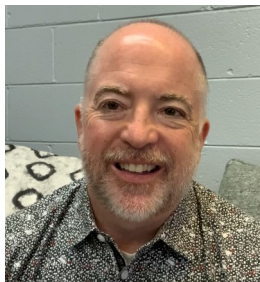


December, 2020

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*Luke 1:14 And you will have Joy and Gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.*



These are wonderful words at the beginning of the gospel of Luke. However, they are not spoken to Mary and they are not spoken about Jesus. This is the angel of the Lord talking to Zechariah, to let him know his prayers have been heard and his wife Elizabeth is to be with child. This is the proclamation of the birth of John the Baptist. The voice crying out in the wilderness. For me, this is what advent is about, the joy and gladness, and rejoicing at the birth. It comes to us individually and in the community.

Each year in the season of advent we receive four weeks to prepare our lives, four weeks to focus our hearts and minds, four weeks to grow closer with Christ. We begin by renewing our hope; hope in life, hope in love, hope in peace, hope in joy. Then we renew our love for Christ, for one another, for our God and our neighbors. The Joy of the season is sure to find us in week three as we light the pink candle and celebrate. We celebrate the renewal of Joy in our lives that only comes with the renewal of hope and love. Finally, we have the courage to hope for peace. As an adult, I think I have always had some trepidation about the fourth week. Perhaps it is because for my entire adult life there has been at least one major conflict going on in the world. Or perhaps it is because peace of mind, peace of body, and soul have always felt a little like grasping for straws.

I love Advent. I love having the time to intentionally work on my relationship with God, and prepare my heart and life for the coming of the Christ child. If I were to tell you that the next four weeks would make all the difference and that on December 25 there will be a test, what would you do? But it is not a test as much as certification and it is not in writing but living. The coming of Christ changes things. Jesus changed everything. He took it from almost to altogether.

This year we are going to engage in the process of moving from almost to altogether. We are going to do this by reimagining what advent and even Christmas can look like. In a time where “almost” seems to be about all we could hope for, I invite you to take this time to grow closer in your relationship with Jesus. To use hope, love, joy, and peace as the lenses by which we examine our lives and our relationship to Christ. We are going to seek to live life altogether hope-filled, altogether loving, altogether joy-filled, and altogether in peace.

In Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace

Jerry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Donald J. Jernigan".

## December Birthdays

Addison Armbrister 12/1  
Bea Jennings 12/1  
Ann McIntruff 12/1  
Don Stansfield III 12/1  
Emma Lamons 12/2  
Amanda Richey 12/2  
Nicole Sallah 12/3  
Jewel Bell 12/4  
Angie Wells 12/5  
Carolina Jones 12/5  
Jackie Crawford 12/5  
Rebekah Taylor 12/5  
Carolyn Gregg 12/6  
Tommy Love 12/6  
David Andrew 12/7  
Dave Wright 12/7  
Robert Ottinger 12/8  
James Gregg 12/8  
Jean Hartsell 12/10  
Homer Davenport 12/10  
Joy McGuffin 12/11  
John Fisher 12/11  
John Kilday 12/11  
Doug Debusk 12/11  
Julez Williams 12/13  
Andy Broyles 12/15  
Paige Bible 12/15  
Teagan Johnson 12/16  
Emma Adorante 12/17  
Kenny Kershaw 12/18  
Grayson Hite 12/18  
Marjorie Bullen 12/19  
Cindy Tvardy 12/19  
Karen Reaves 12/21  
Shelia Moore 12/21  
Dawn Wright 12/22  
Shane Hite 12/24  
Mary Louise Fisher 12/24  
Sophia McInturff 12/25  
Savannah Tvardy 12/26  
Reston Hartsell 12/27  
David Jones 12/27  
Brooke Baker 12/28  
Gracyn Uhls 12/28  
Angel Carter 12/29  
Lana Broyles 12/29  
Vicky Cole 12/29  
Steve Crouch 12/30  
Frank Holzschuh 12/31

UMW- President Sally Andrew

As we enter the Advent season, may we remember that even though our current situation may seem confusing and possibly disheartening, our God is still in control.  
I want to share this excerpt from "The Golden Treasury of Bible Wisdom."

"It was never meant for us to bear the burdens of life, but rather to share them with him who knows us so well. We live beneath our privileges and above our heads when we seek to carry on without him."

Please keep Tee Earl and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of her husband, Ken. Hopefully we will be able to make a decision on the status of our meetings for this next year before too long. We will keep you posted.

Praying that each of you have a healthy and joyful Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Sally



## ALMOST CHRISTMAS

A WESLEYAN  
ADVENT EXPERIENCE

MAGREY R. DEVEGA · INGRID MCINTYRE  
APRIL CASPERSON · MATT RAWLE

DEVOTIONS FOR THE SEASON

If anyone is interested in a Devotional for the season please contact the church office.

# Wednesday Night Meal Delivery

## December Anniversaries



Louis & Carolyn Ricker 12/12  
George & Cindy Tvardy 12/14  
Mike & Jean Hartsell 12/17  
David & Sally Andrew 12/19  
David & Susan Jones 12/21  
Buddy & Becky Yonz 12/27  
Jimmy & Leigh Ann Cutshaw 12/30  
Woody & Teresa Smith 12/31



As some may know we are doing our Wednesday Night Meal Delivery to our shut in and meal pick ups to those that will pick up. It is a wonderful ministry that requires work, organization and volunteers. We have been average 28 to 30 meals a week. Thank you to Mrs. Judy who does all the cooking. And a big thank you to the volunteers that make deliveries.

Help always needed! We could always use volunteers to help with the cooking and preparing of the meals. And we could use more delivery drivers. This is a wonderful opportunity within the church. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mrs. Judy.

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
- Barbara Lawson
  - Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Buck Mathes
- Cheryl Smith

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
  - Winifred Kuper
- Kermit & Betty Justis
  - Pat Logan

### Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

### Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.

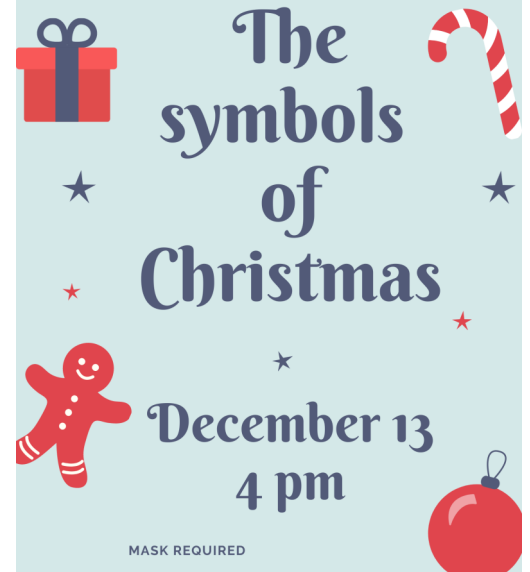
## Family Ministries



### Interested in Virtual Christmas Caroling?

Christmas Caroling will look different this season, but we can still make it happen! Contact Mrs. Kim by December 11, 278-5104 or [brown@asburylife.org](mailto:brown@asburylife.org), for more information.

Asbury Family Ministries presents



### An Afternoon of Thankfulness

Everyday things we should be giving thanks for, not just on Thanksgiving, but everyday.

**Thankful God Provides**—Read Philippians 4:19.

Ask yourself What are things I need? What are things that I want? Sometimes we spend more time thinking about what we don't have than what God has given us. We fret over getting everything we want and forget to be thankful for what we have. God knows what we NEED, and he promises to meet those needs. Be thankful that God provides all you need!

**Thankful in Tough Times**— Read Jeremiah 29:11

There are many things that happen to us each day. We have many things we decided to do, plans we make, people we meet, places we hang out. God knows each part of our life. For example, say you have a puzzle you are trying to put together and you don't have a picture to go by. The pieces still fit together but you aren't able to see how it will turn out in the end. When we go through a difficult time, it can feel like it can't possibly be what God wants. But God knows what the final picture looks like and he knows what we need to go through to create the perfect picture of our lives. When things are going well, it is easy to give God thanks. But when we can't see how something challenging will turn out, we need to be thankful that God knows.

**Thankful to Be Loved**— Read Romans 8:35-39

Imagine you have two boards nailed together. Nothing can take those two boards apart. Just like those boards nailed together, nothing can separate us from the love of God. We need to thank God for his love each day.



## Asbury Missions

### ISAIAH 117 MONTHLY NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

- Baby Food
- Tissues
- Fruit & Pudding Cups
- Applesauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Hand Sanitizer
- Underwear all sizes
- PJ's all sizes

# Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

**Your Donation \$20**  
will buy an Adventure Bible for a local child this Christmas.



Partner with us to provide the gift that will last for a lifetime... the opportunity to know Jesus.

**Christian BOOK & GIFT SHOP**  
423-639-3721

### Operation Christmas Child Annual Packing Party



### Hands on Mission for Conference

Our assistance is needed again in collecting Food Buckets for Holston Conference. To assist our Sister Churches in Liberia. If you would like to contribute to the Hands on Mission for the Conference, please see list below and bring completed bucket to the church office by December 31. Please include \$5 for shipping. If you would like to help but do not feel comfortable shopping, please call the church office. Thank you in advance for your support. Place the following items along with \$5 in 5 gallon bucket with a lid.

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1-5lb bag Sugar                        | 1-2lb bag Rice        |
| 1-2lb bag dried beans                  | 1-10 oz Powdered Milk |
| 1-18 oz Old Fashion Oat Meal           | 1-48 oz Cooking Oil   |
| 2-12 oz cans of Meat (Tuna, Ham, Spam) |                       |

Kim Brown, Director of Children Ministries



## PUMPKIN DECORATING



## KIDMIN Families Advent Devotional



If you did not receive your devotional, please let Mrs. Kim know.

## Third Grade Bible Presentation



AARUSH SANJEEV



CAROLINA JONES  
MICAH JUSTIS



SULLIVAN ROGERS



CASSEL SHEPHERD



TUCKER & TATUM HILL



JAKOB DEBORD



Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

# Movie & Marshmallows



December is here! It's crazy to think we are at the end of the year already. But this is also the beginning of the Christian calendar. Advent started on Nov. 29th which marks the start of a new year for us as Christians. Advent also marks a time of waiting. We are waiting in anticipation for the birth of Christ! This is such an exciting time of year for all of us. And all this excitement comes from the fact that I am thankful that God sent His son to be born to save us. I know that word thankful is usually talked about in November, but I really want to encourage you to focus on having a thankful heart during the holiday season. Who are you thankful for? Let them know! So you got a gift you have been wanting for what feels like forever? Be thankful for it! What has happened to you in the last year that the only way you know how to explain it is by saying it's a God moment? Thank God for those moments! We have so much to be thankful for and yet, I know for myself, we forget to stop and say thank you. So in December I would like you to join me in being intentionally thankful.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 Youth 6:00-7:00	3	4	5
6 Youth 6:00-7:00	7	8	9 Youth 5:30-7:30	10	11	12
13 Youth 6:00-7:00	14	15	16 Youth 6:00-7:00	17	18	19
20 Youth 6:00-7:00	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 11:00	25  Christmas	26
27	28	29	30 Youth 6:00-7:00	31 NEW YEARS EVE 		

- December Events
- 2nd- Advent Study & Cantata recordings
  - 6th- Advent Study
  - 9th- Movie Night
  - 13th- Advent Study
  - 16th- Christmas Party
  - 20th- Advent Study
  - 23rd- NO YOUTH
  - 24th- Christmas Eve Services
  - 27th- NO YOUTH
  - 30th- TBD



## The First Noel

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1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay  
 east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was  
 hem it took its rest; and there it did both  
 ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*  
 No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Trad. English carol (Lk. 2:8-14; Mt. 2:1-12)  
 MUSIC: Trad. English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

THE FIRST NOEL  
 Irr. with Refrain

This carol is apparently from the latter part of the seventeenth century and first appeared at 28-29 in nine stanzas in Davie Gilbert, *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 1823 2d ed. (Gealy 557/459) It was altered and included in Williams Sandys, *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833. The Sandys text is included at 55 in *The Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964. The carol is more appropriate as an Epiphany processional than as a nativity hymn. Without regard to the carol's probable folk origins some hymnals have adjusted the second stanza to show it is the Wise Men in Matthew 2:2c, not the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20, who see and follow the star to the manger.

The carol entered our hymnals in the 1935 *Methodist Hymnal* with stanzas 1,2,3,4 and 6 of the Sandys text. Robert G. McCutchan, probably following the practice of H. Augustine Smith in *The New Hymnal of American Youth*, 1930 altered the Old English "Nowell" to its Old French from "Nouel" ("Noel"), printed "Noel" (McCutchan 1942,133)

## Wednesday Night

We are currently doing delivery and pick up meals only. If you would like a meal call the office before noon on Tuesdays.

Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 children ages 2-10, \$30.00 family.

## 2020 Leadership

### Church council:

Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Secretary	Susan Bowers
Pastor	Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of Family Ministries	Kim Brown
Director of Student Ministries	Natasha DeBord
Director of Traditional Music	Cindy Sams
Director of Contemporary Worship	Abby Whitaker
Lay Leader	Bill Rymer
Lay Leader	Margaret Akins
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan
Lay Member to AC-Alternate	Abigail Brown
Children's Council Rep	Amanda Richey
Senior Adult Rep	Dinah Seip
UMW Rep	Sally Andrew
ACEC Chairperson	Abby Lawson
Mission Team Chairperson	Rob Brown
Trustees Chairperson	Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish Chairperson	George Tvardy
Finance Chairperson	Rodney Bell

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Treasurer	Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
Financial Secretary	Susan Bowers
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Staff-Parish Chairperson	George Tvardy
Stewardship Chair	Bob Leonard
Lay Leader	TBD
Leadership Team Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan

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Year 3	Bill Brown
Year 3	Barbara Clanton
Year 2	Brian Allen
Year 2	Maynard Austin
Year 1	Vicky Cole
Year 1	TBD

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Year 3	Debby Hendrix
Year 3	Frank Holzschuh
Year 3	Ben Brooks
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Year 2	Bettye Ann Bewley
Year 2	Dawn Wright
Year 1	Judy Reviere
Year 1	John Cash
Year 1	Art Masker
Chairperson	Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3	Carolyn Ricker
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Year 2	Lori Duckworth
Year 2	Dale Landers
Year 2	Sandra Fox
Year 1	Marjorie Bullen
Year 1	Chuck Pearson
Year 1	Jim Seip
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

### Trustees:

Year 3	Steve Shore
Year 3	Brandon Hull
Year 3	Suzanne Wagner
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Year 2	Phyllis Bible
Year 2	Alice Russell
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Year 1	Tom Cole –Co-Chair
Year 1	Tom Smith –Co-Chair
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Ex-Officio	Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

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Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
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Year 2	Brenda Ottinger
Year 2	Janie Laws
Year 2	Holly McGaw
Year 1	Mary Louise Fisher
Year 1	Stephanie Hite
Year 1	Terri Lawson
At Large	Lynette Hill
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Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

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Adult Ministries Coordinator:	Susan Holzschuh
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Boy Scouts Representative:	Art Masker
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Evangelism Chairperson:	Steve Shore
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Restoration Depot Chairperson:	TBD
Witness Ministry Chairperson:	David Andrew
Wood Cutting Ministry:	David Andrew

# December

# 2020

Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB  
Chapel-CH  
Choir Room-CR

Disciple Classroom-DC  
D&H Brown Classroom-DH  
Fellowship Hall-FH  
John Wesley Class-JWC

LaRue Classroom-LR  
Library-LB  
Parlor-PL  
Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Sanctuary-ST  
Sisters By Grace-SG  
Youth Room-YR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			6P-YOUTH			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Youth		3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustees	5:30P-Youth			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 4P-Symbols of Christmas 6P-Youth		3P-Benevolence	6P-YOUTH			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Youth	Blue Christmas	3P-Benevolence	6P-YOUTH	5P-Christmas Eve-ST 12M-Christmas Eve -FH OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
27	28	29	30	31		
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service 6P-Youth				OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	

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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH  
9:00AM—Sunday School Classes  
10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST  
11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

## **SUNDAY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

9A—Nursery, Preschool & K-5th  
Children's Dept.  
(under Sanctuary)  
9A—Youth in Youth Room  
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR

### **1st Floor Education Building**

9A—D&H Brown  
(mixed gender, 50-70s)  
9A—Disciple  
(mixed gender, mixed age)  
9A—Sisters by Grace  
(females, mixed age)  
9A—LaRue  
(mixed gender, mixed ages)

### **2nd Floor Education Building**

9A—Seekers  
(mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor  
9A—Choir  
(mixed gender, mixed age)

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB  
5:00PM—MUSIC  
5:30PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL  
6:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH

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