

Welcome to Solon United Methodist Church!

To live as a congregation in which the love of God abides

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise to the ends of the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord and tell of God's wonderful salvation!

Leader: Rejoice with the heavens: Christ is born!

People: God's light has come to earth.

Leader: Sing of this miracle: God's salvation is for all.

People: We sing with all the earth!

***Song** *He Is Born* UMH 228 v. 1-3

*Passing of the Peace

The Children Gather

Time of Prayer

Gathering of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song of Prayer *What Child Is This* UMH 219 v. 1 & 3

Scripture Reading *Luke 2:21-40* Projected

Message *Two Who Knew* Ret. Pastor Jill Mack

Offering

Doxology *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* TFWS 2031

Prayer of Thanks

Announcements for Living Out Our Mission

***Closing Song** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224 v. 1-3

*Sending Forth

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Prayer Requests

If you would like your prayer request shared with the congregation in next week's bulletin, please fill out the prayer card, or send a note to the church office. If you do not want it shared with the congregation or listed in the bulletin, simply check the box.

Prayers for

Continued prayers for the Tritle's daughter-in-law Jessica and her family, as Jessica faces her terminal illness.

Ruth Ann Richards is in the hospital for bleeding issues.

Jeanne and Wilbur Erhart's son Wyatt had a mild heart attack.

Scott Nicol asked for additional prayers for Charles and Sue Whetstone—Scott has cancer, and broke his arm this past week, Sue is having serious back pain, fortunately their children live nearby.

Larry Meister's daughter Julie as she recovers from a medical procedure.

Continued Prayers of comfort for Denise Brotherton and her family, after the death of her husband Mike Brotherton.

Continued prayers for strength for Sue Wilkinson's niece, Matea, whose husband has just been called into active service away from the family, and they have a young child, Zair. She also shared a joy that Zair just had a successful ear surgery that has greatly improved his speech.

Bob Gilroy requested prayers for all who are in military service, especially those serving far from home during the holidays.

Peace somehow to become more possible in the Middle East, in the Ukraine, and around the world.

Dee Swartzendruber lifted up prayers for our church, and for her work with the education programs as she begins work as a staff member.



Altar flowers provided by John McFarland in memory of,

Kay McFarland



SUMC Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 31

Message: *Remembering and Celebrating New Beginnings*

by Rev. Peggy Garrigues

Worship, 9:00 AM—Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School, 10:15AM, FLC LL

Monday, January 1—Happy New Year!

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Finance Mtg, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 3

Coffee Connection, FH, 9:00 AM

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

Treasure Seekers, 3:30-5:15 PM, FLC

Family Meal, FH, 5:30 PM

Chancel Choir, 6:15-7:15 PM, S

Youth Group, 6:15-7:30 PM, FLC

Bell Choir, 7:30-8:30 PM, S

Thursday, January 4

AA Meeting, LL, 7PM

Friday, January 5

Senior Dining, FH, 11:30 AM

Saturday, January 6

UM Men's Group, FH, 6AM

Bulletin Announcements

(* Indicates New or Updated Items)

Please note that due to the holidays, Senior Dining will be closed on January 1st.

Church office will be closed January 1st.

Wednesday Night Activities (including Treasure Seekers) resume this Wednesday January 3rd.



Worship Volunteers Sunday December 31st

Lay Reader: Nadine Sojka
Greeter/Usher (s): Randy & Jill Mack
Acolyte (s):
Fellowship: Richards Family
AV Volunteers:

Pastor Peggy will be working in Solon on Mondays through Thursdays. Since she will sometimes be making visits, be at meetings, or may start at different times depending on when she has an evening meeting, please call, text, or email ahead to make a specific appointment to see her.

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9:00 AM