



MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church December 2022

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

Luke 2:10-11. King James Version ... *"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."*

I look forward to the season of Advent every year. I find the autumn to be a time of extreme busyness; kids are back in school, many holidays to prepare for, yearly church conference, finishing up my garden harvest and preserving the food. The list goes on and on, and I find it wears on me sometimes. Yet every year I take renewed strength and hope from the stories of Advent: Mary's courage and her singing to God celebrating the world being turned upside down for the better in Jesus, the joy of the shepherds, the love and faith shown by Joseph, the journey of the Wise Men, and the music, the music, the music. Advent inspires me, as I remember that the world has already begun "to turn" as a contemporary carol the "Canticle of the Turning" put it. I can think of no other time of year when the scripture passages are so full of God's love for all people.

I know I cannot take my happiness and excitement and just give it to you. Sometimes in this season it is easy to be joyful. Sometimes, however, there are other aspects of life that weigh on us, and those burdens are real and God understands them. However, I do invite you, throughout this advent and Christmas season, to listen for the "good tidings of great joy." What I mean is, re-read the Christmas passages in Luke and Matthew 1 and 2 and see if the story speaks to you in a new way. You will hear many carols, and some may be familiar, but listen to the words and see if some song, perhaps you've known since you were knee-

high, has something to say to you in a new way. Let us be open to how God offers us hope, peace, joy, and love this Advent and Christmas season, and may our hearts be warmed with a warmth and light we can share with others.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!!

Pastor Jeremiah



Join us for Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 24th. This will be a service of stories and songs as we look at the Christmas story, celebrate the hope, peace, joy and love it offers us, and soak in the music of the season. This is a service designed for all ages and we will have a children's time also. Finally, we will end with our "candlelight" singing of Silent Night. This is also one of the best worship services of the year to invite others to worship with us, maybe for the first time, or maybe for the first time in a long time. So, mark your calendar and please invite your neighbors, family, and friends!



Christmas Day Worship is online

Dear all, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Our Worship Team has decided to offer worship in

a new way. Instead of our normal Sunday morning service on Christmas Day, we are producing a video, which includes our choir. A **Christmas Worship Video** that you can watch at home with your loved ones on Christmas Day. This video will be available online, on Facebook and YouTube. By request, we can also make DVDs of the service for those who don't have computers and or stable internet. If you'd like a DVD, please let the church office know ASAP. We hope this will be a wonderful way for you and your loved ones to celebrate the birth of Jesus together. Have a blessed and peace filled Christmas Day.



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett
Bakken, Benjamin P.
Bakken, Monique
Builta, Andy
Clark, Ben
Clark, Kerry
Howe, Chase
Hoyle, Steve
Johnson, Brett & Mrs.
Johnson, Samantha
Madsen, Jess

Nelson, Michael
Norman, Jacob
Page, Greg
Peterson, Eric
Ritter, Matt
Swink, Ashley
West, Jonathon M.
West, Lawrence R.
Wilson, Kim
Woodyatt, John M.
Yedinak, Pete



2022 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

SPRC: 6:30 P.M. / CHURCH 7:00 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Send them to:

**Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33613.**

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON



In **December**, Children's Sunday School will meet on December 4th and December 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Starting in **JANUARY**

Children's Sunday School

Will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 4:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE!



MALTA UMC



COOKIE WALK IS COMING.....

December 10, 2022
9-11 a.m.

Please help us by baking your favorite Christmas cookies and adding them to our sale. Spread the word about our Cookie Walk to all your friends. And join us on Saturday, December 10 to "Walk" the Cookie Walk and choose cookies and candy from our beautiful and delicious assortment. All profits this year will be donated to our church General Fund as we help meet our end-of-year expenses.



Thank you so much Tom & Nancy Plote
for setting up the Nativity on 3rd Street. It looks great!

Upper Room Devotionals

for November/December are now available.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next meeting of Church Council is
Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Finance at 7:00 p.m.

They meet every other month.

CHURCH COUNCIL TEAM:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Chair of Trustees: Tom Plote

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber



Malta UMC Lay Leadership

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:

Bill Augustine

Staff, Pastor & Parish Relations Chair:

Marcia Hueber

Worship Ministries Chair: Jodi Slade

Mission & Outreach Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

Christian Education Chair: Kitty Jouris

Membership Care Chair: Sue Augustine

Committee on Lay Leadership Chair:

Pastor Jeremiah

Committee on Records & History Chair:

Marilyn Berg



Denny & Vicke Heins - December 23rd
(46 Years)

Harry & Marilyn Berg - December 30th
(16 Years)



The **ANGEL TREE** was put up **Sunday, November 27th**. Thank you Jodi Slade. Please take an Angel from the tree and help make this a special Christmas for a family in need. You can either buy a gift for a child, or there are tags to make a monetary donation to the food pantry /or bring an item for the food pantry. All gifts must be returned, unwrapped to Malta UMC by **Friday, December 9th**. The Salvation Army greatly appreciates your support.



FALL SUPPER SUMMARY:

MADE \$11,500.81

Tickets Sold 522 - Served 500

All the food was DONATED –

Praise The Lord!

Thank you to Jacque & Jodi for their hard work and to Everyone who made this a successful event!



DOING THE MOST GOOD

HELP NEEDED - BY
THE SALVATION ARMY

830 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL 60115

TO VOLUNTEER and see where you can help, go on line at www.salarmydekab.org or call (815) 756-4308.

Office Hours are: Monday – Thursday,
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

MONETARY DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?



	DECEMBER
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



HELPING OUR KIDS

at Malta Elementary 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.)



ADVENT READERS FOR DECEMBER

04 Dave & Jeanette Gommel
11 Denny & Vickie Heins
18 Pastor Jeremiah & Family
24 TBA



DECEMBER GREETERS

04 Mary Langley
11 Sue Vaughn
18 Frank & Kitty Jouris
24 Denny & Vickie Heins

25 CHRISTMAS – NO WORSHIP SERVICE
at Malta UMC – on Video.



ACTION GROUPS FOR FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

APRIL/AUGUST/ **DECEMBER 2022**

Co-Chairs:

Jouris, Kitty & Frank 815-751-3238
Vint, Vicky & Larry 815-751-5178

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis	815-825-2563
Arndt, Noel	815-751-0404
Augustine, Sue & Bill	815-762-5553
Butler, Florence & Paul	815-761-4788
Glen, Stella	815-761-2302
Hill, Rachel & Jason	630-441-0585
Hueber, Ruth	815-764-9932
Kyler, Shirley	815-751-2435
Schafer, Sandy	815-825-2364
Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah	815-592-3764
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey	815-901-8486

MAY/SEPTEMBER 2022/ **JANUARY 2023**

Co-Chairs:

Sandberg, Terry & Steve 815-762-1035
McArtor, Mary Lynn & Jerry 815-751-3658
Plote, Nancy & Tom 815-751-2925

Burlison, Beth	815-384-3284
Cheek, Ed & Becky	815-761-0696
Langley, Mary	815-384-3333
Lynch, Connie	815-825-2722
Sandberg, Carol	815-761-1254
Sandberg, Sheli	630-677-7900
Showhalter, Denise	815-764-5238
Tucker, Joan	815-981-6209
Vaughn, Sue	815-762-5414
Willrett, Donna	815-825-2870



Coffee Hour for **DECEMBER**

04TH Ruth Hueber & Stella Glen

11th Sandy Schafer

18th Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey



On **Thursday, December 15th** Today's Sisters will be having a Christmas Luncheon. The place has not been decided on yet, but it will be announced soon.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY



DECEMBER LITURGIST

04 - Ed Cheek

11 - Denny Heins

18 - Sue/Bill Augustine

24 - Bill/Sue Augustine

DECEMBER 2022

Vicke's Winter Hours:
M-W-Th 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Lions Club Senior Luncheon Fellowship Hall Reserved
4 2 nd Sunday in Advent w/Communion Fellowship Hall Reserved 11-5 pm Kid's Sunday School 4:00 p.m.	5 Church Council 7pm Finance 730pm CC	6	7 CHURCH CONFERENCE 6:30PM – SPRC 7:00PM – Church No Prayer or Choir	8 4H 6:30 P.M.	9	10  Cookie Walk 9-11 a.m.
11 3 rd Sunday in Advent Oak Crest 3:30pm	12 Confirmation Class 6-7pm	13	14 Prayer 630pm Choir Practice 7pm	15 Today's Sisters Luncheon TBA	16	17
18 4 th Sunday in Advent Kids's Sunday School 4:00 pm	19	20	21 Prayer 630pm Choir Practice 7pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m. 
25 Merry Christmas  NO Worship Services at 9a.m. on VIDEO	26 Confirmation Class 6-7pm	27	28 Prayer 630pm Choir Practice 7pm	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
Pastor out of town Friday, Dec. 30 – Tuesday, January 3 rd Emergency Contact - TBA						

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Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor

Vicke Heins, Adm. Assistant

Mon – Wed – Thurs 9-1:00 p.m.

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Maltaumc.org



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Members & Friends of Malta UMC

Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor

Vicke Heins, Adm. Asst.

Nancy Plote, Organist,

Marcia Hueber, Pianist,

Tom Plote, Trustee Chair,

Hope Willbrett, Music, and

Joan Tucker, Custodian

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