

Jan. 1st: Sanctuary Attendance: 38  
Sunday online worship: 98 Wednesday online mediation: 24  
Ambassador: N/A TOTAL: 160  
General Fund Giving: \$16,421

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The FUMC Youth Group** is hosting a meal this Wednesday, January 11th at 5:00 p.m. Come join them for fellowship, and pancakes. All are welcome.

**Sonrise Adult Sunday school**, taught by Lay Leader, Dean Thomson, is beginning a study on the book of Revelations on Sunday January 15th at 8:45 a.m. The series is titled "Revelation" and is by author, Margaret Feinberg. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" Psalm 119:105.

**Encouraging, welcoming, and cherishing FUMC members and non-members** - Do you want to use your talents or gifts in the church for committees? Do you wish to join the church or want to be baptized or confirmed? Please call the church office at 402-873-3821 to let us know your willingness to serve God. Always remember that you are part of the First United Methodist Church family and you are loved and appreciated.

**United Women in Faith mission emphasis** for January and February is to collect birthday bags for the Food Pantry. This can include a cake, frosting, sprinkles, candles, etc. Anything that says Happy Birthday. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Habben, Keitha Thomson, or a UWF committee volunteer. (More details can be found in the January 2023 FLAME Newsletter.) Your support is necessary and always appreciated.

On **Sunday, January 29, 2023** we will have a special guest speaker from the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation. **Kristine Roberts** will be here to speak with you concerning estate planning. She will answer you questions following the worship service in Gage Hall. Giving to the church through your will is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. Have you considered giving a gift to your church? For more information, please plan to attend this educational session.

The **FastTrack to Discipleship** series begins this evening, January 8, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Classroom #210. The series will run for 12 weeks and is offered for all those who have preregistered. If you have not picked up your study guide, you may do so tonight. See you then!

We will have a **5th Sunday Potluck on January 29th** following Worship. Bring a side dish to share or simply join us for a meal after the service. This is a fun time for fellowship and be sure to bring a friend!



FUMC QR  
Giving Code

*Welcome to the First United Methodist Church*

*Pastor Reverend Ever Mudambanuki*

*Musician: Tammy Partsch Liturgist: Dana Stovall*



**Sunday: January 8, 2023**



*Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known*

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**Sonrise Adult Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.**

**Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.**

**Visit the church website!**

*[Nebraskacityfirstunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://Nebraskacityfirstunitedmethodistchurch.org)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE AND ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*"O, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57*

#### \*INVOCATION PRAYER AND CALL TO WORSHIP

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### \*APOSTLE'S CREED AND GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*(No celebrations this week)*

**BAPTISMS** *Hunter Ryan Cook and Iris Ophelia Gonzales*  
*Rev. Ever Mudambanuki*

### SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### \*BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

### CHOIR ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE** *Matthew 3:13-17*

**MESSAGE** *"The Power of Baptism"*  
*Rev. Ever Mudambanuki*

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334*

**\*CLOSING PRAYER** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

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No anniversary celebrations this week

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	6:30	Discipleship Bible Study
Mon.	7:00	Worship Committee
Tues.	6:00	Lay Leadership
Wed.	5:00	Wednesday night meal
	7:30	Finance Committee

### PRAYER LIST AND HEALTH AND HEALING

Amber (liver transplant), Geneva Ailes, Myles Addison, Roberto Aldana, Cara Attebery, Helen Attebery, Amanda Borrego, Shawn Collins, Ruth Driever, Adam Eppert, Leroy Frana, Loretta Harker (Al Harker's wife), Jennifer Hill, Billy Homan, Colter Krohn, Matt Lagerstrom, The family of Lars Larson, Nita (battling cancer), Hanna Peters, Joe and Carol Rader, Dennis Spencer, Harriet Swanson, Carol Thurman, Anna VanKirk, Those who don't know Jesus, All Families grieving the loss of loved ones, The Life of Our Church, Our Country, Our Military, Our Churches, and Our Schools, The Families of Victims in the U.S. and around the world

### PRAYER LIST OF THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Nicholas Burns, Gabe Collins, Madison Davis, Camille Dorn, Doug Long, Emily Roth, Josh Runkles, Casey Schmidt, Stefan Vasa

(If there is a name that should be added or removed from the Health and Healing information or the Prayer List, please contact the church office at 402-873-3821)

**\*Please stand in body or spirit**

**If you are a visitor, we welcome you!**

**Please complete a Welcome Card and worship with us again soon.**

