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**December 10, 2023**



Don't forget to check in today and every Sunday via "Text in Church". If it is your first Sunday here, text "CONNECT" to 217-247-1263. After connecting, text "HERE" to register attendance, "GIVE" to submit an offering, and "PRAY" to submit a prayer request.

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE—Matthew 3:1-12**

**SERMON**

"John the Baptist Prepares the Way"

Rev. Weldon Bares

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**OFFERING**

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Church-Wide Advent Study:** "The Angels of Christmas" led by Rev. Weldon Bares continues next Sunday, December 17 at 10am in the Worship Center. All are welcome!

**Church-Wide Christmas Celebration:** The Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Asbury Ringers present our Church-Wide Christmas Celebration today at 5pm in Paxton Hall. Join us for an evening of music, food, and fellowship – featuring "The Incredible, Gigantic, Humongous VeggieTales Christmas Show!"

**Christmas Caroling:** Join us for Christmas Caroling on Monday, December 11! We will be singing Christmas carols to the residents of Rest Haven at 1:30pm and the Gardens at 3pm. We will also be singing at The Verandah on Tuesday, December 12 at 2pm. All are welcome!

**Christmas Cantata:** Our Chancel Choir will be presenting "A Night for Rejoicing" Cantata on Sunday, December 17 at the 11am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary.

**Christmas Eve Services:**

- 10 am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 4pm Candlelight Communion Service in the Worship Center
- 5:30 & 7 pm Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary

**Next Sunday, December 17 is CATCH-UP SUNDAY**, where we are encouraging anyone who might be behind on their pledge to catch up. With your help, we will enter the new year with a balanced budget, enabling us to continue reaching out to so many in our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** All donations must be received by Sunday, December 31, 2023 in order to be included on your 2023 Contribution Statement. Thank you!

**Confirmation Registration** is open to all kids 6 grade or above who have not been confirmed yet. If you would like to register, please contact Rev. Steffanie Pace. Classes start January 7<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

**Collection Corner:** We have many opportunities for donations at FUMCLC. Our collection table outside Paxton Hall is now accepting Community Coffee labels for Kaufman Elementary, cake mix and icing for Faith and Friends Food Pantry, and Bingo prizes for Kaufman Elementary. Thank you for supporting our local community!