

**December 26, 2021**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmastide**  
**Order of Worship**

Opening Music

Nancy Plote

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Advent Candles

Kitty Jouris, Acolyte

Call to Worship

Sue Vaughn, Liturgist

**Scripture for the Day /Psalm 148**

Liturgist: 148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: 148:2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Liturgist: 148:3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: 148:4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Liturgist: 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**People: 148:6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Liturgist: 148:7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**People: 148:8 Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Liturgist: 148:9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: 148:10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Liturgist: 148:11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: 148:12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Liturgist: 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: 148:14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

**All: May we, on this second day of Christmas, raise our voices in praise to God. And share the love of God, shown through Jesus Christ, in all we do today and every day. Amen!**

## Congregational Hymn Requests (2) Christmas or otherwise

### Call to Confession

Liturgist

**Liturgist:** Let us now, with courage and trusting in God's great love shown in Jesus Christ, confess our sins to God . Knowing that God offers forgiveness and repentance; that is a changed life through the leading of God's Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Loving and Gracious God, we thank You today for the gift of Jesus Christ, for the gift of song, for the gift of love, blessing, beauty and community. God, amid the blessing and the message of hope, peace, joy, and love, we confess that we have sinned and we have caused harm. We have crushed the hopes of others, and even perhaps ourselves. We've not been peacemakers, but rather quarrelers and brawlers. When some tried to feel joy, we responded with anger or fear. Though we know love is to be our way of life, we simply haven't been loving to everyone. Loving God, please forgive us. Please guide us to do better, please help us to make amends, and finally may we continue the work Jesus began in Bethlehem so long ago. Amen.**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Words of Assurance

### Prayer Response Hymn

**"Star-Child" (Vs. 1 & 5)**

**TFWS#2095**

### Children's Time

### Joys & Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### Congregational Hymn Requests (2 Christmas or otherwise)

**\*Hymn and Reflection for Children of All Ages "The Friendly Beasts" (Vs. 1,2,4 &6) UMH#227**

### Congregational Hymn Requests (2 Christmas or otherwise)

### \*Benediction & Blessing

### \*Parting Hymn

**"God Be with You till We Meet Again" (Vs. 1)**

**UMH#672**

### \*As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

**Acolyte**

### \*Go in Peace & Love

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## CHURCH CALENDAR - December 2021 / January 2022

Vicke's Hours: M-W-Th 8-Noon

Sunday, December 26	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmastide - Hymn Sing Sunday
Wednesday, Dec. 29	Prayer & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. in person or zoom
Friday, December 31	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>
Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>
Sunday, January 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

**Greeter for this Sunday, December 26:** Mary Langley

Greeter for NEXT Sunday, January 2: Frank & Kitty Jouris

**Coffee Hour for this Sunday, December 26:** COFFEE HOUR is CANCELLED until further notice.

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

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### **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](http://www.midwestmission.org) under “Kits, Projects, and Patterns.”**

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**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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**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.

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## **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.)

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**CHECK OUT the Rainbow Covenant Book “MISSION LINKS” – Living the Beatitudes at [umcnic.org/missionlinks](http://umcnic.org/missionlinks) It is a digital magazine: Call to Action & Connection.**



<b>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</b>	
<b>01</b>	Molly Heins-Doughty
<b>04</b>	Elaina Anderson
<b>06</b>	Ethan Fenstermaker
<b>08</b>	Randy Boyden
<b>14</b>	Jenny Plote Becky Piquett
<b>16</b>	Denny Heins
<b>19</b>	Sydney Sandberg
<b>23</b>	Jason Hill
<b>25</b>	Dennis Abbott
<b>26</b>	Sandy Schafer
<b>27</b>	Troy Mattis Rodney Engstrom Gene Hickey



<b>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	
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	<b>JESUS</b>
30	Derek Rempfer Carol Sandberg



**12/23 Denny & Vicke Heins (45 Years)**

**12/30 Harry & Marilyn Berg (15 Years)**