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Date	
Hospital	
I check in at	am / pm
Surgery is at	am / pm
Prayer Requests in the bulletin for indicated below: Please do not please have a process.	publicize.
Pastor:	Rev. Angie Colina McNeil
Visitation Pastor:	Rev. Ross Fulton, Jr.
Pianist:	Donna Rekittke
Worship Leader:	Sue Shineman
Song Leader:	Vicky Reuter
Acolyte:	Ripley McNeil
Ushers:	Karen Anderson, Pat Gerdts, Sid Marlow,

To give an electronic offering via your PayPal account, please scan the QR code.

and Lydia Marlow.



LIFTING UP OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN PRAYER

Put this up somewhere you will see it every day as a reminder of those who need prayer this week.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & NEEDS:

The Family of Chris Nunn
Adam
Alice
Alan & Renee
Kristi Mettlen
Dick
Teresa
Clarence
Peace
Valerie - Surgery 12/8

Sabine
Sabine
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Clarence
Stella
Christi
Dick - Surgery 12/8

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Mary Kronour

Vickie Pollock

Shauna Hulecki

Sabine
Our Advent Season
Elderly Family & Friends
Roy & Jean Gilliam
Noel Bennett
Chyenne Dwyer
Israel
Stella
Christians Worldwide
Dick - surgery 12/2
Rikki
Kaylee, 17 years spine
cancer

PRAISE GOD FOR:

Jesus the Savior
Freedom to Worship
Wednesday Work Crew
Worship Sound Crew
Family
A strong congregation.
& community

Simple Gifts
Provision & Protection
Blessings
Thank you for the
support & prayers
The People of God
Our pastor & family

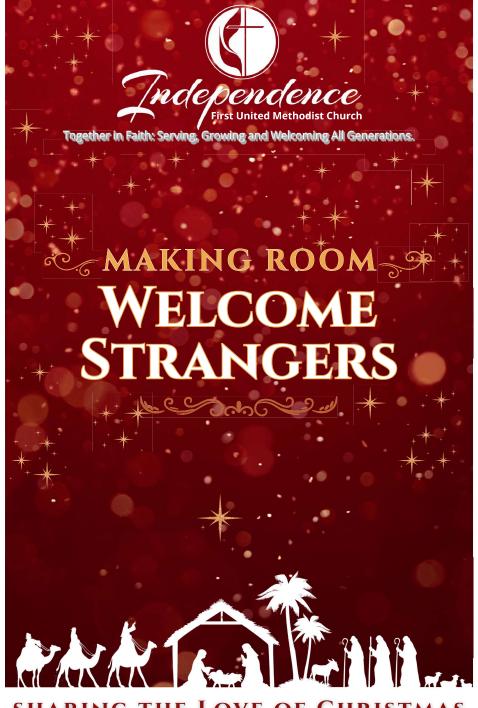


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SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Welcome, guests!

If you are our guest today, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. We want you to enjoy worship and experience it in a way that is best for you.

*Stand only as you are comfortable and able.

The altar flowers are in loving memory of **Betty Lou Harris by Lisa.**

Ongoing Food Drive with Community Services League

With the growing need for food in our community we are delivering to CSL after the 2nd and last Sunday of every month. The shopping cart will be out to collect your donations and remind you to bring donations at any time. With your help, we will increase the tangible ways we are loving our neighbors struggling during this difficult time. CSL requests:

- Meals in a can with pop tops (chili, stew, chicken, tuna or ravioli).
- Cases of bottled water.
- Electrolyte drink packets or bottled drinks like Gatorade.

Christmas Karaoke with Santa 12/20 4pm - 6 pm

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear." ~Buddy the Elf (if you haven't seen Elf, you're missing out!). Our next Karaoke night will be all about Christmas and SANTA! Come sing your favorite Christmas tunes, make a Christmas craft, and snap a photo with Santa. It's sure to be a great time!

Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Hillcrest offers individuals, families, and unaccompanied youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment to move beyond homelessness. For many years, we have supported families and youth at Hillcrest, and this Advent we will be focusing our efforts to support their ministry through the Hat and Mitten Tree, as well as our special Christmas offering from the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve. There will be continuing opportunities to clean apartments, provide for the food pantry and come alongside them in missional partnership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/8 Making Room Devotion, 5:30pm 6:00pm in the Library
- 12/8 Children's Choir, 5:30pm 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
- 12/9 Making Room Bible Study, 2:00pm 3:00pm in the Library
- 12/9 Choir Practice, 7p in the Sanctuary
- 12/10 Glory Ringers Bell Choir, 7:00pm in the Bell Choir Room
- 12/11 Prayer Circle, 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
- 12/11 Starshine Preschool Program, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
- 12/20 Christmas Karaoke with Santa, 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:00pm in the Sanctuary

Order of Worship - 10:15 am

*Stand as you are able

GATHERING

Prelude

Carol of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements *Gathering Hymn

Lift up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #213 (verses 1, 2, 3 & 4) *Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

PRAISING

*Praising Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203 (verses 1, 2, 3 & 4)

PROCLAIMING

Lighting the Advent Wreath Children's Moment

Tricia Green

Proclamation Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel #211 (verses 1 & 3)

Prayer for the People & Lord's Prayer

Pastor Ross

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

*Gloria Patri Message

Welcome Strangers Pastor Angie

RESPONDING

Communion Offering

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Doxology

*Responding Hymn

The First Noel #245 (verses 1, 2 & 5)

*Benediction

Postlude

The Golden Trumpet

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Welcome to Independence First UMC!

We are glad you are here! We want to know you are here, please fill out and tear off this section, then put it in the offering plate.

Name(s).

Address:
Phone:
Email:
I would like to receive church emails and the Weekly Connection.
1st Time Guest Member
2nd Time Guest Regular Attendee
Looking for a church home.
Out of town guest.

Poinsettia Order

The cost is \$10 per plant. Final date to order is December 8.

In honor of _ In memory of _____

In appreciation of_____

Number of plants ordered_