



**December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude Music	Nancy Plote
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Jeremiah
Opening Christmas Prayer	Jacque Fucilla, Liturgist

All: Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus. That we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. *(Attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson)*

*Opening Hymn	"Joy to the World" (Vs. 1 & 4)	UMH#246
Advent Candle Lighting		
*Christmas Hymn	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1 & 4)	UMH#230
1st Scripture Reading	Luke 2:1-7 CEB	Liturgist

*Christmas Hymn	“Away in a Manger” (Vs. 1)	UMH#217
1st Reflection	Joseph’s Story	Pastor Jeremiah
2nd Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-14 CEB	Liturgist
*Christmas Hymn	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Vs. 1 & 3)	UMH#240
2nd Reflection	Simon (the Shepherd’s) Story	Pastor Jeremiah
3rd Scripture Reading	Luke 2:14-19	Liturgist
Special Christmas Music	“O Holy Night”	Matt Plote, Trumpet
	Niki Criswell, Nancy Plote, Ed Cheek & Tom Plote	
Final Reflection	Mary’s Story	Pastor Jeremiah
Special Music	“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”	
	Elaina & McKinzie Anderson	
Candle Lighting		
*Closing Hymn	“Silent Night”	UMH#239
*Christmas Benediction & Blessing		
*Postlude		
*Go in Peace & Love		

CHURCH CALENDAR / December 2021

Vicke’s Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 26

1st Sunday of Christmastide - Hymn Sing Sunday



Please remember to use this email address - maltaumc@outlook.com when sending an email to the church. Thank you.



**HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER
with their "TOP NEEDS".**

"PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"

NEEDED: Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger, Wash Clothes (Bath), Hand Towels (Bath)

"HOMECARE KITS"

NEEDED: Liquid Laundry Detergent – 32-64 oz., Dish Soap – 16-34 oz.,
Liquid Household Cleaner – 16-40 oz. (No Spray).

"MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES"

NEEDED: Folding walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, and othopedic supplies.

"LAYETTE KITS"

NEEDED: Onesies, Donations of \$2 for Diaper Cream, Cloth Diapers (sewing instructions are on the website), Receiving Blankets – 28" by 28" or 32" by 32" (store bought or handmade).

"STUDENT KITS"

NEEDED: Box of 12 Colored Pencils and Rulers.

"SEWING MACHINES"

NEEDED: Electric and Treadle

Please place your items in box in the narthex marked Midwest Missions. Their Goal is 6,000 Pounds!

If you want to assemble full kits, the information is located on the website: www.midwestmission.org under "Kits, Projects, and Patterns."



On the table in the Narthex are copies of the **School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids**, copies of the **Midwest Mission "Top Needs" Supply list**, **November/December Upper Rooms**, and **December Newsletter**.

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TAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund please send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150



SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable Food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked **"FOOD PANTRY"**. **(Cleaning Supplies and personal hygiene items are high on the needed list. They have plenty of tooth brushes.)** The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School:



Malta Elementary School is having a **"MITTEN DRIVE"** – **NEEDED are new mittens, gloves, & hats**) Please drop them off at the church in the box marked Malta Elementary School in the church narthex. We will get them to the school.

The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Finally, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)

CHECK OUT the Rainbow Covenant Book "MISSION LINKS" – Living the Beatitudes at umcnc.org/missionlinks It is a digital magazine: Call to Action & Connection.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brenda Hunt
- Jalen Jouris
- 8 Joanne Abbott
- 10 Frank O. Jouris
- 12 Katie Crouch
- 14 Kaye Dinsmore
- 17 Katie Fenstermaker
- 19 Austin Arndt
- 21 Donna Willrett
- 22 Max McArtor
- 23 Abiella Thompson
- 25 **JESUS**
- 30 Derek Rempfer
- Carol Sandberg



- 12/23 Denny & Vickie Heins (45 Years)**
- 12/30 Harry & Marilyn Berg (15 Years)**