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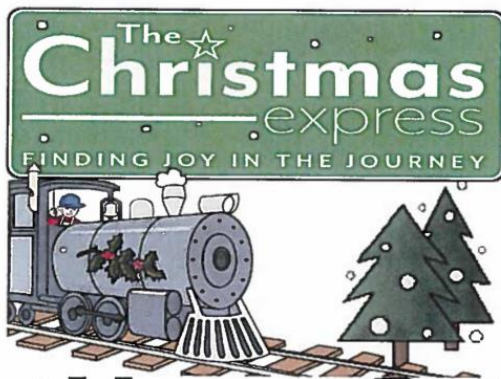
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all aboard!

The CHRISTMAS EXPRESS!

HISKIDZ CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:00 P.M.

THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT FOR A JOYFUL JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA TO CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR, GRADES 1-6.

THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM HOSTED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

12 noon Lunch and rehearsal Grades 4-6

3:30 p.m. Hiskidz Choir Gr. 1-6 Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Snack Supper

6:00 p.m. Children's Musical

Reception immediately following

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

9-12 noon Methodist Market

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir

5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/

Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

9-12 noon Methodist Market



December

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4. Tera Smith, John Burnett, Mattie Burton

5. Jennifer Phillips. Diane Vaughan

6. David Arnold, Clark Duncan

7. Bill Kyle, Kathryn Phillips

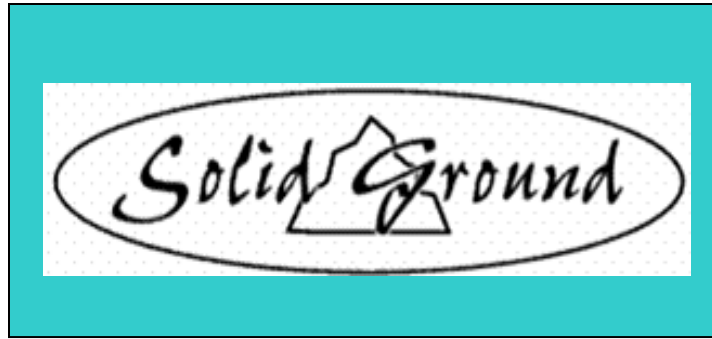
8. Billy Joe Ragland

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5. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lafferty

Mr. & Mrs. Garrett McClellan

7. Mr. & Mrs. Scott Haynes



Solid Ground Youth

As we welcome in the Christmas season and the season of Advent, our lesson this week will help us understand why this time of year is so special. We will take time to reflect on how Christmas came to be and where our focus should be.

Sunday Night Youth

Sunday night youth group will not meet again until January due to the Children's Christmas program, the youth Christmas party, White Christmas, and Christmas & New Year's holiday.

Wednesday Night Small Group

Small group will meet for the next two Wednesday nights and wrap up our study of David. We will also be making a special trip to Martha Coker to visit the elders and present them with a little Christmas cheer. Our last Wednesday meeting will be December 5th. We will resume with Small Group in January.

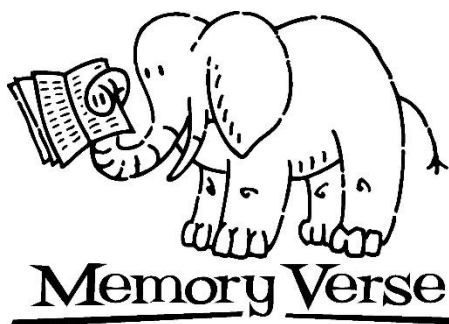
Youth Christmas Party

The youth Christmas Party will be held next Sunday night December 9th from 5:30p.m. until 7:30p.m at the home of Kathryn and Will Phillips. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and details will be sent out about the gifts you will need to bring. This will be a fun night of Christmas games and fellowship.



This is the last week to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. They will be delivered the week of December 10th, so please contact the church office or Tera Smith if you are interested. Youth members may also be contacted.

Children's Page



"In the depths of who I am I rejoice
in God my Savior."

Luke 1:47



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. It is a time when we prepare and look forward to Christmas and everything that is so important and awesome about it. Our lesson this week begins with a young girl named Mary. She was not a queen or a princess. She was simply a young ordinary girl whose life was about to change and never be the same.



Hiskidz Choir, grades 4-6 will meet this Sunday, December 2, at 12 noon for a special rehearsal for the musical "The Christmas Express." Grades 1-3 will meet at 3:30 p.m. for their rehearsal.

Supper will be served at 5 p.m.

The Musical will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a reception of cookies and hot chocolate.



"A Day of Christmas Cheer" will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. for the children in Grades 1-6. We will begin our day by visiting Martha Coker Green Houses to deliver poinsettias and sing. Then we will return to the church for lunch and a time of baking Christmas cookies and candy. We will also make fun ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree. If anyone would like to help with this day, please feel free to volunteer and contact Tera Smith.

Volunteers serving Sunday, December 2, 2018

Greeters	Byron & Robyn Kelly/Steve & Bettina Newman
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Acolytes	Maggie Day Ragland & Mattie Burton
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	Why He Came...As a Savior King
Communion Assistants	Alice Cobb/Rich & Rosemary Knox
Security	Owen Richards/Tim Richards
Flowers	Barbara Parks

Attendance, November 25, 2018

Worship Services	180
Sunday School	109

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER

2. 1st Sunday of Advent	Matthew 24:36-44
3. Waiting in despair	Psalm 69:1-16
4. Not slow but patient	2 Peter 3:3-9
5. With their whole heart	Jeremiah 24:1-7
6. A shoot shall grow	Isaiah 11:1-10
7. Like showers that refresh	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
8. The nations shall hope	Romans 15:4-13