

PRAYER REQUESTS

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MRS EDY'S ORPHANAGE
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THE LOST AND THE LONELY

**MEARS UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

December 31, 2023

**O Christmas Tree:
Give Hope & Strength
Throughout the Year**

To Mears United Methodist Church,

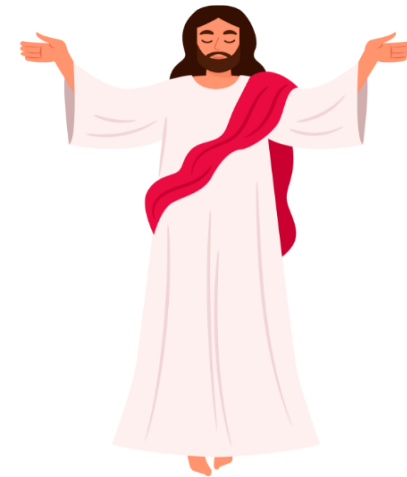
*Thank you so much for the \$500 to the Reach the
Forgotten Jail Ministry...*

*Thank you so much for the \$500 to Western Michigan
Adult & Teen Challenge...*

*Thank you for your generous donation to the Oceana
Medical Care Facility, Terri Person Recreational
Therapy...*

*Thank you so much for the \$122.50 to the SafetyPup &
Child Safety of America.*

*May God bless you for your continued thoughtfulness
and generosity.*



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Today



Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son,

Who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light.

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

God Winks

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: *He is Born* UMH 228

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: *Titus 3:4-7*

Message: *O Christmas Tree:*

Give Hope & Strength Throughout the Year

Closing Hymn:

Sing We Now of Christmas UMH 237

Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

as of December 31, 2023

Fellowship Time

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour for January.

A sign-up sheet is located in the welcome area.

2024

We will be going through the Gospel of Mark all year. Join us for the journey.

Ministry Team Meeting

We will be meeting on Wed. Jan. 10 at 10am. We will be moving our meetings back to the second Wednesday of every month. The UMW will meet on Jan. 10 at 11:30am

UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

New Beginnings

Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, January 14

New Beginnings:

Old Washed Away

Mark 1:9-11
