

Gathering Prayer

\*Worship with Song  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
UMH, 117

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Worship with Song  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
UMH, 158

To Breathe God In

Children’s Church

Reading of Scripture Luke 3.3-14, NIV 1984

Hymn of Preparation  
*God of the Ages* UMH, 698

Reading of Scripture John 15.1-8, NIV 1984

Words from the past made new to us today  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Message **Necessary Endings**  
Rev. Roy Martens

Worship with Music & Reflection

And to become  
the Breath of God in Community

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory  
Doxology  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship with Prayer

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,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever  
Amen.

Hymn of Blessing  
*Shalom to You* UMH, 666 x 2

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

Pastor	Rev. Roy Martens
Liturgist	Robin Martens
Musician	Diane Larson
Song Leaders	Jenny Lynn Girvan, Ken & Elaine Konyha
Ushers	Harry Barter & Patti Davidson
Tech	Keith Danielson & Dan Girvan



**SUNDAY, December 31**

- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ 11:30 am, Fellowship Time

**MONDAY, January 1**, Office Closed for the New Years Holiday

**TUESDAY, January 2**, Circuit Rider Articles Due

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**, Community Dinner, 4:30 Take-Out, 5-6 Dine-In

**THURSDAY, January 4**, 10 am, Senior Stretch, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY, January 5**, 10 am, Prayers & Squares, Wesley & Music Rooms

**UPCOMING**

**TUESDAY, January 9**, 9 am, UnDeck the Halls, volunteers needed to break down and pack away Christmas decorations

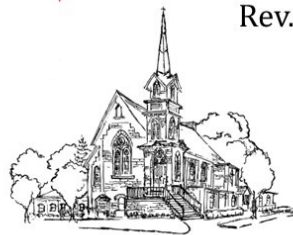
**THURSDAY, January 11**, 5:30 pm, CUMC is hosting Chamber Business After Hours



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**Our Vision:** To be the Breath of God in Community  
**Our Values:** Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



*Centenary United  
Methodist Church*

The Breath of God in Community

December 31, 2023

**Christmas Sunday**

**We Gather Together**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**For Worship**

\*Call to Worship

A new day dawns.

**How majestic is God's name  
throughout the earth.**

A new season of life begins.

**God's glory shines in the heavens  
and shimmers on the waters.**

A new year calls us into Christ's glorious future.

**We will feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
Visit the sick and imprisoned,  
and see Christ in every face we meet.**

\*Please stand