



Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS PARAGOULD FUMC!

Friends, this is your final invitation and explanation regarding our plans for worship this week!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 6pm Study & Prayer via Zoom**

We continue our Wednesday Study and Prayer meeting over Zoom. We have a fun group meeting at 6pm! Join us as we consider the devotional "In Light & Darkness" Week Four Reflection including the Biblical text Luke 2:15-20.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89612624067?pwd=OTdoZkl4NmQvbnN3Rmx1Y2pEeGFHZz09>

**Meeting ID: 896 1262 4067**

**Passcode: 235838**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 4-6pm Sanctuary Open House**

The FUMC Sanctuary is open Wednesday 4-6pm. This is your chance to spend time in personal prayer in our sacred space. Wear your facemask and manage your distance from others.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

\* **4PM DRIVE IN SERVICE** We will share in the Christmas story, a brief sermon, favorite songs, and celebrate communion! You will worship from your car through FM radio (103.7) or via loudspeakers. ***Enter the parking lot on 5th street across from the Witt House.*** Everyone needs to enter the parking lot as described - even if the parking lot looks full or if you want to park further away. That check point is where you will receive your worship bulletin, communion elements, and LED candle. You must wear facemasks when engaging with others. Obviously we are concerned about a traffic jam right at 4pm. Come early if at all possible. Be patient as we get settled. You'll see plenty of Hospitality Team volunteers helping get folks parked and receive their communion elements.

\* **12NOON, 7PM, & 11PM ONLINE** The Sanctuary Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be available online. It will be pre-recorded but will play "live" on the church's Facebook page at 12noon, 7pm, & 11pm. You may also access the service at [fumcparagould.org/worship--streaming](http://fumcparagould.org/worship--streaming) on December 24. Prepare your own candles and enjoy a beautiful worship service! [Access the order of worship here.](#)

\* **SANCTUARY OPEN HOUSE 9am-3pm & 6pm-10pm** The Sanctuary will be open for visitors on Christmas Eve. Wear your facemask and be attentive to your distance from others. Ushers will help manage guests and will sanitize throughout the day. Various musicians will offer holiday pieces during the day to better help you center your heart and mind on the joy of Christ's birth.

A few other notes...

\* Remember the children's Advent coloring ornament! [Last one for this week found here!](#)

\* I want to thank you and encourage you in your end of year giving toward FUMC. In a typical year, December offerings are approximately twice other months. I hope and expect that to be the case this year. You may mail your gift, drop it off at the church office, or [give online](#). Thank you!

\* I want to communicate my concern for our congregants who have been shut in most of this year and for whom this may be a particularly challenging holiday. Please reach out to someone you know who needs an encouraging word or holiday greeting.

Please continue to be careful and stay safe during your holiday celebrations. We wish you all the joy and hope Christmas brings! I am giving thanks for our church. You all have shown such strength and steadfastness this year. I am comforted and encouraged by your faithfulness. Whether at our drive-in service or by streaming online, I look forward to worshipping with you this week. Let us worship Christ the Lord! Amen!

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Dane

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.