

# Messenger

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## *What does stewardship mean to you?*

The word, stewardship, simply means to manage someone else's property. For the Christian, as Scripture proclaims everything belongs to God, we manage the property of our Lord. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude and view that our things are His things, our stuff is His stuff, that all we could have now, all we have lost, all we will have, is His, including our very bodies and spiritual gifts. We are mere lessees of the property, money, relationships, talents, time, and even our lives. That means all that we are and all that we have is not ours to begin with. They belong to God. Therefore, the duty of the Christian is to learn how to become responsible stewards of our Lord's resources entrusted into our care. It means to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 says, "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." Next week everyone will have the opportunity to come, worship Christ, and return your Intention of Giving form and your Time and Talent Survey. I hope that you have been prayerfully considering what it means to be a steward of God's possessions. Thank you for your service to First Methodist Church of Yazoo City and to God.

Rich Knox  
Stewardship Chairperson



## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 12:00 noon Special Chancel Choir Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Planet 456
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Bro. Lauren
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED/ VETERANS DAY

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Prison Bible Study

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Bro. Lauren
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 14. Allison Hughes
- 15. Calvin "Man" Brookins
- 16. Emily Burton, Kim Woodard
- 17. Zoe Henick



There will be a special rehearsal of the **Chancel Choir**, this Sunday, November 11, immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service, in preparation of our White Christmas program. Lunch will be provided.



## **Solid Ground Youth**

In Sunday school this week we will look at the story of Esther and Mordecai. Once again, the Jewish people found themselves at the hands of a terrible fate. There was one person who had the ability to save them. However, her life could be put in danger if she intervened. How often do we speak up and intervene in situations?

## **Sunday Night Youth**

Lesson 4 of our Sunday night series *PROVERBS: How to be Wise*, is entitled *Relationships*. We will open with the game, “DO YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?” We have been talking about building our wisdom in order to honor God. Selecting wise people to build relationships with is very important. Wisdom is developed through life skills and experiences. Relationships are a key factor in making this happen.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

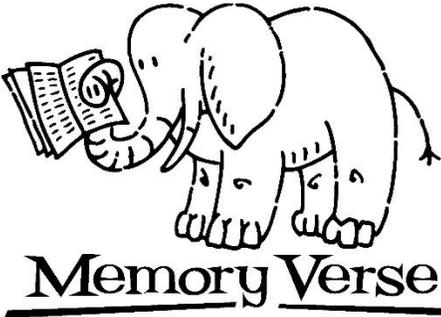
This week we will continue our study on **David** and begin the second part of section 4, *The Right Place*. God is always in the Right Place at the Right Time. It may not be our timing, but God is always working. He teaches and strengthens us even in times that are tough. We must always remember to trust Him.



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Remember to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. They provide our Christmas decorations each year for the Sanctuary. There will be forms in the Sunday school classrooms, as well as in the back of the church. Feel free to call the church office or Tera Smith if you are interested. Youth members may also be

# Children's Page



"But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God'."

Ruth 1:16



This week our Sunday school lesson is about a woman named Hannah who prayed to God about the desire of her heart. Sunday we will learn more about the story of Hannah, and her faithfulness to God. There is so much we can learn from this story, and I hope to see you in Sunday school as we look deeper at this lesson.



Last week our lesson was about **Acceptance**. God accepts us just the way we are, and He wants us to accept others as well. This Sunday night our topic is on **Thankfulness**. Our opening game is called "Thanks, or No Thanks." We will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Planet 456 room, followed by supper at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you!

## ALL ABOARD THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS!

Come along, hop on board and join us as we journey together to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to celebrate our Savior's birth. You never know who God will place in this train on this wonderful night, and how it will unfold.

Our children's choir will present their Christmas musical, "The Christmas Express" on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. They are working hard in preparation for this joyful journey !!!



## Last call for Christmas Shoe Boxes!

Please have your Christmas Shoe boxes at the church by November 12, 2018. The waiting children of the world thank each and every one of you who packed a Christmas Shoe box.



Our brothers and sisters in the Alabama/West Florida conference need our help! We know too well how difficult those first few days can be after a natural disaster. The area is still in the search-and-rescue process. It is important for us to pray for those affected by the storm as well as those who have begun the process of helping in the Alabama/West Florida area. One of the most effective means of helping is through our United Methodist Committee on Relief. Cash contributions through our church to UMCOR will get to those churches and individuals who have suffered damage and loss. Over the next three weeks if you can, please donate to those affected by hurricane Michael. We will accumulate our donations and forward on to UMCOR. We are called to help our friends in need, just like those who helped us in recent years.

Your Missions Committee,  
Van Ray

## Volunteers serving Sunday, November 11, 2018

Greeters	Helen Hendrix/Penny Jackson
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Acolytes	Drake Smith/Craig Paul
Scripture	<b>Genesis 28:10-22</b>
Sermon	<b>“Jacob’s Gift”</b>
Security	Larry Adams/Jason Smith
Supper Moms	Mary Love & Julian & Carol Crawford
Flowers	Rich & Rosemary Knox

## Attendance, November 4, 2018

Worship Services	176
Sunday School	128

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### NOVEMBER

<b>11. Veteran’s Day</b>	<b>Isaiah 65:17-25</b>
12. Make known God’s deeds	Isaiah 12
13. Shun Idleness	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
14. Do not be deceived	Luke 21:5-19
15. A new perspective	Corinthians 5:11-16
16. God’s righteous servant	Isaiah 53:11-12
17. A very present help	Psalms 46