

# Announcements & Community News

## January Second Mile Giving for FUMC & WUMC: Love, Inc.

Love, Inc. is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to, "help churches help people with material, emotional, or relational poverty in their local communities to transform lives In the Name of Christ."

**UMCOR (Special Giving for the California Wildfires)** — Join us in supporting communities devastated by wildfires. **UMCOR** is meeting urgent needs through support of the California-Pacific Annual Conference's immediate relief efforts. ***100% of your donation reaches your chosen mission project or ministry.***

**North District Leadership University 2025**—Mark your calendar for the North District Leadership University 2025 Workshops. They will be offered on *Zoom* **Saturday, January 25, 9am—noon CST, and Saturday, February 1, 2025** 8am-11am CST. Free training events are open to all laity and clergy, and every church leader should participate in at least one workshop. Register online at [INUMC.swoogo.com/leadership2025](https://inumc.swoogo.com/leadership2025).

**Membership Class** — **Today** after Worship at Woodmar UMC. Pastor Jim will be having a New Membership Class for the congregations of both First and Woodmar Church. If you are not yet a member and have been considering membership, you will want to take this class. This is also an opportunity for existing church members to consider taking the class as a refresher.

**Messy Church** — The Next Messy Church event is on **Tuesday, January 28** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Woodmar UMC Community Center.

*(For This Week Schedule & Prayer Concerns, please see your Bulletin Insert)*

## *3rd Sunday after the Epiphany*



*Hammond First/Woodmar  
United Methodist Churches*

*Worship 10:15 a.m.  
January 26, 2025*

Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We welcome you and pray that you will be blessed in worship this morning. Please remember to send your joys and concerns to the office so we can continue to pray throughout the week. Online worship will be streamed *via YouTube*.

January 26, 202510:15 a.m.3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

\*Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Welcome and Community Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

\* Opening HymnO for a Thousand Tongues to SingUMH 57

Opening Prayer

Children’s MessageCyndi Slaboski  
The children are invited to head to Sunday School with Cyndi Slaboski in the fireside room following the Children’s Message.”

Prayer HymnClose to Thee, vv. 1-2UMH 407

Prayers of the People

Prayer ResponseHear Us, O GodUMH 490

Choral AnthemThe Heavens Are TellingChancel Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19  
Luke 4:14-21

Leader: The Word of God  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon“As Was His Custom”Pastor Jim

Apostle’s CreedUMH 881

Lesser Thanksgiving

Offering our Gifts to God  
The Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

\* Closing HymnChrist for the World We SingUMH 568

Breakthrough Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

The white carnation in worship this morning is in memory of Beverly Jean Sajdyk

Bishop: Rev. Tracy S. Malone Conf. Supt: Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy  
Assoc. C.S.: Rev. Paul Arnold Lay Leaders: Nancy Craig & Pat Mosley  
Worship Leader: Marcos Pontes Accompanist: David Bieschke

Greeter(s): Sherrill Stanford, Phyllis Sovola

Usher(s): Sue Craig, Jackie Lewis,

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