

You are cordially invited to the

Retirement Celebration

In honor of
Rev. Barry Andrews

January 13, 2024 @ 12:00 pm
Faith Community Methodist Church
Wesley Hall

RSVP by December 29th by email
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Canticle of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.**

From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

**the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is the name of the Lord,
whose mercy is on those who fear God
from generation to generation.**

The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the
proud in their conceit.

**God has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich empty away.

**God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant,
remembering the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.**

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ [a]Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— ²⁷ to God, alone wise, *be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.*

St Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; [a]blessed *are* you among women!"

²⁹ But [b]when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit* will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the

Son of God. ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible."

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tonight at 7pm