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## Transformation UMC

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## Announcements

- **New Internet:** Is now installed, if you need password see Harold or Monica.
- **HUMC & TUMC:** Please "Like" both HUMC and TUMC public Facebook pages and invite your contact list to do the same. We are gearing up for "Live Streaming" our Sunday services.
- **HUMC & TUMC:** Zoom Advent Study, "*Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience.*" Started November 29, 2020, at 7:00 pm for the four Sundays of Advent. ONLY ON ZOOM!
- **HUMC:** Christmas Eve Service is at 8:30 pm.
- **TUMC:** Christmas Eve Service is at 6:30 pm.



# Welcome to Transformation UMC

**December 20 2020**

## Our Mission

Transformation UMC exists to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ who are spiritually reproductive, engaged in ministry, fervent in prayer, and obedient to God's Word.

## Our Vision

To create an environment where individuals and families are nurtured in their faith; provide a place where they can come to worship, to fellowship and spend time together. We desire to invest in our community and to share the love of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

## Welcome To Transformation UMC

Whatever your faith tradition, whatever your culture and race, whatever your age, atheist or agnostic, differing abilities, or whatever has happened up until now, may our kingdom community be a place of grace and healing for you. We want to meet you where you are and help you take the next steps on your spiritual journey.



## Order of Praise, Worship, and Teaching

**Pre-Worship** - “Announcement Slide Show”

**The Gathering Song:** “*O Little Town Of Bethlehem*”

**Announcements:** (For the good of the kingdom)

**\*Call To Worship:** (See Insert or screen)

**\*Opening Prayer:** (See Insert or screen)

**Offering and Generosity:** “*Cheerful Giving*”

**Praise Song:** “*Hark The Herald Angel’s Sing*”

**\*Praise Song:** “*God With Us*”

**\*Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)

**Sermon:** “*The Grinch of the Holy Land*” - Pastor Harold Long

**\*Praise Song:** “*King of Kings*”

**\*Praise Song:** “*Joy To The World—Unspeakable Joy*”

**\*Sending Forth:** (See Insert or screen)

**\* = (Rise in Posture)**

### Reflection Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. Does God still speak through dreams today? How can you know if a dream is from Him?
3. How do the details of God’s sovereign leading in this story encourage you?
4. What is one of God’s promises you cling to when you need guidance?
5. Have you ever experienced God’s leading in your life? What happened?
6. How can your kingdom family pray for you?

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## Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)

### The Escape to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

### The Return to Nazareth

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.