

*The Gathering at  
St. John's United Methodist Church  
Welcome we're so glad you are here  
and will come back*



*December 14, 2025  
9:00 a.m. Modern Praise*

*To Welcome and affirm all people to experience the love of God,  
Learn together to follow the example of Jesus, and  
Work to be a blessing to our community and the world*

*PLEASE, as a courtesy to your fellow worshippers, 'silence'  
Your cell phones before worship begins. Thank you!*  
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*\* Please stand as you are able*

Announcements

**\* Music to Praise God**

*Angels We Have Heard on High  
Mary's Boy Child  
Away in a Manger*

Children's Message

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Bryan & Heidi Heer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.*

Gift of Music

God's Holy Word

Luke 2:1-21

NRSVUE

The Message



*Rev. Amy Kalm*

Sermon Song

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Offering/\* Traditional Doxology



*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*United Methodist Hymnal # 95*

Our Giving To The Work Of The Church

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Music For The Journey

*Put a Little Love in Your Heart*





## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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| ✠ Brita McDaniel  | ✠ Nicole Castro daughter of Michaela Jefferies                 |
| ✠ Luc Livermore   | ✠ Jodi Medina niece of Michaela Jefferies prayers for strength |
| ✠ Kathy Reimund   | ✠ Baby Kingston  |
| ✠ Lois Baker  | ✠ Lauren & Leeann—health concerns & guidance                   |
| ✠ Pam (Rex's sister in-law)                                   | ✠ Peggy Harback  |
| ✠ Melissa Van Pelt  | ✠ Connie Jackson (friend of Lesa Vishon)                       |
| ✠ Kaori Egashira  | ✠ Hudson (Judy Rose's grandson)                                |
| ✠ Pete Stronge  | ✠ Keverne Anders—cancer  |
| ✠ Nancy Shepard   | ✠ Fred Grigg   |
| ✠ Bob D.  | ✠ John Rose (kidney cancer)                                    |
| ✠ Bruce S.  | ✠ Sophia—stroke  |
| ✠ George M.   | ✠ Chuck McKee  |
| ✠ Dylan Whittington   | ✠ Cheyanne B.  |
| ✠ Lorraine L.   | ✠ Jane—cancer  |
| ✠ Eileen Brewert: brain tumor                                 | ✠ John Shaorter  |
| ✠ Phil McKweon  | ✠ Joy Creelman   |
| ✠ Becca (50 yrs. Old): heart failure                          | ✠ Helen Huston   |
| ✠ Michael (Kaitlyn Williams' Uncle)                           | ✠ Karen—bone cancer  |
| ✠ Karen (Neighbor of Rex & JudyRose Layfield)                 | ✠ Sarah Sprague  |
| ✠ Paul Player   | ✠ Maria Lunawolfe  |
| ✠ Lisa Allen  | ✠ Bobby L.   |
| ✠ Donna Mauer   | ✠ Beverly Johnson  |
| ✠ Ron Sutliff   | ✠ Marai R.   |
| ✠ Judy Venega (brain cancer)                                  | ✠ Allen W.   |
| ✠ Easton Blake Canaday (Donovan & Brittani Canaday's Newborn) | ✠ Zoe W.   |
| ✠ Jeannette Henderson (Lisa Brownfield's Mom)                 | ✠ Jean K.  |
| ✠ Patti Cropper   |  |
| ✠ Debbie Lewis  |  |
| ✠ Luke Thatcher   |  |
| ✠ Peggy Harback's granddaughter Molly                         |  |
| ✠ Cheri Forsyth's sister Shelley and her nephew Max           |  |



### **JOYS AND THANKSGIVING**

- ✝ Congratulations to Landon & Ilia! Landon won 1st Place and Ilia won 2nd Place in a Chess Tournament!

### **PRAYERS FOR SYMPATHY**

- ✝ Family & Friends of Lee Bachman who passed away December 8
- ✝ Family & Friends of Joanne McIver who passed away November 28th
- ✝ Dr. Jason Allen's wife Lisa is in hospice.

### **PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE & OTHER CONCERNS**

- ✝ Tiffany (Linda Tucker's Niece)
- ✝ Robin Z—Multiple issues
- ✝ Jennifer & Martin Sievert—acceptance of God's Mercy & Grace
- ✝ Kaitlyn Williams and her father Kennon
- ✝ France A.—Prayers for her Grand-Daughters
- ✝ Karen (Friend of Sue Snell) - multiple issues



**Please Note:**  
**No Christian Folk Worship on**  
**the following days:**  
**Thursday, December 25, 2025 and**  
**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
**We will be back Worshipping together on**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

# Christian Folk Worship



*Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.*

Christian Folk Worship here at  
St. John's UMC

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!**

# Christmas Worship Schedule

December 21st at 4:00 p.m.

***Blue Christmas***

*at Grace Lutheran Church  
(2101 Harrison Street, Kingman, AZ)*

December 24th

***Modern Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.***

***Traditional Christmas Eve: 7 p.m.***

**No Service Christmas Day**

***All Services include Candlelight Ceremony***



**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**Sunday, December 28th**

**Combined Worship at:  
10:30 a.m.**

**ALL are invited to join us for  
a Christmas Carol Sing  
Worship Experience**

**You're Invited!!!  
Christmas Day  
Fellowship at  
Grace Lutheran Church  
(2101 Harrison St)  
December 25th at 1 p.m.  
Games and Snacks  
Provided**



Nana's Pantry located here at St. John's UMC is:

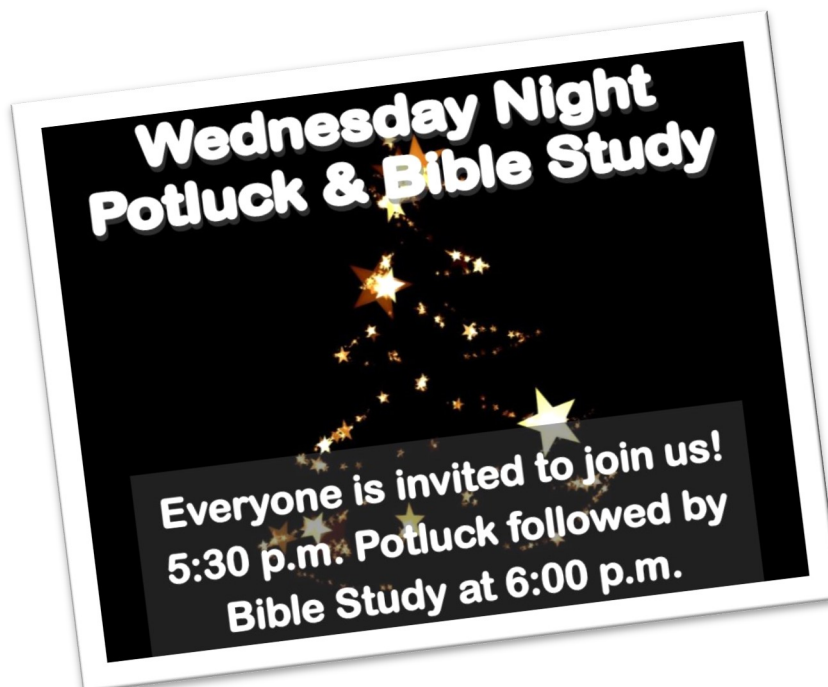
***OPEN FRIDAYS FROM  
9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.***

St. John's UMC also has a small clothing closet that is open on Fridays during our Food Box distributions

***DONATIONS NEEDED:***

***Canned Veggies; Canned Meat; Canned Beans;  
Canned Fruit; Spaghetti Sauce; Dried Pasta  
Rice; Cereal; Canned Soup; Mac & Cheese  
Toilet Paper***

**PLEASE NOTE:  
THE CLOTHING CLOSET IS NOT  
CURRENTLY ACCEPTING  
DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.  
Because of your very generous  
donations we are currently out of  
space to store everything.**



**GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP**

***THURSDAYS 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.  
JANUARY 8, 2026 THRU APRIL 9, 2026***

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1730 KINO AVENUE, KINGMAN, AZ 86409  
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***GRIEF SHARE IS A NETWORK OF 12,000 + CHURCHES  
WORLDWIDE EQUIPPED TO OFFER GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS.  
THE PROGRAM IS NON-DENOMINATIONAL AND FEATURES  
BIBLICAL CONCEPTS FOR HEALING FROM YOUR GRIEF.***

***GRIEF SHARE IS A 13 WEEK VIDEO  
SEMINAR WITH WORKBOOK.***



**'Christmas Giving Tree'**  
Specifically for Winter Apparel  
We are in need of the following:  
Gloves; Scarves; Socks; Winter Hats  
These items will help our Clothing Closet  
provide our clientele with warm attire during  
our winter months.  
We thank you and appreciate the generosity  
of your donations.

**God's Blessings,  
The St. John's UMC Missions Team**

# **Advent Lunches**

**Advent Lunches are a time once a week  
for 3 weeks during Advent for us to come  
together for a Short Worship followed by  
Lunch and Fellowship.**

**Advent Lunches will be  
Fridays December 5, December 12, and  
December 19 beginning at 12:30 p.m.**



**Please Note:**  
**The Church Office will be Closed**  
**the following days:**  
**Thursday, December 25, 2025**



**WWF**  
*Widow & Widowers Fellowship*  
*We will be meeting*  
*Saturday, December 20, 2025*  
*We will meet at the church at 12 p.m.*  
*Lunch will be at Vito's (2775 Northern Avenue)*  
*and then attending the*  
*Christmas Choir Concert at 3:00 p.m. at:*  
*College Park Community Center*  
*(1990 Jagerson Avenue)*



## Men's Bible Study

Men of ALL ages are invited to come and discover the truths of God's word.  
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Fellowship followed by Bible Study at 8:30 a.m.  
All Men are Welcome!



## Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship!!!**  
**All Men are invited to join us on:**  
**Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 8 a.m.**  
**For Food, Fellowship, and FUN!!!**



Skippy give it back. Give...it...back! Ugh...Skippy. Give me back my Odyssey. Give you a week and you think you're in charge. Oh hello! Skippy sure had a lot of fun taking over the odyssey. So much fun that she doesn't want to give it back. But give it back she will.

**Wednesday-** Feeling the most human I had in several days, I arrived at the office to resume the things I know and love. First, hugs around the men's bible study. Next coffee. Then meet with Heidi to go over the events of the week. Met with Bob Parker, who is spearheading the work that will need to be done for the grant. We agreed on the game plan. Bob had conversations with our glass vendor and set up a time to meet with our security vendor on Friday. Then it was off to Preschool Chapel. Robin and Heidi both joined me and together we did a skit on the story of Zechariah. We also worked on our song for the Preschool Holiday program. Back to the office to work with Tracy on getting a required separate account set up for the grant funds. Spent time going over the chapter we would be covering for the Wednesday night Bible Study. Met with Anne Marie Jantzen to talk about a

celebration of life for her sister, Joanne McIver. This lady fought a valiant fight against cancer. It's an honor to preside at this service, which will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am. More prep for Wednesday Night Bible study. The potluck was delish. We talked about Isaiah's prophecy and how it shows up in Matthew's version of the Christmas story. I also had the audacity to have us sing Christmas songs.

**Thursday-** More work on the grant and worked to get Bob installed immediately as trustee (before Jan 1) and have him designated as VP. This will free him up to do work on the grant with out as many blockers. Finished the orders of worship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent. Aka...Gaudete...Joy...pink candle day! Worked with Cheri Forsyth on a start date for our next Grief Share. Thursday night worship.



**Friday** – Full court press today. Arrived in time to pray with our food pantry helpers. We served 36 families today. I also had time to make rounds with our TOPS friends. Checked in with Pastor Ken from Grace Lutheran about our joint Blue Christmas Service. Was grateful to gather for our first Advent Lunch Mediation. I love the reflection that Cheri chose. I also appreciate Terry Crawford leading the music. The meditation time is taking place in the chapel, which I love. So cozy and I'm surround by things that remind me of St. John's history. I thought I'd put together a no-fail list of instructions of the projector for our Child and Family friends. They were having a Christmas celebration with their families today. But for some reason they couldn't get computer sound to connect. So put on my tech hat to help. It was a good thing, because some of our Filipino friends went to the fellowship hall instead of the chapel. Sat with them to enjoy some lunch. Judy Norris made a tasty chicken noodle soup. One of our Filipino friends brought a yummy dessert made of corn, coconut milk, and evaporated milk. Bob was on hand to meet with our alarm system rep. We did a very thorough walk through and now we're just waiting on the bid. As the dust settled, I dove in to work on the message for Sunday. I love Mary's story!

**Saturday** – I arrived and did a little more work on the sermon. I felt like my cold was making a rebound. So I made sure that everything was set for the cookie exchange. It was looking so festive when I left. And what a gathering it was! I heard tell that Linda Tucker had the most impressive cookie container. 😊 There were plenty of cookies and plenty of boxes. They were instructed to keep filling boxes til the cookies were gone, and they did. We've already agreed that we will repeat this next December AND we are going to have a special Valentine's Day cookie exchange where the recipients will be our first responders! Meanwhile at home, I was resting and working on the service items for Sunday. As usual, God showed up in spite of how I felt.



**Sunday** – One word to describe the start of this day. Gremlins. First the computer wouldn't connect to the projector in the Fellowship Hall. No livestream there today. Next, Ginny had let me know that she wasn't feeling well and wouldn't be at church today. With all of the chaos of trying to get the projector to work, I didn't get that message to others until way too close to service start time. Next, slides. I didn't change out names for Advent in my service outline to Heidi. Thankfully she caught it and fixed it. Whew...she saved my bacon today. One last hiccup. I almost blew right past the Advent readings. I'm grateful to those who keep me in line! I don't know about you, but in spite of the gremlins, I'd say God showed up. Bob and June Tuomi did a wonderful job with the Advent reading and candle lighting. Bob and Sandie Womack did the same in the second service. I realize the sermon was a bit longer than usual. Thank you for the grace you extended. The cutest sight of the day was four of our Sunday School kids lined up to help bring the offering forward to the altar. Our future was looking right at me and I loved what I saw. Chris Commisso had a beautiful gift of music and the choir had a lovely anthem too. Then it was back to work on the devotion and Amy Odyssey so I can keep Skippy's muddy paws off of them.

## St. John's UMC Weekly Calendar December 14, 2025 thru December 20, 2025

### *Sunday ~ December 14*

8:30 AM Pastries & Fellowship

**9:00 AM Modern Praise**

10:00 AM Pastries & Fellowship

**10:30 AM Traditional Worship**

### *Monday ~ December 15*

5:30 PM Monday Big Book Study

### *Tuesday ~ December 16*

**12:00 PM**

**Bulletin/Connection Deadline**

### *Wednesday ~ December 17*

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Potluck

6:00 PM Bible Study

### *Thursday ~ December 18*

#### **Cornerstone Pick-Up**

9:00 AM Morning Glories

**5:30 PM Christian  
Folk Worship**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### *Friday ~ December 19*

8:00 AM TOPS

9:00 AM Missions 'Food Boxes'

**12:30 PM Advent Lunch**

**TOPS Christmas Luncheon**

### *Saturday ~ December 20*

9:00 AM St. Michael's Catholic

10:00 AM NA Meeting



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