

**Current Prayer list:**

Kim Witt (surgery recovery), Tom McClain (Buck & Helen’s son; health)

**Continue to pray for:** (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cayle (Janeen Bezona’s son-in-law), Bob Diehl (LeAnn’s brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman’s nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), family of Joe Hershberger on his passing, Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton’s brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens’ brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens’ sister; cancer), Carol Peirce (health), Jan Strecker Hedges (former member; health)

**Announcements**

- **Calendar for 2024:** If you have calendar items to add for 2024, please send to me as soon as you can. I’m building the calendar for the new year and we are now sharing our monthly calendar via Google. The library maintains a community calendar and our calendar is one that’s linked there.
- **End of Year Contributions:** If you want your contributions to count for your 2023 taxes, they must be in by TODAY. Any “extra” gifts you would like to make will be greatly appreciated. ~John King, Finance Chair
- **Finance Committee** meeting—January 3, at 7P



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December 31, 2023



## Order of Worship

<b>Prelude</b>		Sharon Lehman
<b>Call to Worship</b>		See right
<b>Song</b>	Go Tell It On the Mountain	UMH 251
<b>Unison Prayer</b>		See right
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Allen Hahn
<b>Song</b>	The First Noel	UMH 245
<b>Sermon</b>	Do You Know What I Know?	Rev. Bryce Hansen
<b>Blessing of the Mission Team</b>		
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>		
<b>Offering with Doxology</b>		
<b>Song</b>	We Three Kings	UMH 254
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>		

*Accompaniment: Sharon Lehman*



### Call to Worship

L: We have come to this place to continue our celebration.

**P: Because Jesus was born in Bethlehem.**

L: There is light in our darkness.

**P: There is hope in our sadness**

L: Let us look to the stars with gratitude.

**P: And know the good news of Christmas.**

### Unison Prayer

Today we look to the stars as those wise astronomers did so long ago. They knew something amazing had happened, and so do we. Let us continue to take comfort in the light of that star and in the life of that child that was born so many years ago. Thank you God for this wonderful news.

## Matthew 2:1-12 Common English Bible

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. 2 They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” 3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. 4 He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.” 7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” 9 When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. 11 They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.