

CarePortal

CarePortal is an online platform that connects local churches and communities with children and families in crisis by linking them to urgent needs in real-time. It acts as a technology bridge for social workers and other professionals to submit requests for things like food, housing, or medical care, which are then distributed to a network of local responders to provide direct support and prevent children from entering the foster care system. Visit the CarePortal page on our church website <https://mafairumc.org/careportal> for more information.

Jeans Ministry

Mafair is partnering with St. Matthew and Emory to collect jeans to be given to children and youth throughout the year. If you have any gently worn or new jeans that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the labeled container in the Linen Closet on the main floor. Questions? See Kimberly Wellman.

Hygiene Products Collection

For the weeks leading up to Christmas we will be collecting hygiene products for men and women. Many of us have samples of shampoo and lotions sitting in our bathrooms. Some of us have shampoos and conditioners that we do not want or need. Deodorants, hand lotions, powders, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other products that you may have in your bathrooms will be greatly appreciated by others. There will be a tub outside the office for one month. This has two benefits: cleans your shelves and makes it like Christmas for others.

Blankets for Cold Weather

We have extra room in the Linen Closet and will collect blankets for one month and deliver them to Shades of Grace. If you have any unused blankets in your home bring them to us, clean and folded, and we will deliver them.

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Sunday, December 7, 2025 · 11:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

- Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship Greg Wellman
- * Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234, vv. 1-3
- Advent Candle Lighting
- Response "Advent Song" TFWS 2090
- Offertory Anthem "Prepare Ye the Way" with "Shout to the North" Chancel Choir
- * Doxology "Advent Doxology"
- * Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
- Kids' Moments Greg Wellman
- Song for Illumination "Come, Emmanuel"
- Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12
- Sermon "Peace in the Unexpected" Tim Robinson
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
- Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen
- The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Giving the Bread and Cup
- Prayer after Communion
- * Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213
- * Benediction
- * Postlude "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Glenda Gray, piano

Welcome to Worship!

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.

Kids' Christmas Program

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, December 10**, for our **Kids' Christmas Program**. Pizza and chips will be served at 5:30. At 6:00, we will have our program, followed by a Christmas Cookie Party with hot cocoa and coffee. Be sure to bring your favorite cookie and recipe to share with others.

Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at noon on **Thursday, December 18**, for our **Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon**. The signup is sheet outside the office.

Deadline for 2025 Donations

Sunday, December 28, is the deadline for 2025 contributions. Any contributions received after noon that Sunday will be put toward 2026. The church office will be closed starting on Christmas Eve, reopening on Monday, January 5.

Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing. If you have any questions about our Stephen Ministry, talk with Pastor Tim or our Stephen Leader, Ray Johnson. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry.



This Week at Mafair

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

Sunday

8:30am Staff Meeting · 103
9:30am AA · TPC
9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary
2:00pm AA · TPC
3:30pm Stephen Ministry · 107
4:00pm Al-Anon · TPC
7:00pm AA · TPC

Monday

2:00pm AA · TPC
6:00pm Recovery Resources · TPC

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

2:00pm AA · TPC
3:30pm Worship Planning · 107
5:30pm Dinner · Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Kids' Christmas Program · FH
6:15pm Youth · 205
6:30pm Women's AA · TPC
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

Thursday

12:00pm NA · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
5:00pm Private Event · FH

Friday

Office Closed
2:00pm AA · TPC
6:00pm Youth Lock-in
8:30pm DAA · TPC

Saturday

2:00pm AA · TPC
7:00pm NA · TPC

Upcoming Special Services

Sunday, December 21 · 7:00pm · **Longest Night Service**
Wednesday, December 24 · 8:00pm · **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Prayer Concerns

Linda DeBord; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Ann Keith; Nellie Stover; Amy Reedy; Dannie Flanary; Joyce Weldon; Jacques Weldon (Joyce Weldon's nephew); Philip Weldon (Joyce Weldon's brother); Kristy Bright (Jackie Tranbarger's daughter); Phyllis Charles; Susan Flanary; Amanda Flanary; Randy Smith; Pauline Smith; Roni Acuff; Mike Hartwyck (Bobbie Carico's nephew); Jackie Beatty and Shonn Carter (Deric Beatty's sister and niece).

To add a name to the prayer concerns list, please fill out a green sheet in the pew racks or contact Ray in the church office.