

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Today's altar flowers are sponsored  
IN HONOR & GLORY OF GOD



### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Undecorate the church today, following the Service.

### WOMEN'S CRAFTING CIRCLE

**Monday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Ground.**

You are invited to join this group of women (high school –adult) to share a time of devotion, crafting, & fellowship. No previous craft skill needed, crafts selected are for crafters of all skill/ability and instructions and guidance is provided. A donation of \$3-5 is suggested to help cover the cost of supplies. Contact Cindy Calderone, Gina Sylvester, or Ann Ermer with questions.

### SANCTUARY CHOIR

**First Rehearsal of the new year .**

**Thursday, January 16th at 8 p.m.**

We plan on singing at least one Sunday a month under the direction of Matt South. Please come and join us!

### THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

**Friday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m.**

This will be a Chili night with cornbread and salad as sides. Following dinner, we will have some fun activities. Come join us for a night of good food and fellowship. Donations of desserts would be appreciated. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the bottom of the ramp.



### DONATIONS NEEDED

The Thrift Store is collecting slightly used coats and jackets.

### 2025 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2025 Giving Envelopes are now available for **pick-up from the table in the link. Please note: giving numbers for 2025 will be different than the number you are currently using. If you do not see your box or need to have one assigned to you please reach out to the church office**, during office hours. 215-945-5502, [office@emilieumc.com](mailto:office@emilieumc.com)

### THIS WEEK AT EMILIE

Jan. 6—Women's Crafting Circle, 7 p.m.

Jan. 8th—Thrift Store, 5:30-7 p.m.

Jan. 11th—Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Jan. 16th—Sanctuary Choir, 8 p.m.

Jan. 17th—Adult Fellowship Meeting, 6:30 p.m.



### Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Take action items for this week are printed in RED.  
Contact the church office if you have any questions.**

## EMILIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CELEBRATING 162 YEARS OF WORSHIP,  
PRAYER, & SERVICE  
1863 - 2025

# A SPECIAL GIFT

*Matthew 2:1-12*



**January 5th, 2025  
10 a.m.**



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,  
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,  
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 5TH, 2025

COMMUNION

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

## Pre-Service Music

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

**Greeting** The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist, Gary Tice

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

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L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

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**\*Opening Hymn** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
UMH #220

**\*Unison Opening Prayer** Liturgist, Gary Tice

Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Passing of the Peace**

**Community Connections**

**Children's Message**

**Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers**

**Offertory Special Music** *Christmas Offering*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

**\*Offertory Dedication and Prayer** Liturgist, Gary Tice  
Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Preparation** *We Three Kings* UMH #254

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:1-12 Liturgist, Gary Tice

**Sermon** *A Special Gift* Pastor Lori

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn** *There's a Song in the Air* UMH #249

**\*Mission Statement** (screen) Liturgist, Gary Tice

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,  
Growing People in Christ,  
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Benediction and Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

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## Pastor-On-Call: Please call 215-945-5503

The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.