

The Altar flowers today are given by  
The Lawson Family in honor of  
Josie Muccino's birthday....  
Happy Birthday!

Would you like to purchase flowers for a special Sunday?  
Call the church office to place your order.  
**The cost is \$20 per vase.**

### **Outreach**

#### **Loose Change**

These donations will go towards missions.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **DEADLINES**

Items for the **Prayer List** are due by the end of business hours on Wednesday  
of each week.

**Be sure to submit no later than Wednesday prior to desired posting for  
The Weekly Messenger.**

**Send those requests to Rachelle Heldt at: [rachelle@uticaumc.org](mailto:rachelle@uticaumc.org)  
Information received after the deadlines will be added the following week.**



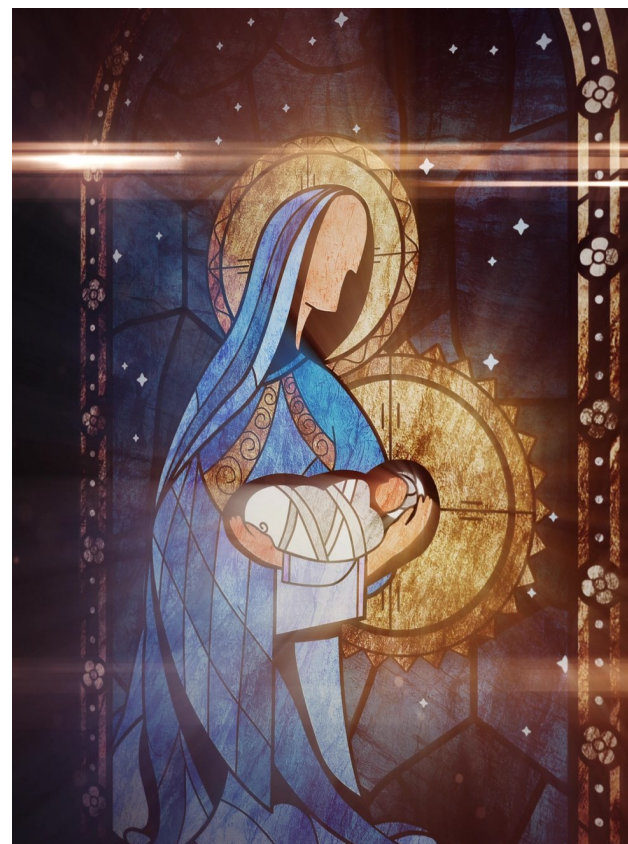
*Utica United Methodist Church*

1823-2023

**"We've Only Just Begun"**



**December 31, 2023**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**



**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      **“The First Noel”**

**\*Call to Worship**    **“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**  
                                 UMC Hymnal #240

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**    **See Screen**

**Song of Praise**            **“Sing We Now of Christmas”**  
                                 UMC Hymnal #237

**Scripture Lesson**            **Galatians 4: 4-7**                      **See Screen**  
                                 Pew Bible Page 1153

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**                      **“Hymn of Promise”**  
                                 The Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**    **UMC Hymnal 94**

**\*Song of Preparation**            **“What Child is This”**  
                                 UMC Hymnal #219

**\*Gospel Lesson**                      **Luke 2:22-35**                      **See Screen**  
                                 Pew Bible Page 1015

**Message**                      **“Will You Hold My Baby?”**  
                                 Rev. Don Gotham

**Song of Celebration**            **“There’s A Song in the Air”**  
                                 UMC Hymnal #249

**\*Benediction**    **\*(Stand, if able)**

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**Lead Pastor and Staff**

<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Donald Gotham	586-731-7667
<b>Contemporary Worship Leader</b>	Mer Renne	586-731-7667
<b>Organist, Bell, &amp; Chancel Choirs Director</b>	David Fox	586-457-0091
<b>Communications Director/Bookkeeper</b>	Rachelle Heldt	586-731-7667

**Assisting with Service Today**

**Organist**

David Fox

**Liturgist**

Kathy Kamlay

**Ushers**

Andrew Lawson   Geoff Pelton   Bob Baldwin   Danielle Baldwin

**Prayer Ministry Team**

Gail Potter   Debbie Pelton

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