

THE MESSENGER
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December 5, 2018

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26 NRSV

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” ~ 1 Timothy 6:17-19 NRSV

Yesterday, we responded to the grace of God, present and active in our lives, by committing ourselves and our resources to His service. We received grace, and remembered Christ’s sacrificial death in our celebration of Holy Communion. In the lighting of the Advent candle, and the proclamation of God’s Word, we remembered and claimed God’s unbroken hope. At the conclusion of the service, we sang about that hope being the solid rock of Christ, on which we stand. In all these things, we remembered that our God keeps His promises and covenants. As we continue to receive our estimate of giving cards in support of the ministry and mission of Christ’s Church, let us keep our promises and covenant with God. May we be found to be faithful in all the things which have been entrusted to our care and keeping.

I’ll see you in church Sunday!
Ed

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9

5:00 P.M.-UMYF “Connected”, Activities Building

Monday, December 10

3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Man Cave Monday

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building



DESSERT AUCTION

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER
LIVE DESSERT AUCTION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BELLS
AND ANGELS CONCERT
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**If you would like to contribute a dessert, the fellowship
hall will be open at 4:00 PM.**

Refreshments will be offered during the auction.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
5:30 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING
Wear your favorite Christmas pajamas or ugly
Christmas sweater and bring a \$5 dirty Santa gift.**

IT’S TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office (563-4534) or email the office (firstumc@panola.com). The cost is \$15. Quantities are limited so get your order in early! Please make checks payable to FUMC.

LIBRARY NEWS

Falling in love is easy; staying in love requires a plan as Andy Stanley leads 4 video sessions. Thanks to Lacey and Judd Gentry for the addition of this DVD to our collection. If you missed this study with the group at FUMC, it’s not too late to view it on your own or with another group. (Section 2 39)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is now taking applications for the position of Director of Children’s Ministry. Inquiries, applications and resumes will be received through December 13. For more information contact Jeff Magee or Ed Dean. A link to the job description will be placed on our web site.

ADVENT OFFERING

Throughout Advent we will receive your special “Little Light of Mine” United Methodist Children’s Home offerings. Please make checks payable to FUMC.

PRAYER REQUEST

MEMBERS: Meg King, Patti Flint, Hollie Roberson, Mary Haberman, Cindy Allgood, Erin Nabors, Soren Bowie, Betty Flint, Christy Hansen, Charlie Overton, Barbara Broome, Tommy Greenlee, Collins Bailey, Doris Shields, Amy Franklin, Ann Trusty, Trina Caffey, Sally Reid, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Eloise Rollins, John M. Mothershed, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody

FRIENDS: Don Haire, Kevin Gant, Emma Katelyn Morton (great-niece of Ryna Smith), Judy Greene, Paige Elmore, Marrette Mills, Carlee Griste, Jimmy Eubanks (friend of Sue Womble), Edna Rice (aunt of Tom & Rosemary Womble), Carolyn Goodnight (Christy Broome's mom), Barbara Meacham (Kate Meacham's mom), Asher Taylor, Amy Mullins, Jimmy Cobb, Robbie Stewart (Phyllis Floyd's son-in-law), Larry Ruth (Eloise Rollins' son-in-law), Mike Kimbriel, Durwood Gordon, Ella Maners (Jerry Knotts' granddaughter), Steve Durr (Linda Floyd's son-in-law), Amanda West (Sabrina Morris' sister), Shelda Murphree (sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Bobby Burkhalter

Military Call-Up: Justin Tharpe (nephew of Ryna Smith), Colby Shankle, Adam Major (nephew of Betty Billingsley & Joanne Autrey), Benjamin Chambers (nephew of LaFonda Poland), Jeffrey Brown, Casey Clark, Jordan Kemp, Jessie Stanley, Dennis Adams, Sam Riddell

Happy Birthday

December 6-Missy McElroy, Nettie Rivers
December 7-Bailey Guckert
December 8-Ralph Egbert, Miles Russell Mitchell
December 9-Cherry Craven, Linda Floyd, Les Land, Amanda Overton, Jackson Thomas
December 10-Betty Greenlee
December 11-Bubba Brame, Mary Ann McCurdy, Pat Ross, Martha Watt
December 12-William Borden



OWLS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
12:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

We will be working on Christmas Crafts.

Please bring \$7 to help cover the costs of the crafts.

Happy Anniversary

December 6-M/M John Burchfield, M/M Mike Carver
December 9-M/M Lent Ervin Thomas
December 10-M/M William L. Magee, Jr.
December 11-M/M Jamie Roberson
December 12-M/M Jim Beard

December 9-Acolytes

8:30 A.M.
Ruthie Thomas/Gabriella Russo

10:55 A.M.
Reid Morris

December 9-Ushers

8:30 A.M.
Dennis Land/Andy Garrott
Stevie McMinn/Glenn Gray

10:55 A.M.
Jay Amis/Bart Broome
Monroe Pointer/Joel Rice

Security Team

Chris Smith/Glenn Gray
Ronnie Goforth/Glen Gibson



MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00 PM, ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Please bring canned cranberry sauce for the food pantry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 5

- 3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building
- 5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
- 5:45 P.M.-Handbells
- 6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 6

- 12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study
- 5:30 P.M.-Upward Basketball Practice, Activities Building

Friday, December 7

- 5:30 P.M.-Upward Basketball Game, Activities Building

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 A.M.-Upward Basketball Game, Activities Building

Sunday, December 9

- 8:30 A.M.-Early Morning Worship
- 9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building
- 9:45 A.M.-Sunday School
- 10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship
- 5:00 P.M.-UMYF “connected”, Activities Building
- 6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship

Monday, December 10

- 10:00 A.M.-MAC
- 12:00 P.M.-United Methodist Women, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
- 3:30 P.M.-Jr. High & Sr. High Boys’ Man Cave, Activities Building
- 5:30 P.M.-Youth Choir, Choir Room

Tuesday, December 11

- 9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting
- 5:30 P.M.-Upward Basketball Practice, Activities Building
- 7:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study

Wednesday, December 12

- 3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday, Activities Building
- 5:30 P.M.-UMYF “Rooted”, Activities Building
- 5:45 P.M.-Handbells
- 6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir

Financial Report for December 2, 2018

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
Budget Amt. Needed to Date	937,395.68
Budget Amt. Offering	20,182.00
Budget Amt. Rec’d to Date	816,907.36
Children’s Home Offering	738.00

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My temple. If you do...I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test.” ~ Malachi 3:10

Attendance for December 2, 2018

Sunday School	195
Morning Worship	267
8:30 A.M.	171
10:55 A.M.	85
Nursery	7
Security	4

MORNING WORSHIP

“Prepare”
Luke 3:1-6

EVENING WORSHIP

“Bells and Angels”



*Join us on Sunday, December 9 at 6 PM
for
“Bells and Angels”
A Christmas Carol Concert
Featuring
The Handbell Choir
&
The Children’s Choir*

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