, you call forth creation, acting with strength and power. We praise you as we stand in awe of your glory. You are mighty and powerful, and yet you care for us, pouring your Spirit of love upon us, recreating us for your word in the world. You are at work in our midst, offering a new day of hope and possibility. Open our hearts to the sound of your voice. Send the power of your Spirit among us, that we might become agents of your love and peace. Amen.

***The Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:4-11

One The word of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Come to the Water" Foley/Schrader
Chancel Choir

Joys and Concerns Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dennis Beedy

Invitation to Offering

(To give on line go to fumclg.org or you may also text fumclg to 83256)

Offertory "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Chancel Choir

Offertory Prayer (unison) Rev. Cerna Castro Rand
God of strength and glory, you created all that is. You continue to sustain the world with the power of your love. You give us life and hope, and with grateful hearts, we bring these gifts to you. May they bring forth your realm of peace for all peoples. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**
You are members of God's beloved community. Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Sermon "Born of the Spirit"
Rev. Dennis Beedy

Holy Communion
The Great Thanksgiving The United Methodist Hymnal, page 13
The Lord's Prayer
Receiving Holy Communion
Prayer after Receiving Holy Communion

***Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal 98

***Benediction** Rev. Dennis Beedy

Choral Response "Fourfold Amen" Jennings

Postlude

Worship Leaders
Dave Vanderberg 8:30 am
Jan Matheny 10:15 am

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