

## **A Note from the Pastor, December 19th, 2025**

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It has been a wonderful first Advent at Davis UMC. I am grateful for all the hard work that so many of you have put into making this time of year feel special. The soup suppers and vesper services at Davis Lutheran Church have been a blessing for many of us. Last night, DUMC showed up with six soups and 28 people! Methodists certainly understand the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000! For this last week, I shared a reflection about simplicity and our theme of "Right Here, Right Now." If you wanted to hear it but couldn't attend, you can find it by clicking [here](#).

The worship team has felt called in this worship series to really live into our theme and discover where hope is during a time of fear. We hope you have enjoyed the artwork in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. We know that this time of year can be hard for many. The resources that we've sent out this Advent have been a wonderful source of hope and light in the dark. There are still a few copies of the devotional book in the sanctuary lobby if you need one! While we are not providing a Longest Night or Blue Christmas worship service this year, St. Martin's is holding their service at 4pm on December 21st. I plan to attend as I believe this is such an important worship experience this time of year. This series will continue until Epiphany, January 4th, where we will celebrate with the tradition of Star Words.

Many of you will be out of town over the next couple of weeks, and so I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous new year. For the rest of you, I will look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Eve service beginning at 6:45 with the stellar band performances. I hear we'll have quite the crowd this year! Come and enjoy a lovely service of lessons and carols. There will be activities for kids as well!

I'm already getting excited about new things happening in the new year! We'll have a new members class, Louanne will be leading a class on the Parables, the new leadership structure will begin their work, and Megan and I will be leading a confirmation class. Great things are happening at DUMC and I'm so glad that you are a part of it!