

Messenger

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METHODIST Children's Homes of Mississippi has fully phased out of apportionments from the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Next Sunday, December 11, there will be a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi.

Foster Children's Ministry

If you would like to sponsor a foster child this Christmas, please see the bulletin board in the main hall of the church or call Allison Hughes (571-4964).

Directions are as follows:

1. Select a prayer card and wish list .
2. Text your name along with a picture of your card and list to 662-571-4964.
3. Wrap your gifts. Be sure they are clearly labeled with the child's name.
4. Return your gifts to the church office by Wednesday, December 14th.
5. Continue to pray for your child throughout the year.

If you would like to make a financial contribution you may write a check to the church and write "foster children" on the memo line.

In addition to those we have agreed to help, there are 47 additional children who do not have sponsors. As lists are taken, I will continue to add names. Let's do everything we can to share the love of Christ with these children this Christmas by making sure that all are taken care of.





December 4

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School

December 11

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School
Special Offering for Methodist Children's Home

6 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

December 14

1-5 p.m. Children's Day of Christmas Cheer

2 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir plays at Martha Coker
Luse House.

December 18

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School

11 a.m. Ladies' Handbell Choir Special Music

6:00 p.m. **White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service**
Church-wide Reception following the program

December 24

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

December 25 *Christmas Day*

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School

January 1

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School



December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary 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, DECEMBER 5

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Party

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. Wednesday
Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 4. Tera Smith, Mattie Burton,
Daniel Cobb
- 5. Jennifer Phillips, Diane Vaughan
- 6. Clark Duncan
- 7. Bill Kyle
- 9. Sla Phillips, Prather King

- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Lafferty
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett McClellan
- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols

With Sympathy

Sympathy and love is extended to Barbara Arnold and family in the death of her husband, Dr. David Arnold, who died November 21, 2022.



Memorial Gifts

David Walker Arnold

Mr. & Mrs. Camp King

Thomas Hines

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Savery, III

Marty Pender

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Savery, III
Planters Bank



It's Poinsettia Time again. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we use poinsettias to decorate the Church Sanctuary and take time to remember and honor loved ones, family, and friends. There will be order forms at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Sunday school rooms. You may also call the church office or look on the church website to purchase your poinsettias.



As we prepare for the lessons during the month of December, we will begin a new series, *God's Plan*. The lesson this Sunday, "God's Heroes," is from the Book of Judges. Judges is a collection of many stories about heroes who trusted God. We will begin with a man named Gideon.

W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W. Wednesday met this Wednesday Night and wrapped up our Bible Study for this year. We had such a fun time learning about how God used these ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

A Day of Christmas Cheer!!



We will have our annual Day of Christmas Cheer!! This is always such a fun day of making Christmas Ornaments & Crafts and enjoying time in the kitchen making candy & cookies. We will have snacks and Christmas punch and also plan on having a few other activities.

Date: Wednesday, December 14th

Time: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Upstairs in the church children's department





Youth Sunday School

Each month we begin a new series for our Sunday School lesson. For the month of December our series is ***God's Plan***. The first lesson is "Outta the Comfort Zone." This lesson is about the story of Matthew, and it is a reminder of how Jesus challenged people's comfort zone.

Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

Currently our Bible Study for Sunday nights is a series on the book of James. This Sunday we will conclude our Sunday night meetings by wrapping up our Study of the Book of James.

Wednesday Night Youth Group has concluded for the remainder of the year. We will take a break during the month of December for Exams and Christmas Break.



The Youth Christmas Party will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th. We will meet at the home of Robyn and Byron Kelly for a Secret/Dirty Santa Swap and a time of fellowship.



The Youth will also participate in the White Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18. We will meet at the church at 4:15p.m. on that day with Mrs. Lettie for final instructions. The youth will participate in the dramatization as the Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, and Mary and Joseph.

Our Day Care Children observed Thanksgiving with a special lunch!



Sunday, December 4, 2022

Greeters

D'Ann Adams/Marilyn Burnett

Advent Readers

Bettina & Steve Newman/Angela & Jimmy Hudson

Scripture

2 Samuel 7:11-16; Matthew 1:16-17

Sermon

“The Son of David”

Flowers

Barbara Parks

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

4. 2nd Sunday of Advent

Mark 1:1-8

5. Baptism in the name of Jesus

Acts 2:37-42

6. John and Peter baptize

Acts 11:1-18

7. The coming messenger

Malachi 2:10-3:1

8. Righteousness and praise flourish

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

9. God does great things for us

Psalm 126

10. Kept in faith until the coming of Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24