

# Announcements...

## On the Calendar

### Christmas Eve Services

6:30 & 11:30 pm

### For the Record - Last Week

Worship	137
YouTube Connections	48
Offering	\$3,222.10
Missions	

### THIS WEEK AT UTICA CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Women's Bible Study**  
Each Tuesday @ 1:00pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

### Men's Forge Breakfast

Saturday, January 3 @ 8:00am

**A Kitchen Captain is needed  
for the January potluck &  
for the 2026 calendar.**

**Volunteers should see Bill  
Crego**

### 1st Sunday Potluck

Sunday, January 4  
following morning worship  
(if a kitchen captain steps up)

### Utica Area Seniors Lunch

Monday, January 5 @ noon

### Team Lead Meeting

Sunday, January 11 @ 5:30pm

December 21, 2025

10:30am



## Welcome

At Utica Church of Christ we believe a great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission will grow a great church.

**All are welcome here because none of us have it all together.** We must continue to grow in grace and truth to better resemble Jesus. Though we are sinners, God loves us and sent His Son to prove it. We don't achieve his approval, rather we connect and receive it through a relationship with Him that changes us for the better and forever.

## New Here?

We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today!

We invite you to fill out a Connection Card located in the pew back or at the Welcome Center and place it in the offering receptacle as you depart. As our guest, you are under no obligation to place money in the offering receptacle.

### For Parents and Caregivers of Kids:

Adults can sign their children in (infant-5th grades) at the entrance of the **Kid's Connection** area located in the Fellowship Hall for nursery, primary, & elementary aged Jr. Worship. An unstaffed infant care room is available, located just off the north foyer, for parents to care for the needs of their infants.



### STAFF:

#### Elders:

Mike Allen  
Mark Arnold  
Alan Doup  
Garland Fleming

#### Office Administrator

Loretta Crego

#### Youth Director:

Jarrod Scarberry

#### Children's Directors:

Terri Swan  
Mary Bebout

#### Nursery Directors:

Katie Morgan

#### Minister:

Doug Swan

#### Associate Minister:

Drew Pierce

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# Worship

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" - Psalm 122:1



Prelude

"Jesus is Born"

Video

"The King Has Come"

Allie Vance

Worship in Song

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn 179

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 192

Worship in Communion

Meditation

Alan Doup

Dismiss Middle Schoolers

"King Within a Manger"

Video

Morning Message

"Peace on Earth"

Doug Swan

Invitation & Commitment Song

"Come Just as You Are"

Chorus

Kids Connection Program

Preschool

"We are the Shepherds"

"Away in a Manger"

Primary & Elementary

"Silent Night" - Soloists-Jade Morgan, Molly Drake

"I Will Be a Wiseman"

"Star of the Morning"

Announcements & Benediction

Drew Pierce

Closing Song

"Joy to the World"

1st verse

## Prayer Concerns & Updates

We rejoice with & welcome the Patton family to our church family. Brad, Allyson, & their son, Nick were baptized Monday evening, daughter, Kaylee having been baptized earlier.

Brenda Clapgood-@ OSU-difficult recovery after 2nd kidney transplant (Utica Resident)

Rube & Vivian Gayheart-serious health issues (UHS grads & friends of several of our church family)

Marcia Hoskinson-hip replacement surgery scheduled tomorrow

Jaunita Howler-heart issues (Teresa Blacksten's Aunt)

Maddie Johnson-diagnosed with a brain tumor

Ryan Maguire-multiple health issues

Mark McDaniel-now in hospice care

Jacob & Cadence Miller, brother & sister involved in a car accident (Friends of Quentin Sarnes & Aubrey Richards)

Calvin Phillips & family. Calvin, 3 weeks old has several health complications (friends of Krista DeWitt)

Stacy Ponser-recently diagnosed with melanoma and is having surgery next month to remove the spots that tested positive. (Denise Mansfield's sister)

Alan Pratt-repair surgery on his arm last Thursday



## Prayer & Praise

**Prayer for our minister and leaders** that they would serve God's people with humility & compassion, seeking God's wisdom and discernment as they daily pursue His will in their lives and our church.

**Prayer for missionaries** -Pray for God's abundant blessing and provision on their lives, the lives of their families, & their ministries.

**Prayer for one another**-Pray for all who attend UCC that we will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jack Redman-treatments, testing (friend of Ted & Connie Williams)

Shirley Startler-broken hip (Connie Williams' cousin)

Crystal Taylor-chemo

Bailey Torrens-recovering from shoulder surgery-Joann's gr gr daughter

**"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."**

**James 5:16b (NLT)**

