



Love Offering for Kristen

As we shared with you a few weeks ago, Kristen Marian will be stepping back from her role as Music Director in January, and while we are sad to see her transition, we are so grateful that she will continue to be a cherished member of our Mafair family! To honor Kristen and show our appreciation for her incredible contributions over the past six years, we invite you to participate in a heartfelt love offering. Your gifts can be left in the church office.

Please remember that love offerings should be in the form of cash or checks made out directly to Kristen, not the church. This way, your kindness remains a personal gift and won't be reported as taxable income.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate Kristen's impact on our lives and show her how much she means to us. Thank you for your love and support during this transition—together, we can make this a memorable farewell while continuing to nurture the wonderful relationships that make Mafair so special!

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Sunday, December 28, 2025 · 11:00am

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship

- * Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" UMH 251
- * Responsive Reading from Psalm 148
- * Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70
- * Hymn "What Child Is This" UMH 219
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
- Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen
- Offertory Anthem "Born in Bethlehem" Chancel Choir
- * Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
- * Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
- Kids' Moments Destiny Stover
- Song for Illumination "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 63:7-9
- Sermon "God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever" Tim Robinson
- Contemplative Moment "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Glenda Gray
- Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
- * Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
- * Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224
- * Benediction
- * Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 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.

If you’d like to learn more about Mafair, please fill out one of the green sheets in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during the offertory anthem.

Need a cough drop or a bottle of water (or anything else!) during worship? Please ask an usher.

Hearing assisted devices are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for help.

Deadline for 2025 Donations

Today is the deadline for 2025 contributions. Any contributions received after today will be put toward 2026. The church office will be closed this week and will reopen on Monday, January 5.

What’s Happening at Mafair?

If you’ve ever found yourself saying, “I didn’t know that,” you’re not alone. There’s a lot happening at Mafair, and we work hard to share it in several ways—but one of the easiest ways to stay in the loop is online.

Our News page at <https://mafairumc.org/news> is home to the weekly eNews. You can read current and past editions there, and you’ll also find a simple link to subscribe so the eNews comes straight to your inbox each week.

You can also follow our church Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/MafairUMC>, where we share reminders, updates, and highlights from around the church.

Taking a moment to subscribe or follow helps ensure you don’t miss opportunities to connect, participate, and stay informed about life at Mafair.

This Week at Mafair

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

Sunday 8:30am Staff Meeting · 104 9:30am AA · TPC 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105 11:00am Worship · Sanctuary 2:00pm AA · TPC 4:00pm Al-Anon · TPC 7:00pm AA · TPC	Wednesday 12:00pm AA · TPC 2:00pm AA · TPC 6:30pm Women's AA · TPC
Monday 2:00pm AA · TPC 6:00pm Recovery Resources · TPC	Thursday 12:00pm NA · TPC 2:00pm AA · TPC
Tuesday 8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC 2:00pm AA · TPC 7:00pm NA · TPC	Friday 2:00pm AA · TPC 8:30pm DAA · TPC
	Saturday 2:00pm AA · TPC 3:30pm Cantata Rehearsal (Instrumentalists) · Sanctuary 4:00pm Cantata Rehearsal (Choir) · Sanctuary 7:00pm NA · TPC

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 Hartwyk (Bobbie Carico’s nephew); Jackie Beatty and Shonn Carter (Deric Beatty’s sister and niece); Billy Reeves (Jackson Coleman’s grandfather).

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.

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.

