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has fully phased out of apportionments from the
Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**This Sunday, December 13,
there will be a Special Offering
for the Methodist Children's
Homes of Mississippi.**

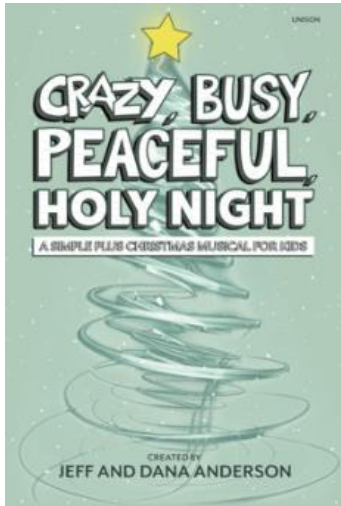
One-hundred percent of the
money collected will fund their
programs, helping children and
families. Please give generously.



*White Christmas
Music and
Candlelight Service*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 at 6 P.M.

This program will be live streamed.



The Hiskidz Choir presented their Christmas musical Sunday night! “Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night” was great! We have an amazing group of children who gave of their time and talents to bring us joy with their singing and love for Jesus with a message which reminded us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. We were so blessed to be able to perform this musical with the pandemic looming over us.

A special thanks to Amanda Canard, Laura King, Lauren Porter and Tera Smith for helping Lettie bring it all together. We, also, thank Caroline Swafford for assisting in last minute details all day Sunday. Such a great team effort we are blessed with.

If you would like to sponsor a **foster child** this Christmas, please contact Allison Hughes (571-4964). If you would like to make a financial contribution, please mark your contribution for "Foster Children" and turn in to the church office.



We need the following items for several teenagers:

- Bike- 15 year old girl
- Women's Ugg Boots - size 4
- Women's Nike Joggers- medium
- Men's red Nike pullover- medium

Also, we will be collecting items for **inmates at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility** in Pearl. This has been an especially difficult time for those who are incarcerated and their families. All prisons have been closed to family visits and ministries.

If you would like to donate any of the following, items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall.

- White Crew Socks
- Clear deodorant
- Small non-metallic hair ornaments (for females)
- Individually wrapped hard candy
- Clear shampoo (Must be able to see through the bottle)

If you are planning on purchasing items for the prison, please drop them off at the church by Monday, December 14th.

Feel free to call or text the number above if you have any questions.

Allison Hughes



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

9-12 noon Methodist Market

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9-12 noon Methodist Market

December 20

Regular Morning Worship Times
6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Program**

December 24

5-6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Communion**

December 25

Christmas Day

December 27

10 a.m. **Joint Worship Service**
NO Sunday School



- 15. Frances Pierce
- 16. Molly McNair, Millie Phillips
- 17. Deborah Ragland,
Ann Stewart Cader
- 18. James Patterson
- 19. Owen Richards, Marilyn Burnett,
Betty Dearman

- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bardwell

James Mason Woodard

M/M Camp King





Solid Ground Youth

December is here! For the next few weeks, we will be studying different aspects of the Christmas Story. This Sunday we will discuss ways that we can regain focus on the original meaning of Christmas.

Sunday Night/Wednesday Night Youth

We will be on hiatus for the next several weeks. With the Children's program, exams, and the White Christmas Cantata, Sunday nights are very busy at the church. Youth Bible study will resume after the New Year in January.

Children's Page



"Your Savior is born today, in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

As we continue to discuss the Christmas story in Sunday school, this week we will be talking about the birth of Jesus. There was a lot going on in the world at the time of Jesus' birth, yet God has a plan. I can't help but think about our world today. However, God still has a plan, and we must always remember that.

Great job to everyone who participated in the Children's Christmas program. You guys did awesome!! We will continue to be on a break throughout the holidays, but our Bible studies will begin meeting back sometime in January. Enjoy your Christmas break and spending time with family.



The Poinsettias were delivered this week. If you ordered any of these flowers, you may pick them up in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not remove any from the sanctuary until after the morning worship service on December 20.



Applications are now being taken for scholarships for students that are members of our church for the spring semester. Call the church office for an application.

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 13, 2020

Advent Readers	Sammy & Claire Burnham & Family Jason & Jamie Patterson & Family
Scripture	Isaiah 9:1-7
Sermon	“The Promised King of Kings”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER

13. 3rd Sunday of Advent	Luke 3:7-18
14. Filled with laughter	Psalm 126
15. Preparing for the King	Psalm 24:7-10
16. The one of peace	Micah 5:2-5a
17. Mary’s song of joy	Luke 1:47-55
18. Restore us, O God	Psalm 80:1-7
19. Sanctified through his offering	Hebrews 10:5-10