

## From the Finance Committee

Within the past week, the financial deficit incurred during 2023 has decreased to less than \$20,000 and we are hopeful it will be virtually eliminated by the end of the year. We have also experienced a recent increase in the amount pledged for 2024 and are within about \$30,000 of the total pledged for 2023. Your gifts and pledges are still needed! If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2024, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Today is the last day to make contributions to the church for 2023. All donations received after today will be credited to 2024. This is necessary to allow our banking operations to be accurately reconciled with our new accounting system on January 1.

Finally, if you have established automatic recurring donations to the church via the Mafair UMC website in the past, you will need re-enter those same transactions on the website after December 25. Otherwise, your recurring donations will stop. This is also a necessary step in the implementation of our new accounting system as we integrate it with our existing website. One-time donations will not be affected.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the Mafair UMC Financial Team!

### Serving This Morning

Pastor.....Adam Love  
 Choir Director .....Kristen Marian  
 Pianist .....Glenda Gray  
 Organist ..... Ray Johnson  
 Lay Lector ..... Steven Spell  
 Ushers.....Nancy Burluson and Brett Summar  
 Kids' Moments.....Adam Love  
 Tech Booth.....John Gardner  
 Elementary Sunday School.....Michele McRoy  
 Sunday School Nursery.....Piper Benton and Lisa Summar  
 Worship Hour Nursery.....Piper Benton and Bobbie Carico  
 Kids' Church.....Brett Summar and Barbara Manuel  
 Receiving Treasurers .....David Alley and Graham Thomas

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

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Sunday, December 24, 2023 · 11:00am

## Jesus is Home

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship		Steven Spell
Call to Worship		
Prelude	“Mary, Did You Know”	David Alley
* Responsive Psalter Reading		Psalm 113
* Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH 70
* Hymn	“The First Noel”	UMH 245 (vv 1, 2, 3)
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon		
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen		
Offertory Anthem	“What Did the Star See?”	Chancel Choir
* Doxology		“Advent Doxology”
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
Kids’ Moments		
Song for Illumination		“Come, Emmanuel”
* Gospel Reading		Luke 1:57-80 RSV
Sermon		Adam Love
Special Music	“There’s a Song in the Air”	Glenda Gray, piano
Intercessory Prayers and Lord’s Prayer		Adam Love
Affirmation of Faith		Nicene Creed UMH 880
* Hymn	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238
* Benediction		
* Postlude	“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”	Glenda Gray, piano

## 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.



## Advent and Christmas Services

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

If you would like to join us for the Community Meal following the cantata, please sign up outside the church office or on the website, or call the church.

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

## This Week at Mafair

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

### Sunday, December 24

9:00am Staff Devotions · Sanctuary  
 9:30am AA · TPC  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 10:40am Chancel Choir warmup · B05  
 11:00am Worship · Sanctuary  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm AA · TPC  
 8:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service · Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25

Office Closed  
 12:00pm AA · TPC  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 5:30pm AA · TPC

### Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed  
 8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC  
 12:00pm AA · TPC  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm NA · TPC

### Wednesday, December 27

Office Closed  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 6:30pm Women's AA · TPC

### Thursday, December 28

Office Closed  
 12:00pm NA · TPC  
 2:00pm AA · TPC

### Friday, December 29

Office Closed  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 8:30pm DAA · TPC

### Saturday, December 30

2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm NA · TPC

## Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25, through Tuesday, January 2, for the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

## Prayer Concerns

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