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11:00am Traditional Worship  
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**What's Your Star Gift Word for 2025?**

This Sunday, January 5th, is Epiphany Sunday, the day we remember and celebrate the story of the Magi and the star they followed on their journey to Bethlehem to find the Christ-child.

Matthew 2: 7-8 "Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."



Many years ago, Village United Methodist Church began an uplifting and meaningful tradition of handing out "Star Gifts" on Epiphany Sunday.

During both services, a special time is set aside to pass a plate that has cut out stars with the words from the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23) written on them. These words will be upside down, therefore when you selected your star you will not know until you turn it over if you have *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, or Self-Control.*

Each Star Gift word holds its own significance and is a word for us to reflect on, ponder, and strive to uphold throughout the year, so put your star in a place where you will see it every day, such as a bathroom mirror, refrigerator, computer screen, etc. If you use a calendar, write it down on each month, as an extra reminder.

Do you have Star Gifts from prior years? Do you know where they are and what your word was? Some folks have put a year on the star and have saved them, keeping them together in one area.

Like any other gift, Star Gifts can either be received with joy or discarded and forgotten. We need to be **INTENTIONAL** about our response to our Star Gift. Use your Star Gift as an opportunity---a chance to reflect on how God speaks to you.

If you cannot be in church to worship with us this Sunday, January 5th, don't feel left out. There will be an offering plate in the church office next week where you can draw your own.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**DAY OF EPIPHANY** is January 6 and is traditionally observed on the Sunday before January 6. It represents the manifestation of

Christ to the Magi. God manifesting as the Baby Jesus.

**Color:** White or Gold

**Symbols:** 3 Wise Men, Star, Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh, and Three Crowns.

The **SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY** is a season of Ordinary Time, which includes four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This season lasts from the day after the Day of Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. It is ordinary in that it stands between the two great Christological cycles of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and Lent-Easter-Pentecost and has no central theme. The First Sunday of the Season After the Epiphany focuses on Baptism of Christ and the Last Sunday focuses on the Transfiguration.  
**Color:** Green representing Life.

**Symbols:** None other than the First Sunday with water and the baptismal font. The Last Sunday with white clothes and bright candles.

Thank you to all who decorated and made our church look so beautiful for the Advent / Christmas season. It is now the timing to put all the decorations away. The containers will be brought out of storage Monday, January 6, and all undecorating needs to be completed before Sunday morning, January 12. This is a teamwork opportunity. Were you on the original decorating team? Contact your team members and set a time to take the decorations down. Thank you again for all your help.



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5

## Undecorating

The Magi and the star over Bethlehem will be remembered during worship on January 5. Beginning that afternoon, it is time to undecorate the church. It needs to be completed before the following Sunday.

### Scripture Text, Sermon Title and Music



**Praise Service 9:00 a.m.**

*Famous One  
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy  
How Many Kings  
Sing We the Song of Emmanuel  
Shine On Us*

**Traditional Service 11:00 a.m.**

*There's a Song in the Air  
Go, Tell it On the Mountain*

**ANTHEM: *Come Follow That Star*  
composed by Don Besig**



Last Sunday, December 29th, the flowers were given by Ed and Randy Wallace in celebration of their 58th anniversary on December 30!

The radio broadcast for December 29th was sponsored by the VUMC United Methodist Men and will be aired on the radio station KVRE 92.9 FM this Sunday, January 5 at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### *Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers for this Sunday are given by Betty Weetman in remembrance of Bruce's "1234" birthday.





## Radio Ministry

The RADIO MINISTRY for this Sunday is sponsored by the Explorers Sunday School Class. The sermon for Sunday, January 5, will be broadcast on the radio station KVRE 92.9FM on January 12, at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.

Reminder, the sermon will be from the prior Sunday.

Use this LINK to listen to the station anytime.

[Click this Link for KVRE 92.9 FM](#)



### Happy Anniversary

01/03 Bill & Sue Luerssen  
01/03 Slade & Elizabeth Strickland  
01/04 Austin & Maxine Wyatt  
01/ 11 Chris & Kim Hemund  
01/ 12 Roy & Pat Eubanks  
01/ 12 Rick & Debbie Perryman  
01/ 14 Scott & Melissa Gibbs



### Happy Birthday

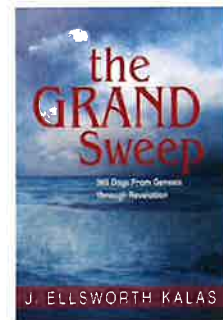
01/02 Margie Godenrath  
01/08 Pat Bowles  
01/09 Judy Dale  
01/ 10 Bill Fish  
01/ 12 Sue Pruitt  
01/ 13 Charles Dawson  
01/ 13 Marie Franklin  
01/ 14 Willis Alderson  
01/ 16 Ron Fritz  
01/ 16 Betty Gress

## Read Through the Bible in a Year

Did you miss beginning  
"The Grand Sweep" yesterday?

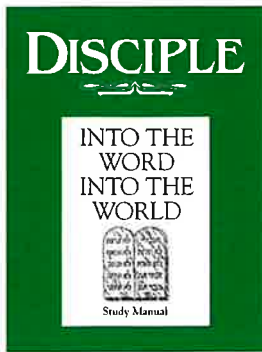
It's not too late to start!

This opportunity includes reading 3-4 Chapters daily and if you are interested, you can join the Wednesday weekly Zoom gatherings that Pastor Chris will have for discussion of the readings of the week and to answer any questions you may have.



Email Pastor Chris - [revhemund@gmail.com](mailto:revhemund@gmail.com) - if you'd like to be a part of the Zoom gathering. Purchase the book from your favorite bookstore. It is also available in the digital e-book format so you can begin now.





## ARE YOU SIGNED UP FOR DISCIPLE II?

It's time to pick up your Disciple II book  
in the church office.



There is still time to sign up  
and join us for  
The Enneagram Journey

Thursday mornings, January 16 - March 27, 2025  
10:00-12:00 in the Activity Room.  
Workbooks will cost \$20.00.

Leaders will be Mary Anne Settle, Debbie Perryman,  
and Sharon Allred

The sign-up sheet can be found at the Opportunity Center  
or email Mary Anne at [maryanne@villageumc.net](mailto:maryanne@villageumc.net)

### AREAS TO SIGN UP OR NOTICE

OPPORTUNITY  
CENTER

INFORMATION: *We do not need  
any Birthday bags at this time.*

Check The Chimes for a notice when there becomes a need.

Sign up to serve in the food kitchen at Jackson House for Monday,  
January 20th and for Monday, February 17. The timing is 10:30 a.m.  
to 1:00 p.m.

Sign up for the Enneagram Journey. See article for information.



January/February Upper Rooms Are Here!

Make plans to pick up the January/February Upper  
Room daily devotional next time you are in the  
church.

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO BRING  
SOCKS FOR THE SOCK TREE!**

Children's socks needed to ornate the "Sock Tree" in the Narthex. Our donations will go to the Jessieville and Mountain Pine schools and will be delivered when classes resume in early January. This special mission began in 2016 and just to note, last year we collected 405 pairs of socks.

Thank you for your participation and generosity in supporting this important ministry!



**Cozy & Bright**  
Warm up your winter with our blood donor sweatshirt!



**Village United Methodist Church  
and Knights of Columbus  
Blood Drive**

**To make an appointment,  
call Debbie at  
913-209-8571.  
or Ed Aucion at  
501-617-7843.**

**Tuesday  
January 7  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**200 Carmona Rd  
Fellowship Hall**

Walk-ins are  
always welcome.



877-340-8777 - obi.org  
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**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**JANUARY 9 at 8:00 a.m.**

An accurate count is needed to help plan the food amount for those who are joining us for the breakfast. A call list is in place so be sure and respond. If you are not on a call list and plan to attend, please call the Church office at 501-922-1030 to be included in the count.



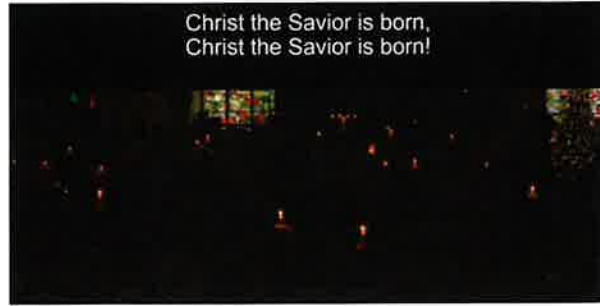
United  
Women  
in Faith

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
January 26  
ONE SERVICE @ 10:30 a.m.**

Make plans to be in worship on January 26 for the United Women in Faith Sunday. Guest preacher will be Rev. Trisha Manns.

## **Just a few Christmas Eve candlelight pictures**

**A picture taken from the online  
worship video of the 1:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service  
showing the sunlight coming  
through the stained-glass  
windows in the Chancel area,  
during the candle lighting.**



**A picture taken with phone  
camera during the 5:00 p.m.  
service.**



**A picture taken from the online  
worship video during the 5:00  
p.m. service showing the  
darkness.**



**A picture of a candle just  
before blowing it out.**



## Window replacement has begun!

Have you been noticing the changes to the lower area of our church building that faces Carmona Road? Our windows have been in dire need of being replaced. Included in this updating has been the addition of a double outside door for easier access of loading and unloading our food pantry items. Now our Mobile Food Pantry trailer can back right up to the Food Pantry room!

Thank you to the Trustee's Ministry Team for overseeing this project. Here are a couple of pictures of this progress.



You can use this QR Code for church donations / offerings.



QR Code to fill out a 2025 Pledge / Estimate of Giving form



Another way to fill out a 2025 Pledge / Estimate of Giving form is to click the link below for the church website.

[Church website LINK for VUMC Support. This Support page includes 2 links. One for 2025 Pledge and one for Time and Talents. Check it out.](#)



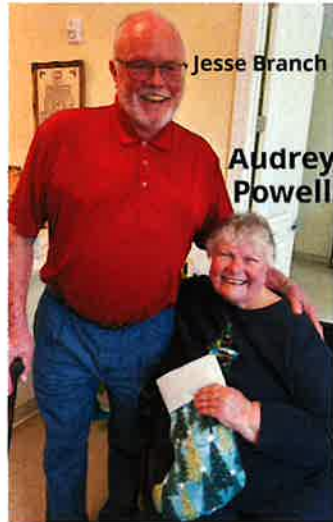
**PICTURED ARE A FEW  
OF CHURCH MEMBERS  
WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS  
STOCKING**



**Phil & Fran  
Shroyer**



**Joanne Emerson**



**Jesse Branch**

**Audrey  
Powell**



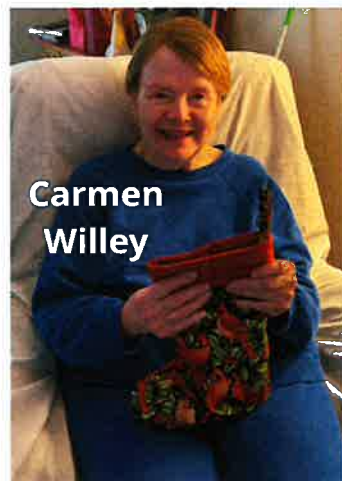
**Linda Bocox**



**Shirley Scully**



**Lovie Roe**



**Carmen  
Willey**

## LIVE WORSHIP SERVICE LINK

Here is a LINK to our church website for worshipping with us on Sunday Mornings. If you have no sound, be sure that the audio is not showing muted with an X across the audio symbol.

We are also available on Facebook,

[ON SUNDAY MORNING CLICK THIS FOR OUR WEBSITE WORSHIP LIVE](#)



Did you miss worshipping with us last week?  
Worship any time. Use this link.

[December 21, 2024, Link for the Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness](#)

[December 22 - Praise Worship Service LINK](#)

[December 22 - Traditional Worship Service LINK](#)

[Christmas Eve Service, 1:00 p.m. LINK](#)

[Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m. LINK](#)

[December 29, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE, LINK](#)

Or check the video archives on our website.

><> Internet links of interest <><

[ARUMC LINK](#)

[Lectionary  
Calendar LINK](#)

[UMC Hymnal  
LINK](#)

[The Faith We  
Sing  
Hymnal LINK](#)



## Schedule of Events and Happenings at VUMC

January 5 - Epiphany Sunday (Star gifts)

January 7 - Blood Drive

January 2 - United Methodist Men (UMM) Breakfast

January 15 - Disciple II Study begins

January 16 - Enneagram begins a new class. This class is weekly, 10-12 and concludes on March 27. Sign-up sheet can be found on the opportunity table in the narthex.

January 26 - United Women in Faith Sunday - ONE SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.

March 23-28 - Sager Brown 2025 Mission Trip. \$40 nonrefundable registration fee.

April 3-10 - Honduras 2025 Mission Trip

**CLICK LINK** BELOW to see the VUMC Weekly  
Calendar  
**[LINK January 5 WEEKLY Calendar](#)**

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