



# Lenexa United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Toward Spiritual Growth

## December 29, 2024

### 10:15 A.M.

Together Sunday

**GATHERING SONG** "Songs Of the Season"

**GREETING**

**OPENING SONG** "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PSALTER (PSALM 96)** UMH #815

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Mary Clow

**CANDLELIGHTING AND GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You are invited to come forward at this time if you wish.  
You can light a candle in memorial or as a means of prayer.

You may place your gifts in the offering plates  
at the front or back of the Sanctuary.

You may also give online at [lenexaumc.org](http://lenexaumc.org),  
download the mobile app *ShelbyNext Giving*,  
or text the amount you would like to give to (913) 444-5960.

**\*RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*CELEBRATION SONG** "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

One: Beloved in Christ, this FIRST Sunday after Christmas  
it is our delight to continue praising with the angel chorus,  
and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem,  
and to remember this thing which is come to pass,  
and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us pray:

**All: Eternal God, as your Word is proclaimed through  
the scriptures that are read, let us hear with joy  
the story of your loving purposes from the first days  
of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us  
by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer  
glad with our carols of praise. Amen.**

**HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 3:4-16

**HYMN** "What Child Is This" UMH #219

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Joseph's Lullaby"  
Tim Hunt

**SONGS AND CAROLS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Carols of the Congregation Choices:**

1. Silver Bells
2. The Christmas Song
3. Jingle Bells
4. Still, Still, Still
5. Away in a Manger UMH #217
6. We Three Kings UMH #254 vs. 1, 5
7. Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH #220 vs. 1
8. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH #218 vs. 1, 4
9. O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH #230
10. Go Tell it on the Mountain UMH #251
11. Infant Holy, Infant Lowly UMH #229

**Music Leaders:** Blair Penney and Tree of Life Praise Band

**Liturgist:** Liesel Stephens

**Media Techs:** Mary Clow, Macey Deweese, C.J. Cooper

### All are welcome at LUMC!

**To our guests—welcome!** Thank you for worshiping with us!  
Please provide your name and information on the Friendship Pad.  
If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join our community.  
Contact Pastor Lori if you are interested in discussing membership.

**Friendship Pad:** Please take a moment to record your presence,  
and then pass the pad to others sitting in your row.

**Hearing aids** that receive sound directly from the PA system and  
**large-print hymnals** are available from an usher.

Children are always welcome in worship services.

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and toddlers in Room 206.

**All Sunday School Classes meet at 9:00 today.**

**Regular Sunday School Schedule:**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School:**

Kid's Kingdom (4 years-5th grade) - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Education Building  
Spectrum (adults) - Room 122 | Foundations (adults) - Wesley Room

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School:**

Kids Connect (4 years-5th grade) - Meet in Sanctuary,  
Pick up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Building  
Youth (6th-12th grade) - Loft  
Dashers (adults) - Asbury Room

Contact the church office for more information about small groups.

### CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Lori Patton Aguilar** | Senior Pastor

**Paige Foster** | Youth and Congregational Ministries

**Mary Clow** | Children's Ministries

**Megan Taylor** | Preschool/CDO

**Ann Ober and Judy Rapp** | Nursery

**Blair Penney, Nan Hulett, Trey Bures, & Liesel Stephens** | Music Staff

**Linda Stokes** | Business Administrator

**Lauren Lanigan** | Communications

## UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**BLOOD DRIVE** | We will have a blood drive tomorrow, December 30 from 2-6 p.m. in the Underground. You can schedule an appointment by going to [donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules) and selecting Lenexa United Methodist Church. Sign up to give blood and make a difference!



**OFFICE CLOSURE** | The LUMC office will be closed on January 1. Happy New Year!



**YOUNG ADULT 2025 KICK OFF** | LUMC will be having a young adult 2025 kick-off brunch on New Year's Day for 18-35 year olds. Contact the church office for more information.



**ST. MARY'S KITCHEN** | We will serve at St. Mary's this Friday, January 3. Those who are serving will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. To volunteer, contact Charles Cooper at 913-209-3760 or [kccharlescooper@gmail.com](mailto:kccharlescooper@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!



**SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON** | The LUMYouth will be providing a free spaghetti lunch as a thank you to the congregation next Sunday, January 5. All are invited to join us in Schneeberger Hall at 11:30 a.m. for delicious spaghetti and garlic bread!



**SAFE GATHERINGS** | All volunteers 16 and older must be certified in our Safe Gatherings protection policy to volunteer with children and youth at church. We will be hosting a workshop on Thursday, January 2 from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. for those who need to get certified. Contact Mary Clow at [mary.clow@lenexaumc.org](mailto:mary.clow@lenexaumc.org) for more information and to RSVP. Lunch will be provided!



**UPPER ROOM** | The January-February Upper Rooms are here. Pick one up at the top of the stairs by the church office or contact us ([office@lenexaumc.org](mailto:office@lenexaumc.org) or 913-888-5600) and we will mail one to you.



**YEAR-END GIVING** | To take a charitable deduction in 2024, the church must receive your contribution by December 31, 2024 or it must be postmarked by December 31. For items dated in 2024, but received after January 1, the postmark will determine whether it is considered a 2024 or 2025 contribution. If you have any questions about where you stand on your estimate of giving for 2024, please call Linda Stokes in the office, 913-888-5600.



**WORSHIP IN 2025** | Pastor Lori is working on 2025 sermon and worship planning and invites you to give your input! If you have a topic or scripture that you've always wanted to be address, or if you have a creative idea for worship (worship visuals, a series that might correlate to a church-wide study etc.) please email Pastor Lori at [pastor@lenexaumc.org](mailto:pastor@lenexaumc.org)



**DINNER'S ON US** | Tell your family, friends, and neighbors because dinner's on us! A free drive through community meal of pulled pork or PB&J sandwiches, chips, and dessert is served every Wednesday evening from 5:30—6:30 p.m. in the West parking lot. We WILL serve Dinner's On us on January 1.

## THIS WEEK AT LENEXA UMC

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

#### Together Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck and "Baby Shower for Jesus!" | Schneeberger Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive | The Underground
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 186 Troop Meeting | Schneeberger Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 8:00 p.m. AA | Room 113

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY!

#### New Year's Day

- 10:00 a.m. Young Adult 2025 Kick-Off Brunch | Off-Site
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner's On Us | Drive Through
- 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics (AA) | Room 113

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Safe Gatherings Workshop | Wesley Room
- 5:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi | Schneeberger Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Young People's AA | Asbury Room

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- 9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Movie Group | Off-Site

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

- 10:00 a.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 9:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group Prayer Vigil | Sanctuary

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults  
*(see class list inside bulletin)*
- 10:00 a.m. Heavenly Half Hour | Schneeberger Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service | Sanctuary and Online
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults  
*(see class list inside bulletin)*
- 11:30 a.m. Spaghetti Luncheon | Schneeberger Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting | Wesley Room
- 3:00 p.m. Ethiopian Church Group | Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. LUMYouth Group | Schneeberger Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Conversations | Wesley Room

"E" room numbers designate rooms in the Education Building.

Check website or door stand calendar to verify meetings as locations are subject to change.



# Lenexa United Methodist Church

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*"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Matthew 2:6*

## Welcome to LUMC

## We are glad you're here!

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