

A Note from Pastor David about “Hanging of the Greens.”

In my devotion time this week, I came across this quote from Hildegard of Bingen, a German Benedictine nun from the 12th century, who declares, **“There is a power that has been since all eternity, and that force and potentiality is green!”**

She calls this greening power *viriditas*, a Latin word that may be the combination of two other words meaning green and truth. Hildegard uses *viriditas* to speak about the power of life and the movement towards healing and wholeness. It refers to vigor, vitality, and verdure. It is the power of God to green life. It’s not only about plants but also about us. “The Word,” Hildegard says, “is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature.”

So, what if the hanging of the greens in the church is an outward expression of the greening God is doing in each of our lives? What if, as we hang the greens this year, we look for the greens being hung in our lives? I wonder what greenery we might find.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

East Bend: Hazel Matthews, **Helen Fortune**, Mickey Martin, Beauchamp’s, Clyde Wall.

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Anne Watkins, Ricky Chapman, Margret Love, Penelope, Rachel Adams, Alan Whitley.

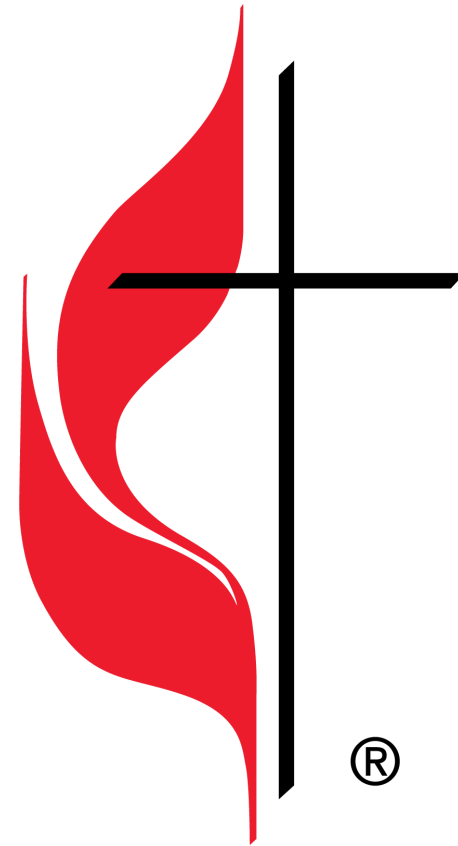
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Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson, Ethan Snow, Spencer Hodges.

World Wide: For Single-parent families, the underemployed, the homeless, victims of gun violence, those effected by natural disasters, world conflicts, those affected by Covid-19, and for the National political climate.

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 November 27, 2022
 First Sunday in Advent



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Prelude		Pastor David
Welcome and Prayer		Danny Weatherford
Meaning of the Service		
Advent Wreath	<i>Come Emmanuel! (Hope)</i>	Hennings Family
Christmas in America		Annette Hennings
Lessons of Christmas		Melinda Weatherford
Hymn	<i>"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	UMH # 240
The Evergreens		Mark Stachnik
Hymn	<i>"Go Tell It on the Mountain"</i>	UMH # 251
Christmas Tree		Carolyn Brickey
Organ Special	<i>"O Christmas Tree"</i>	
Christmas Poinsettia		Deborah Stachnik
Hymn	<i>"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"</i>	UMH # 218
The Nativity		Joe Hennings
Hymn	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	UMH # 246
The Gifts of Christmas		Tim Doub
Hymn	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>	UMH # 254
Christmas Caroling		Ginger Hennings
The Christ of Christmas		Jane Hennings
Hymn	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	UMH # 239
Dismissal w/ Blessing		

Calendar of Events

November 27 at 11 am EB Hanging of the Greens
November 27 at 9 am SK Hanging of the Greens
November 28, 2022 at 6 pm Dinner Church
November 28, 2022 at 7 pm SPRC Listening Session
December 11, 2022 at 7:30 am Men's Breakfast in SK FH
December 12, 2022 at 6 pm Dinner Church Fall Finale
December 18, 2022 at 5 pm SK Christmas Program
December 24, 2022 at 4 pm Christmas Eve in the Barn Service
December 25, 2022 at 10 am Combined Worship Service at SK

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Monday	Mark 1:1-8
Tuesday	Psalm 131	Wednesday	Zephaniah 3:14-17
Thursday	Isaiah 40:1-5	Friday	Isaiah 40:6-11
Saturday	Luke 12:35-38		

Birthdays

November 27—David Phillips **Nov.—28** Melinda Weatherford
November 30—Gus Russell **December 4**—Cameron Brence