

We invite you to join us online or in-person as we celebrate  
the joy and birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Celebrate Christmas with us!**



**Christmas Eve ~ December 24  
10:30am**

Join us as we gather together on Sunday, December 24 at  
10:30am in Sturm Chapel for our Christmas Eve  
Candlelight worship service.

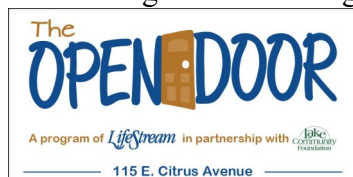
***Merry Christmas!***

The church office will be closed for the upcoming holidays from  
**December 18-26 & January 1-3, 2024.** Please contact **Pastor Jay**  
(727-430-7574) for pastoral emergencies and **Bob Carter**  
(352-589-5449) for facility issues or emergencies.



Our Christmas Offering this year is designated for **The Open Door**, a drop-in center located here in Eustis, for individuals and families in Lake County who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Christmas offering envelopes will be available in the front lobby or you can write 'Christmas Offering' on an offering envelope or on your check's memo line. Thank you for your support and for helping those very much in need.



**THANKSGIVING  
SPECIAL  
OFFERING**

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** was designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help people in need.

We received **\$365.00** for the Thanksgiving Offering this year.

**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you are interested in receiving offering envelopes for **2024** please contact the church office (352-357-5830) or **Kay Hauserman** (352-455-2680). Please also let us know the number of envelopes that you would like to receive.

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**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE TOO!**

Did you know that you can donate to First Eustis online through our website and Facebook page? If you are interested in finding out more information about using **Vanco e-Giving** please contact the church office (352-357-5830).

**2023 CONTRIBUTIONS**

For inclusion on 2023 Giving Statements, contributions for the 2023 tax year must be received by **Sunday, December 31, 2023.**



**ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the chapel in memory or in honor of a loved one, please enclose your payment of **\$10.00** along with a completed poinsettia slip that you will find in the chapel's lobby. You may place your order in the offering box or drop it by the church office by **Wednesday, December 13.** You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.



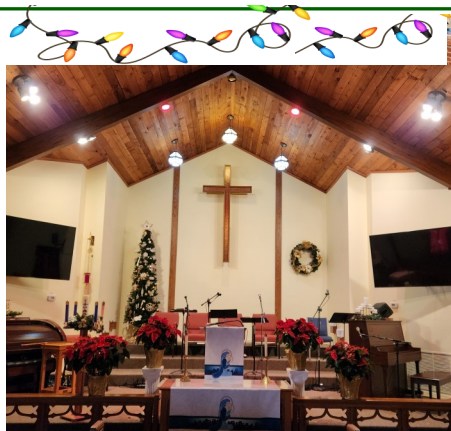
We invite you to join us for in-person worship at **10:30am** in Sturm Chapel every Sunday.

We recognize that not everyone is comfortable returning to in-person worship so we continue to offer an online opportunity to attend worship. We stream the Sunday service on Facebook Live at 10:30am...

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchEustisFlorida>.

The worship services are also available for viewing at your convenience on our website and on YouTube. We look forward to worshipping with you!

<http://www.fumceustis.org/worshipvideos>



**Thank you** to everyone that helped decorate the campus for Christmas!!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK DINNER & BIBLE STUDY/ Fellowship Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship and study on Wednesday evenings! **Dinner is at 5:30pm & Bible Study begins at 6:15!**

**Join our email list »**  
Or, update your existing information »

**CONTACT US**

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**Find & Like us on Facebook!**   
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchEustisFlorida>  
**Church Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm Friday: 9:00am-12:00noon

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

<b>Petra Carrafa</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>Helena Roberts Shaver</b>	<b>December 14</b>
<b>Jase Hill</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>Robert Carter</b>	<b>December 24</b>
<b>Sarah Myers</b> ( <i>Myers on Mission</i> )	<b>December 24</b>

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

<b>Frank &amp; Karen Newman</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Daun Barrett</b>	<b>December 31</b>

**Thank you** to everyone that donated items for Christ's Closet this month! If you would like to learn more about Christ's Closet or if you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry please contact **Amy Couch** at (269-357-4479) or [christsclosetministry@gmail.com](mailto:christsclosetministry@gmail.com)

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This month we are collecting the following donations for **Forward Paths Foundation-**

**Cleaning Supplies**

**Detergent**

**Snacks**

**Paper Towels, Toilet Paper**

**Gas Gift Cards**

**Funky Socks (*Not white*)**

You can drop off donations thru the week at the church office or bring the items with you on Sunday to place in the shopping cart (*graciously donated to us by Dollar General*) located in the front lobby of Sturm Chapel. .

**CHRIST'S CLOSET CLOTHING MINISTRY**  
*"Where kindness doesn't cost a thing"*  
**269-357-4479**  
 Sponsored by God's Helping Hand Outreach Fellowship

**NOW OPEN THE 1st SATURDAY AND 1st, 2nd & 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 11AM-4PM IN THE CHILDREN'S WING OF FUMCE AT 600 S. GROVE STREET IN EUSTIS, FL.**

We offer a wide selection of free clothing and accessories from newborn to adult sizes. Donations accepted year round.  
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