



# First United Methodist Church Champaign

Where connecting, growing, and serving are a way of life



*The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to:*

- **CONNECT** people with God and one another
- **GROW** as disciples of Jesus Christ
- **SERVE** others.

## Messenger

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January 10, 2023

Dearly Beloved!

Happy Epiphany! January 6th is the Christian celebration of the Epiphany, when the Magi followed a star to find Jesus. They sought to worship the new king and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In honor of Epiphany, I have delighted to create star words for the congregation each year. On every star, I print a word that might give direction or add to your intentions for the year. It might stretch you or surprise you! In prayer, I hope you will let God speak through your word.



As I was laying the stars on the altar to take a picture, one of the blue stars slid off the altar's front edge. I went to retrieve the rogue star. It had fallen to the floor and was propped up against the manger which holds Jesus.

"Well, Baby Jesus," I thought to myself as I bent to retrieve it, "I wonder what your word for 2023 will be?"

As I turned the star over to read the word, I smiled. "How perfect," I thought. "Baby Jesus' star word is 'HOPE.'"

True! I often think the most amazing gift of the Christian journey is HOPE. We are a people of unquenchable hope...in God, in a better future, in love eventually winning the day. Jesus' gift to us is HOPE!

**If you would like to receive a star word by mail, please call the church office to request one! Feel free to stop by the church and get yours, also.**



Each year, my star word hangs where I can see it daily. I think about it, pray that it will give me guidance, listen for God to speak through my word. Over the past few years, my words have been: serenity, voice, and honor. Each had something to teach me. I am eager to see what my word for 2023 will be!

Love First!  
Pastor Julia

For more information about Star Words, please go to [pclawrenceville.org](http://pclawrenceville.org) and search "epiphany star words".

*FUMC musical ensembles resume their regular schedules soon. All interested musicians (and wanna-be musicians!) are welcome to join. Invite your friends to join. Contact Barbara Zachow for more information at 217-356-9078 or bzachow@comcast.net.*



### **FIRST REGULAR REHEARSALS, SPRING 2023**

**Chancel Ringers** – Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Bell Tables in Sanctuary

- Youth and Adults of any age
- Intermediate or Advanced handbell experience
- Provide music in a variety of styles for periodic worship services

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 – 8:15 pm, Choir Room

- Youth and adults of any age
- Provide choral music in a variety of styles for worship

**Perceptions Praise Team** - Thursday, January 19, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

- Youth and adults of any age
- Keyboard, guitar, drum set, vocalists, other instruments
- Media and Technology Arts Team provides support for this rehearsal

**Angel Choir** – Sunday, January 22, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Room J, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary – NOTE DIFFERENT REHEARSAL TIME THAN LAST SEMESTER

- 3 years old through 5th graders; adults welcome
- Singing, tone chimes, beginning bells, Orff and rhythm instruments, foundational music reading skills
- Lead worship on Family Fun Sundays (last Sunday of the month)

**Youth Music** – Sunday, January 22, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Choir Room and Sanctuary – NOTE DIFFERENT REHEARSAL TIME THAN LAST SEMESTER

- 6th through 12th graders
- Singing, intermediate bells, instruments, other artistic talents

**Media and Technology Arts Team** – Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings, Sanctuary

- Youth and Adults
- Enhance worship through wise use of audio, video and projection technology

**Clarinet Choir** – Periodic rehearsals, Choir Room

- Contact Cathy Mitchell for more information (abell80illinois@gmail.com)

### **FUMC ALSO HOSTS THE FOLLOWING MUSICAL ENSEMBLES**

**Choral Union** – Monday, January 23, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Choir Room

- Adults with willingness to sing in and contribute to the community chorus, the ability to match pitch, and the ability to produce a pleasing vocal sound
- Give periodic concerts throughout the community

**Parkland Pops** – Begins January 19, Thursdays and Fridays, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Choir Room

- Adults who like to sing and make enthusiastic joyful sounds
- Contact Brian Hagy for more information (BHagy@dsc-illinois.org)

## The Good News from 2022

Time flies and this year was no exception. With our busy lives, we sometimes lose sight of all of the good things that have happened in the past twelve months. As a church acting as the hands and feet of Christ in our world, we need to remember and celebrate all the ways God has used us for His good. The end of the year seems to be a good time to do this, so take time now and prayerfully read this list of events and ministries that happened at FUMC in 2022.

NOTE: Names are not mentioned to avoid unintentional omissions and to put the emphasis on our work as a faith community. Four people are named this year because they were important to an event.

### The Good News from 2022

1. A new sound system of speakers and audio mixing console was installed in the sanctuary. This new system enabled the best sound quality possible for our in-person and online worship experience.
2. On May 30, Ray Wiggs retired as church organist and accompanist after 22 years of service at FUMC. Landon Westerfield was appointed as Ray's successor.
3. FUMC hosted the January and August Point in Time counts done by the Council of Service Providers for the Homeless. Volunteers go throughout the community to find and collect data from people found sleeping on the streets. This survey provided valuable information about the need for shelters in our community.
4. Centering Silence, thirty minutes of silent prayer and meditation, was held in the sanctuary every Wednesday during Lent.
5. FUMC hosted the LIFT Black History Celebration in our Friendship Center.
6. In April and November the Larson Wesley Covenant Group collected men's clothing for prisoners being released from the Danville Correctional Facility.
7. FUMC hosted a LIFT Game Night in Friendship Center. Families enjoyed a meal with cookies and brownies provided by FUMC bakers with fun and games after dinner!
8. FUMC United Women in Faith collected over \$3400 for the Cunningham Children Home's March Mattress event. Funds were used to purchase mattresses and other sleeping supplies.
9. Our Easter offering raised over \$7300 to benefit LIFT and DREAAM. LIFT used the funds to create a "Kick Back Lounge" for students. DREAAM used our donation to expand their programming.
10. The Global United Methodist Church launched on May 1 making a split in the denomination a reality. FUMC stays dedicated to loving God and sharing that love in our community.
11. Eight volunteers from FUMC did a spur of the moment trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center to pack meals for Ukraine. Team FUMC packed 8400 meals in a day!
12. Nine FUMC volunteers joined other community volunteers in distributing summer learning materials in neighborhoods as part of United Way's Read, Talk, Play initiative. The team enjoyed a meal at Harvest Market after the event.
13. Coady Murphy was unanimously approved as a candidate for ministry by the Iroquois River District Committee on Ministry on April 30.
14. United Women in Faith collected over 1,000 diapers for United Way's Bottom Line Diaper Bank.
15. FUMC hosted a Kindergarten Readiness presentation for our day care families. Six volunteers helped serve a meal and provided child care during the presentation.
16. The Summer of Love Your Neighbor brought a number of service projects:
  - Feeding Our Kids. Volunteers packed food bags for food insecure students.
  - Water for CU at Home. FUMC collected 490 bottles of water and 160 bottles of Gatorade for clients at CU at Home in less than a week
  - Kenwood School Gardens. Six volunteers weeded and helped maintain the gardens at Kenwood Elementary School in Champaign throughout the summer.
  - DREAAM Basketball Snacks. Three large donations of snacks and drinks were collected for the DREAAM basketball team that practices in the FUMC gym as they participated in AAU tournaments throughout the summer.
  - FUMC hosted training for the DREAAM JumpStart summer program. Two FUMC members volunteered for this program.

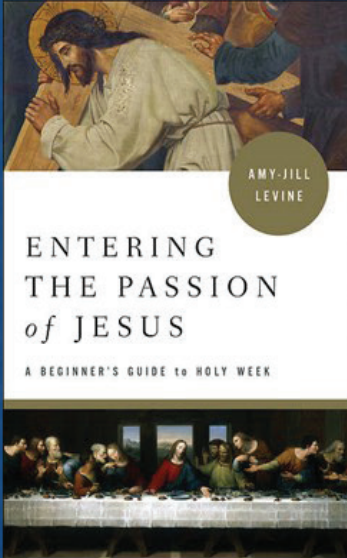
## The Good News from 2022 (continued)

17. Six youth and six adults went to Magoffin County in Kentucky to do home repairs as part of the Appalachian Service Project.
18. FUMC was recognized as a Partner Church for Chaddock Children's Foundation.
19. FUMC provided 40 backpacks for empty tomb to distribute to students in need.
20. The FUMC Green Team has sprouted again, bringing many new ideas and initiatives to help our congregation become more environmentally friendly.
21. A team of FUMC members went to Hazard, Kentucky, to do home repairs in response to the devastating flooding in late July.
22. Student Support Fund donated \$2000 to help United Women in Faith to start a snack closet at Dr. Howard Elementary School. This snack closet provides a ready resource of healthy snacks for teachers to give to students in need of a quick break from hunger.
23. Forty bags of rice, 2 bags of split peas, and 47 bags of beans were received on World Communion Sunday. These donations were distributed to Daily Bread, LIFT food pantry, and FUMC food pantry.
24. Twenty-nine winter coats were collected for LIFT students.
25. FUMC hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for LIFT families. Local Outreach provided decorated photo frames for families. Family photos were taken during the event.
26. Pastor Julia attended and completed 25 hours of Stephen Ministry Leader Training.
27. FUMC members marched in the Champaign Parade of Lights with a beautiful float with the message, "Love Lights the Way".
28. The Welcome Home ministry provided 20 Welcome Home bins to women and men moving out of the CU at Home shelters.
29. FUMC was recognized as a 5-star mission church for 2022.
30. The Welcome Home ministry donated 8 new welcome home bins to the new Austin's Place. These new bins contain towels, washcloths, a set of sheets, blankets and a pillow as well as a shower caddy filled with toiletries. This ministry also purchased a vacuum cleaner and three dressers for the new Austin's Place house.
31. FUMC celebrated 16 new members to our congregation.
32. A FUMC work crew did repairs and improvements at the new Austin's Place house.
33. FUMC was recognized for paying 100% of their apportionments in 2022.
34. Minds in Motion, a program designed to promote healthy aging, hosted 33 sessions which included Tai Chi, music, art, lunch and outings.

Besides these projects and events, FUMC has many ongoing ministries that serve our congregation and our community: Music ensembles (Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Perceptions Praise Team, Youth Music and Angel Choir), Sunday night youth group, FUMC Child Care Center, GriefShare, Wellspring, and the Good Samaritan assistance program.

This Year in Review was much longer than the 2021 list. Start thinking now about how we can reach out into our community and bring the good news of Jesus to as many people as possible in the coming year. Let's make the 2023 list an epic witness to God@Work at FUMC!





# Sign up!

Winter 2023 Wesley Covenant Group Bible Study

Week of January 23 – March 5

Jesus' final days were full of risk. As we begin the new year and start making our way towards Easter, our Wesley Covenant Groups will be studying *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. This seven-week study explores the scriptures around the Passion story. Groups will meet weekly from January 23 through March 6. Sign-up for a group or start your own through the church's email newsletter, by calling the church office, or in-person on Sunday, January 15.

## Excerpts from The empty tomb Opportunities Newsletter October - November 2022 issue



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Sarah Circle** will meet on Monday, January 16, at 6:00 pm at Sue Bachman's home. Terry Benson will lead the Program/Pledge Service.

**Dorcas Circle** will not meet in January.

**UWF Executive Board** will meet on Wednesday, February 1, at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

### The Body of Christ in Action

We thank God for the many caring Christian individuals who volunteer at empty tomb.

First United Methodist Church, Champaign volunteered in Clothing Work, Food Work, Furniture Work, and Office/Other Work August 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022.

### These Volunteers Regularly Help Make the Clothing Work Happen:

Cathy Mitchell, Monday afternoons  
John Doll, Wednesday - Friday mornings  
Sue Bachman, Thursday afternoons

## Youth News

2022 is already done and now we are in 2023! Here are just a few things that we did in Youth Group in the year 2022:

- Had a board game night...
- And a Marvel Movie Marathon!
- Filled Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt and had our own glow-in-the-dark one!
- Watched through the movie *The Count of Monte Cristo* to learn lessons about God being with us no matter what, justice, depression, hope, revenge, peace, and forgiveness.
- Made collages about what the world says is the good life versus what God says is the good life.
- Had a waffle bar, a saran wrap prize ball, and tons of games for our spring Youth Group finale!
- Bowled at Old Orchard Lanes
- Went on our annual high school service trip - Appalachia Service Project.
- Went to see *Thor: Love and Thunder* at the Harvest Moon Drive-In Theater in Gibson City.
- Jumped around at Elevate Trampoline Park.
- Had dinner at Meredith's.
- Learned about some of the weirder stories in the Bible, like King Belshazzar seeing the disembodied hand writing on the wall!
- Took on the corn maze at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch!
- Handed out candy at Trunk-or-Treat and then had our own Halloween party right after!
- Created our own keychains to remind ourselves of verses from God's Word to guide us through our day.
- Made wind chimes of various different materials to remember that the Holy Spirit moves like wind and even though we can't physically see him, he is there.
- Discussed mercy and punishment through the story of Jonah and celebrity mug shots.
- Baked Ezekiel bread inspired by the meal the prophet Ezekiel ate while he laid on his side (390 days on one side and 40 on the other!)
- Learned more about the stained glass in our church and its history, while making our own version of stained glass!
- Discussed stress and how God can help us to give grace to the people we care about when they are getting on our nerves.
- Created collages about what we think Jesus' birth story would look like if it happened now.
- Had a Christmas party complete with a Christmas movie, hot chocolate bar with all the fixings, and more!
- And played a LOT of games!

I can't wait for all the new things we will do in 2023!

Meredith  
meredith@champaignfumc.org

### Coming Events:

**Sunday, January 15 - No Youth Group**

**Sundays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Youth Group** - Our middle school and high school youth meet every Sunday evening at the church! Come join us for an evening of activities, fellowship, and fun! We meet in the youth room and dinner is provided.



## Staying Healthy in Winter: Tai Chi Exercises!

The Wellspring Health and Wellness Committee and Minds in Motion are pleased to again be offering Tai Chi exercises every Thursday, starting at 10:30 am. Each session will be offered via Zoom, with bi-weekly sessions also being offered in person at FUMC, starting on January 12. Each session is led by an expert in Tai Chi, French Fraker, who has practiced and taught Tai Chi for many years in the Champaign area, including teaching with OLLI.

Why Tai Chi? Tai Chi is an excellent exercise form for anyone wishing to strengthen their body core, improve balance and lower leg strength, and maintain or improve flexibility and ease of movement. Tai Chi exercises can be done while sitting, increasing ease of participation. One local Tai Chi instructor began practicing the exercise following a severe stroke and being told he would not be able to walk again. After learning and practicing Tai Chi exercises consistently, he not only regained his ability to walk, but now assists as an instructor!

The in-person sessions currently include approximately 20 to 25 participants, with some older adults joining the session from their home via Zoom. For those attending in person, joining the Minds in Motion group for lunch following Tai Chi is always an option. Costs for participating are \$5.00 per couple/session or \$3.00 per person/session. Lower semester rates are available, as well as scholarships for anyone benefiting from financial support.

Please contact Sharon in the church office or Sandy Burgener (sburgener@illinois.edu) or Vic Christensen (vchriste906@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We hope to see you on Thursday morning!



First United Methodist Church members are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to the church on Sunday morning or during the week (any time between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm) to stock our food pantry. These items are used by volunteers to provide food for families in need. Please call Sue Bachman at 217-359-4390 for information on volunteering.

*Especially needed are: spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, canned beets, and dishwashing liquid.*

*Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated.*

## Need a Ride to Church on Sunday?

The Wellspring Health and Wellness Committee is pleased to announce that transportation to and from the church for Sunday morning services will be available, beginning in January! We are grateful to Gwen Uppinghouse for accepting the position of van driver. The van will be available for pick up for the 10:30 service two Sundays per month initially. Other transportation services may be available on Sundays when the van is not scheduled.

To schedule a ride, please call Sharon at the church office no later than 2:00 pm on the Friday afternoon before the Sunday when a ride is desired. Sharon can be reached at: (217) 356-9078.

## Letter from LIFT Program Director

October 27, 2022

Dear Members of FUMC,

Thank you for your donation of rice and beans in support of our LIFT Cupboard food program. LIFT Champaign focuses on families facing a variety of life's challenges including food insecurity. We are working to maintain a pantry of healthy food options so that we can provide food to our LIFT families when they need it.

LIFT Champaign is a nontraditional, culturally responsive, family-focused initiative geared toward wrapping around our traditionally underserved families. The acronym LIFT, Leading Individuals and Families to Transformation, is the vision of our program that we hope will lead to a thriving community.

Our LIFT Cupboard is available for families upon request. We try to supply families with all of the ingredients they will need to make a healthy meal, as well as recipes to make sure the food we supply is useful. We appreciate you contributing to our efforts particularly as the winter season is approaching.

Thank you so much. We appreciate your partnership.

Katina Wilcher  
LIFT Program Director

Richelle Brown  
LIFT Parent Liaison

## Note from C-U at Home

Thank you for your faithful support for C-U at Home! Your gifts as a valued Hope Giver helps us fulfill our mission to provide shelter and other essentials to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. With your support, we've expanded our case management services, launched morning programming, and are impacting lives in more ways than ever before! As we enter a new season of ministry, we greatly appreciate your continued generosity and are truly blessed by your support for our mission.

Gratefully,  
C-U at Home

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## Green Team Notes: Expanded Recycling Center!

The Green Team will start 2023 with more 'green' resources, including an expanded recycling center in Friendship Center North. In the next few weeks, look for larger receptacles with well-marked containers for recycling paper, cans, bottles, and recyclable plastics. A separate container for Styrofoam recycling will continue to be available. Instructions will be available at the containers.

We continue to be grateful for green efforts happening in the life of our congregation. In December, the United Women in Faith program was presented by our Green Team support person from Faith in Place, Rev. Cindy Shepherd. Rev. Shepherd offered a variety of resources to help make everyone's Christmas greener, with most products and resources being useful year-round. 'Green' gingerbread houses were even made for the occasion! Our thanks to Karen Wood, Terry Benson, and our United Women in Faith chapter.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Sharon in the church office or Sandy Burgener at: [sandsburgener@gmail.com](mailto:sandsburgener@gmail.com).

## The Bachman African Travelog Sunday, January 29 1:00 pm



Tim and Sue Bachman will be offering a second opportunity to view some of their pictures from their adventure to South Africa and Zimbabwe this past July. If you missed the first showing, please put this on your winter calendar and join us. Invite family/friends. Bring a sack lunch to eat after church, or return, or just stop by anytime near 1:00 pm to catch the adventure. Hope to see many of you on January 29 at 1:00 pm in Friendship Center South.



## To Sing or Not to Sing – That is the Question

In case you are wondering whether or not it is appropriate to sing in worship, here are some answers.

### Some general guidelines

Hymns: SING unless directed otherwise. Hymns are created specifically for congregational singing. Singing hymns is a community experience in corporate worship, so just sing! Occasionally, there will be a verse that has been prepared by the musicians in a way that does not lend itself to congregational singing, and the congregation will be directed to listen while the musicians lead the music. Recently, a cantor has been in the lectern leading the hymns. This has helped the online congregation be able to participate by hearing the text of the hymns.

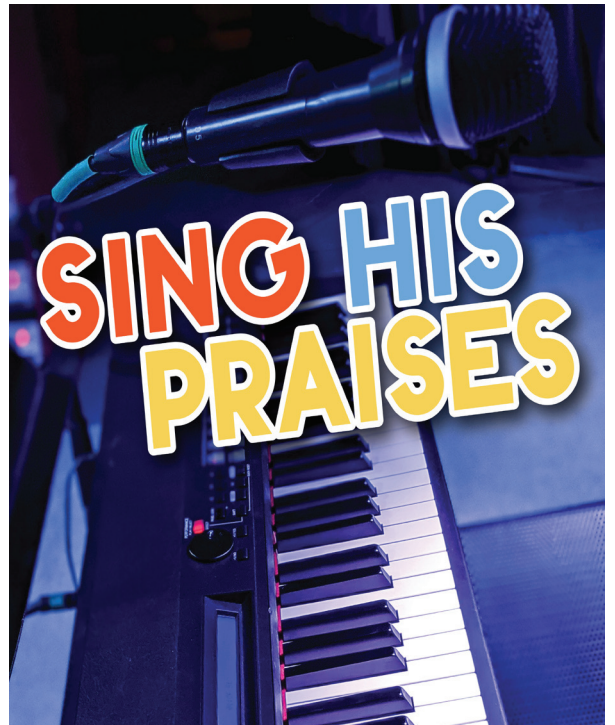
Anthems and Special Music selections: Sing if invited to do so. This type of music is created to be presented by a soloist or ensemble. The congregation is invited to join by listening, clapping to the beat if the style of music calls for that, reflecting on the text, praying, being uplifted by beauty, or by taking time for God's spirit to move.

Perceptions Praise Songs: The Perceptions Praise Team leads (notice that word – leads) contemporary Christian selections. This type of music may be created for congregational singing or it may have been originally created for presentation by a solo artist in a concert setting. Perceptions Praise Team leads people in worship. Sing when the Spirit says sing; pray when the Spirit says pray; clap when the Spirit says clap! The congregation is welcome to sing, pray, reflect on the text, whatever works for each individual. It may help to think of participating in these pieces as one participates in singing with the radio on a long car trip. Sometimes the entire text of a well-known song is sung, sometimes only the chorus, and sometimes reflection is most appropriate.

Singing (and all music) in worship is NEVER performance. It is ALWAYS directed towards God. Even though the musicians in worship do all that they can to give their best (as do professional musicians), the focus is different. God created us to be who we are. Each of us has different talents. Praising God is never wrong. Your voice is wonderful. God loves you. Music during worship focuses on God; the musicians lead, praise, pray and offer; the congregation participates.

Psalm 92. A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath Day.

- <sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
- <sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night,
- <sup>3</sup> to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.
- <sup>4</sup> For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.



# Congregational Life of FUMC

January 16-31, 2023



16 Matthew Morrow  
17 John Doll  
17 Mary Leger  
17 Ann Morrow  
17 Margaret Stair  
18 Laura Curtis  
18 Riley Kemper  
18 Connor Lawson  
19 Ruth Thom  
20 Heather Miller  
21 Angela Brown  
21 Judy Iversen

21 Susan Miceli  
21 Ryder Perry  
22 Shirley Maryan  
22 Mary Poole  
22 Sara Woods  
25 Hannah Charter  
25 Barbara Hecker  
27 Joni Dodge  
28 Verna Coffin  
30 Patricia Badt  
30 Abigail Cicone  
30 Tyler Cicone  
30 Lora Mae Kesler  
31 Jan Kiley  
31 Susan Veitch

25 Ron & Lynne Lyman

## Hospital Report

**Hospitalized in the last few weeks:** Jim Johnson and Mark Rayburn.



## Going into the Hospital?

If you are scheduled by your physician to be hospitalized, please indicate "**Champaign First United Methodist Church**" on your admission form.

Privacy guidelines will not allow hospitals to notify the church without your permission. If you can, call the church office before you are admitted, or have a family member or friend let us know.

I don't want to miss you when I make hospital calls.

10 *Pastor Julia*



Visit our website  
([www.champaignfumc.org](http://www.champaignfumc.org))  
and fill out a prayer request  
form or call the church office  
at 217-356-9078 and  
leave a message.

## 2023 Offering Envelopes

If you would like a supply of offering envelopes for 2023, they are available now in the Church Office and in the Narthex. We have weekly sets (52 envelopes) and monthly sets (12 envelopes). The envelopes are dated but not pre-numbered.

## Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Rev. Donald Walden, who passed away on December 19, 2022.



**NEXT Messenger Deadline:**  
**January 19, 2023**  
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Articles may be submitted by  
e-mail to:  
[bberner@champaignfumc.org](mailto:bberner@champaignfumc.org)  
or brought to church.

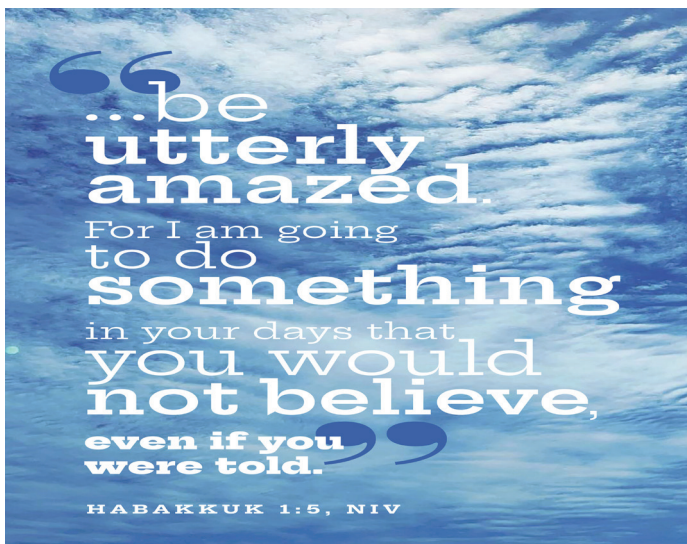
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