

Messenger

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In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday and the start of Advent. What does it mean that Christ is our

King? How can we truly give God thanks and prepare for Jesus' coming? It's a good time to ponder what hurts God's heart — and how we can help.

If someone is lonely, perhaps we can invite them to Thanksgiving dinner. If God is in pain because some of his children have too little, we can share our resources. In so doing, we welcome Christ the King among us, and give him meaningful thanks.



Update on Shoeboxes

The shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child were picked up this week. Our goal was 75 shoeboxes. We had 77! Thanks to all who provided a shoebox for the all the children of the world who are waiting for your gift of love. Keep praying for your box to lead a child to Christ.



*When you give to
Little Light of Mine ...*

- You provide a safe home to more than 100 children
- You give each youth a staff member who radically loves them
- You help children and families heal from their past
- You bring foster children to their forever home

Make sure you're ready to give your gift to the Little Light of Mine Special Offering.

Our church will be collecting on:

Sunday, December 5, 2021

*Through Jesus Christ,
the Methodist Childrens Homes
brings hope and healing to hurting children in MS.*

Sunday, December 5, we will receive a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Home. We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to this very special worthwhile ministry!

KAIROS

Don't forget the Kairos Ministry. A few weeks ago a list was given of needed items for this mission project. Items may be dropped off in a box that has been placed in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact Allison Hughes (662-571-4964.)

Special Called Charge Conference

Dr. Stephen Cook, our district superintendent, has called a Special Charge Conference for every church in the West Jackson District. Our Charge Conference will be via Zoom on Monday, November 22, at 5 p.m. Here is the Zoom link to register:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ckrlp1MSpq2YJmk8Jee_g

The purpose of this meeting is to empower our Trustees to deal with the Boy Scouts bankruptcy case. As you are likely aware, the Boy Scouts of America recently declared bankruptcy and have negotiated a settlement with their plaintiffs from numerous sexual abuse lawsuits. However, this settlement did not include churches and other chartering organizations. This may leave churches liable to future lawsuit.

The larger United Methodist Church and leaders of our Mississippi Annual Conference have been working to resolve this problem. At this Charge Conference, we will be given an update on the matter and asked to vote on the following resolution:

We, the First United Methodist Church of Yazoo City, give authority to our local church Board of Trustees to review the recommendation of United Methodist lawyers in conjunction with Annual Conference leadership and the Council of Bishops as to whether or not to approve the BSA plan of reorganization, and to vote on the plan on behalf of the church. The designee from your local church's Board of Trustees shall be determined by your local church trustees, and is further empowered to execute the plan ballot document.

Again, our meeting will be Monday, November 22, at 5 p.m., along with a group of several other churches. To attend you will need to have or obtain a **free Zoom account** (click here to get one: <https://zoom.us/signup>).

You will also then **need to register for the Zoom meeting** by clicking on the link above (and repeated below) so that you will be able to vote on the resolution. You must register with the same email address you use with your Zoom account. Otherwise, it will not let you register. After you have registered for the meeting, you will be given a working link for the Zoom meeting itself.

(Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4ckrlp1MSpq2YJmk8Jee_g)

We will need at least 3 or 4 of our church members and church leadership to attend this meeting so that the vote will be valid. Please keep this meeting and all those affected in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your help.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 5:00 p.m. Zoom Special called Charge Conf.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Church Office closed Nov. 23-26

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible study @ Millie's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Planet 456 & Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Poinsettias will be here for Christmas.

The Children and Youth will be reaching out to sell poinsettias for decorating the Church Sanctuary for Christmas, as well as in honor and memory of loved ones.

This year we will only be able to offer Red and Pink. White will NOT be available due to circumstances the distributor has encountered. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



- 21. Dillon Cader
- 23. Chris Vandevere
- 24. De Paul
- 26. Louis Thompson, Rita Sanders
- 27. Butch Gary
- 28. Clay Adcock
- 30. Jenny Whitaker, Ben Adcock
- 1. Bill McNair, Curtis Kyle, Epps Burnham
- 4. Tera Smith

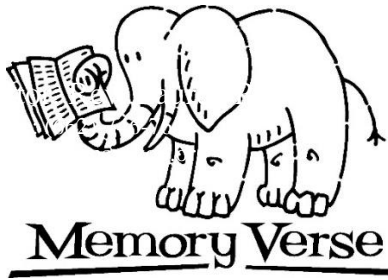
- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Webb
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Will Phillips
- 25. Mr. & Mrs. John Howie



Congratulations to Frances Pierce on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Everlee Spencer Pierce, who was born November 16, 2021 to Spencer and Hannah Pierce.

REMINDER

The Church Office will be closed November 23-26th for Thanksgiving holidays.



"Blessed is the one whom God corrects;
so do not despise the discipline of the
Almighty."

Job 5:17



Our series for November, "**The God Who Calls Us**," has been on the story of Abraham and the promise from God. Our lesson this Sunday is called *Trusting in God*. This is the story of Abraham being asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. This story shows the true trust that Abraham has in God.

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In our children's Wednesday night Bible Study, "TOY STORIES: Bible Stories," we talked about Lotso, the Teddy Bear. Next week we will be out for Thanksgiving but when we resume, we will complete our last lesson on the character of Wheezy, the squeaky toy penguin.



Thank You!

Thank you so much to Bill and Angie Kyle for hosting the Children's Group for a Fall Hayride, Scavenger Hunt and a few surprises. The children had the best time gathering eggs and petting and holding the chickens. We enjoyed old-fashioned apple-bobbing and a game of Pumpkin-rolling. What a fun afternoon they had playing outside and enjoying nature!!





Youth Sunday School

Our November series, “**The God Who Calls US,**” reminds us of the faithfulness of Abraham and the promises of God. Our lesson this week, *Persistent Prayer*, persistence that Abraham showed in praying for his nephew, Lot. Abraham refused to give up on Lot. Prayer is a powerful source in which we can go to God on behalf of ourselves and others. We must never forget to take it all to God.

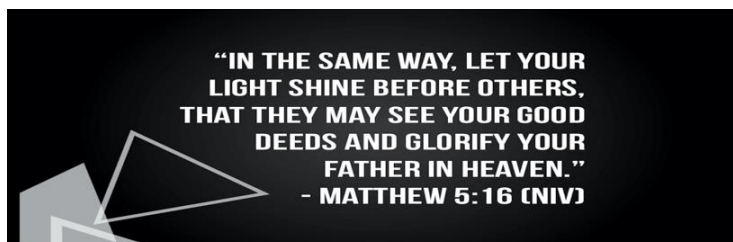
Sunday & Wednesday Night Group



The new series entitled, *Triggered*, will carry us throughout the remainder of the year. In our first lesson, “Support System,” we discussed how we handle rejection from other people. This week in our lesson, “On Mission,” we are reminded that when we are faced with rejection and obstacles, we have two choices: to give up or persevere. With God’s strength we can persevere and stay on task.

Group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Group will meet each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



FUMC Day Care



We began cleaning up the playground and had some help today. The kids pitched in to make their playground look nice. I grabbed a rake and Laura held the bag and we raked leaves during our first recess.

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Day Care Director



Sunday, November 21, 2021

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| Greeters | Debra Batton/Phil & Sharon Nichols |
| Acolytes | Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace |
| Scripture | John 6:25-40 |
| Sermon | “The Bread of Life” |
| Flowers | Tommy & Wanda Woodard |

Sunday, November 28, 2021

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| Greeters | Parker & Whitney Adcock/Edwin & Linda McDonald |
| Acolytes | Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace |
| Scripture | Luke 1:5-17 |
| Sermon | “Christmas Preparations” |
| Flowers | Albert & Christy Vandevere |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| 21. Reign of Christ | Luke 23:33-43 |
| 22. By their own judgments | Ezekiel 7:23-27 |
| 23. Paths of faithfulness | Psalms 25:8-10 |
| 24. A welcome messenger | Isaiah 52:7-10 |
| 25. <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> | <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i> |
| 26. Praying for peace | Psalms 122 |
| 27. The armor of light | Romans 13:11-14 |
| 28. First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:24-37 |
| 29. A promise of peace | Micah 4:1-5 |
| 30. Judgment on human pride | Revelation 18:1-10 |

DECEMBER

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| 1. Be alert for that day | Luke 21:34-38 |
| 2. God's coming to the exiles | Isaiah 40:1-11 |
| 3. Righteousness and peace | Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 |
| 4. Waiting for the day of God | 2 Peter 3:8-15a |