

# Come as YOU ARE

Come in your blue jeans  
or your soccer uniform,  
Come with your joys  
or with your sorrows,  
Come seeking hope  
or sharing help...



PERFECTED IN  
LOVE,  
JUST AS GOD  
MADE YOU!

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Gathering  
*Noel*

Welcome & Greeting

Lighting of The Candle of Hope

Congregational Prayer:

God of Light, illumine our way and fill us with expectation for  
the coming of your son. May we be bearers of hope for the  
world's new creation. Amen.

*The First Noel*  
*God With Us*

Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

John 1:1-9

Message

"Imagine Hope"

Prayer & Moment of Gratitude  
*Good Good Father*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
*Salvation Is Here*

Advent Benediction  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Please  
Scan for  
attendance.



*Serving in Worship*

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# Connect with Community

## COMING UP AT FMUMC

### Donate Poinsettias | Deadline: Dec. 16

Would you like to donate a poinsettia to be used in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season? Names will be displayed during worship on Christmas Eve.



### First Meal Denton Clothing Drive | Nov. 16 – Dec. 7

As colder months arrive, we need men's clothing (no dress clothes) & essentials. Please bring coats, pants, shirts, shoes, new underwear, warm socks, belts, hats, blankets, and travel-size toiletries to the donation bins in the Sanctuary Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

### Angel Tree | Nov. 16 – Dec. 7

Help make Christmas special for local children, families, and seniors by picking up a tag in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

### Women's Cancer Support Group Christmas Cookie Exchange | Dec. 2 | 6:30PM

Bring a dozen cookies & swap with your friends! Location to be provided by reaching out to Kerry Mays at, kmays@fmumc.org

### Laundry Love | Dec. 2 | 6:30PM

Help provide access to free laundry services for people in need. All that is needed is a heart for others and the ability to put quarters into washing machines!



### Advent Night | Dec. 7 | 5PM

Join us for Advent Night with potluck, carols, the PB&Jam Children's Choir, food, & the Chrismon Tree lighting. Bring a dish tied to a favorite Christmas memory, & add a note card with your name, the dish, & why it's special to you.



### Stay Connected – With The Weekly Word

Sign up for our Weekly Word newsletter and devotional to get thoughtful teachings, weekly encouragement, and important updates delivered right to your inbox!



**For more information, visit [fmumc.org/events](https://fmumc.org/events)**

## SERVE ON SUNDAYS

#### Nursery

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Please help us out by recording your attendance on the Belong card or scanning the QR code



### Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery | Dec. 13

Volunteer to deliver to help set up a bed in a home where a child needs a bed. No experience or tools needed, though trucks are always an added resource for the group!



### The Joy of Christmas | Dec. 14 | 10:30AM

Experience The Joy of Christmas with **one worship service at 10:30 a.m.** Join us in the sanctuary or online for uplifting music led by the FMUMC Music Ministry, including our choir, Thrive Band, handbells and more! Invite a friend for this special Christmas music Sunday!

### Lovepacs Christmas Packing | Dec. 14 | 11:45AM

Meet us in the Fellowship Hall as we pack food bags to provide meals for students over Christmas break.



### Blue Christmas | Dec. 21 | 5PM

Join us for Blue Christmas — a quiet space for comfort, hope, and healing for anyone who finds the holidays heavy. If you're carrying grief or longing, come as you are and know you're not alone. A meal will follow for those who wish to stay. Location: Fellowship Hall.

### Submit Your 2026 Estimate of Giving Card

We have received 135 Estimate of Giving Cards out of a possible 321 households for our 2026 budget year. So far, our total is \$983,516 out of \$1.3 million annual budget. It's not too late to be part of the inspiring giving! Cards can be returned in person, by mail, or online.



## YEAR END GIVING UPDATE

We are so thankful for the faithful generosity of our church to ensure we finish the year strong. To meet our current 2025 budget, we will still need \$300,000 by December 31. Don't forget to share your Thanksgiving or Christmas gift with the church through a RMD, stock donation, or any tax-deductible donation. We would love to receive these as soon as possible to enjoy our Advent season with no stress! Contact Marci Reed at [mreed@fmumc.org](mailto:mreed@fmumc.org) for more details and giving options.

### Interested in joining the church?

Contact one of our pastors:

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