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| Sept 10 Creation/Fall .....      | <b>Shame</b>    | Oct 29 Kingdom Divided .....        | <b>Blinders</b>   |
| Sept 17 Isaac Born to Sarah..... | <b>Laughter</b> | Nov 5 All Saints' Day .....         | <b>Fire</b>       |
| Sept 24 Jacob Wrestles God ..... | <b>Struggle</b> | Nov 12 Choosing to Love .....       | <b>Choose</b>     |
| Oct 1 Embracing God's Call ..... | <b>Called</b>   | Nov 19 Isaiah's Vineyard Song ..... | <b>Love</b>       |
| Oct 8 Ten Commandments.....      | <b>Listen</b>   | Nov 26 Christ the King .....        | <b>King</b>       |
| Oct 15 Ruth.....                 | <b>Redeemer</b> | Dec 3 Hanging of the Greens .....   | <b>Apocalypse</b> |
| Oct 22 Shepherd King .....       | <b>Shepherd</b> | Dec 10 God's Patience ...           | _____             |

## Advent and Christmas Services

- Sundays, December 10, 17 and 24 · 11:00am · Advent Worship Services
- Thursday, December 21 · 7:00pm · Longest Night Service
- Sunday, December 24 · 8:00pm · Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, December 31 · 11:00am · Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service
- Friday, January 5 · 6:00pm · Twelfth Night Cantata and Community Meal

Serving This Morning

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| Pastor.....                   | Adam Love                          |
| Choir Director .....          | Kristen Marian                     |
| Pianist .....                 | Glenda Gray                        |
| Organist .....                | Ray Johnson                        |
| Lay Lector .....              | Greg Wellman                       |
| Ushers.....                   | Nancy Burleson and Peggy Helton    |
| Kids' Moments.....            | Adam Love                          |
| Tech Booth.....               | Carol Stout                        |
| Elementary Sunday School..... | Michele McRoy                      |
| Sunday School Nursery.....    | Piper Benton and Nadine McMackin   |
| Worship Hour Nursery.....     | Piper Benton and Jessica Slaughter |
| No Kids' Church - Communion   |                                    |
| Receiving Treasurers .....    | Amanda Hobbs and Deb Gardner       |

Interested in serving in one of these ministries? See Ray or Pastor Adam

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**Sunday, December 10, 2023 · 11:00am**  
**People Get Ready: Home is Coming**

- Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship Greg Wellman
- Call to Worship
- Prelude "Make Room" Kim Lane, Betty Crawford, Blair Adams
- \* Responsive Psalter Reading
- \* Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70
- \* Hymn
- Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
- \* Doxology "Advent Doxology"
- \* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
- Kids' Moments
- Song for Illumination "Come, Emmanuel"
- Scripture Reading
- Sermon Adam Love
- Special Music Glenda Gray, piano
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
- \* Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen
- Great Thanksgiving
- Lord's Prayer
- Giving the Bread and Cup
- Prayer after Communion
- \* Hymn
- \* Benediction
- \* Postlude Glenda Gray, piano

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal* · TFWS: *The Faith We Sing* · CCLI License #1188815  
\* Congregation standing as able

## Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon

Sign up outside the office for an afternoon of festive food, jolly music, and a white elephant gift exchange in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Thursday, December 14.

### “A Super Christmas”

Find out how superheroes respond to the birth of Christ when Mafair’s kids present their Christmas pageant in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm on Friday, December 15, with a reception to follow.

## From the Finance Committee

We are continuing to experience a deficit in our 2023 financial results. As of December 1, expenses have exceeded our income by approximately \$26,500. Please plan to give a little extra during this month as you are able to help reduce this deficit. Keep in mind that the last day to make donations for 2023 will be Sunday, December 24. All donations received after that day will be posted in 2024. We are also experiencing a lower-than-normal participation rate in our stewardship campaign. A total of 46 households have turned in their 2024 pledge cards so far compared to an average of 72 pledges in recent years. If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2024 but you plan to do so, please mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate sometime this month.

Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!

Mafair UMC Finance Committee

## Welcome to Mafair!

**Parents with children**, we have a nursery downstairs (infants to age 3 in Room B03) and some creative items are located at the entrance to the sanctuary for those kids who remain in the worship service.

**During Kids’ Moments**, all children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a special message. After Kids’ Moments on Sundays when Kids’ Church is offered, kids ages 3-7 years may go with our leaders to Kids’ Church (Lower Elementary classroom B07 downstairs) for Bible lessons. Parents may pick up their children at the end of the service.

## This Week at Mafair

**B**— Basement    **1**— First Floor    **2**— Second Floor    **FH** Fellowship Hall    **TPC** The Prospect Center

### Sunday

9:00am Staff Devotions · Sanctuary  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:40am Chancel Choir warmup · B05  
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
7:00pm AA · TPC

6:00pm Bible Study · 204  
6:30pm Women's AA · TPC  
7:30pm Chancel Choir · Sanctuary

### Thursday

12:00pm NA · TPC  
12:00pm Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon · FH  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
2:00pm Women's Bible Study · 201  
6:00pm Girl Scout Src Unit Mtg · FH

### Monday

8:00am Men's Breakfast · Perkins  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
6:00pm Cub Scouts · FH/2nd Floor

### Friday

Office Closed  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
6:00pm Kids' Christmas Pageant · FH  
8:30pm DAA · TPC

### Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC  
1:00pm Worship Planning · 105  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
7:00pm NA · TPC

### Saturday

12:00pm Kids' Grinchmas Party · FH  
2:00pm AA · TPC  
7:00pm NA · TPC

### Wednesday

2:00pm AA · TPC  
6:00pm Kids' Play Rehearsal · FH

## Prayer Concerns

Chris Probst; Linda DeBord; Ruby Dishner; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Lari Beasley (Lorla Boswell's daughter); Gloria Carlisle; Winston Rawlston; Sage Turner (Ken & Doris Alfrey's grandson); Nat Ellis (Susie Weatherall's stepfather); and Susie Weatherall's neighbor Roger; Ann Keith.