



MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH LOVE  
FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Malcolm & Teresa

Mary L. Maria & Arturo

Toni G.

Ethan A.

Shannon & Greg

Carl & Peggy

Brandon N.



# THE FLAME



Rev. Malcolm Monroe, Pastor



## "It's That Time Again"

December is here! Wow, that was fast. So much has happened in 2019 that it seems the year has flown by. How can it already be December? Where did the year go? And, of course, Christmas is approaching like a race car at the Indy 500.

The Hanging of the Greens, The Inn Crowd, Christmas Cantata and the always magnificent, not to be rushed, Christmas Eve service are events that draw us closer to the heart of God. I encourage you to not get so busy doing things that you miss the opportunities that feed your spirit and truly help us to celebrate the amazing gift of God that is Jesus Christ! I pray this Advent season is refreshing and renewing instead of stressing and exhausting. As they say, Jesus is the reason for the season!" Lets keep first things first and truly celebrate Jesus.

Beginning in January, I will be taking a sabbatical. This is a first for me and will be a time of personal reflection and study ending in mid-March. During the sabbatical I will spend 5 weeks living in the "Old City" part of Jerusalem, Israel. Teresa will not be traveling with me. I will be travelling with another clergy who has experience in this type of immersion experience. During my absence, the Annual Conference will provide, at no cost, a clergy person to meet the needs of the congregation. At this time, we don't know which retired minister will attend to the church during my sabbatical. I've never done anything like this before so I have a bit of apprehension mixed with a great deal of anticipation. I appreciate your prayers for this sabbatical and for Teresa during this time. I am grateful for this unique opportunity and I am always grateful and honored to serve FUMC Crockett as your pastor. See ya Sunday!

Blessings, Pastor Malcolm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday (Same worship services & times) 9am 1st Sunday Breakfast  6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens & Flaming Plum Pudding	2	3	4 UNITED METHODIST MEN 7:00 am Breakfast	5 9:30 am FLC Garden Club  4:00 Girl Scouts	6	7 YAH Christmas Gathering 12 noon FH  Young at Heart
8 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth 3 pm (Library) Advent Bible Study #1	9 6 pm 4-H (FLC) Homestead Club	10 Lifeline Screening FLC  4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	11 5:30 Missions 6 pm Family Night Dinner Advent Bible Study #2 7 pm Chancel Choir	12  4:00 Girl Scouts	13	14 UMW/Questers Christmas Party 12 noon FH  United Methodist Women
15 Cantata 6:00 pm Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth 3:00 pm Advent Bible Study #3	16 Piney Woods Lions 6 pm	17 United Methodist Women 5:30 UMW Mtg  4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	18  Advent Bible Study #4 7 pm Chancel Choir	19  4:00 Girl Scouts	20	21 Parsonage CHRISTMAS Open House 3 to 6 pm Come & God
22 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	23	24 Office Closed 6:00 pm Candlelight Service	25 christmas blessings	26 Office Closed	27	28 Joy Love Peace Believe Christmas
29 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	30	31 Bring on the NEW YEAR! Office Closed	DECEMBER			



**First Sunday - 12/1 & 1/5**

Front Door: Carolie Wakefield & Patsy Stokes  
 Back Door: Melvin Carlton & Ken Davis

**Second Sunday - 12/8 & 1/12**

Front Door: Max & Barbara Threadgill  
 Front Door: Bill Pemberton  
 Back Door: Cindy Robinson & Mary Rials

**Third Sunday - 12/15 & 1/19**

Front Door: Mary Miller & Hazel Powell  
 Front Door: Matthew Johnson & Dean Shupak  
 Back Door: Keith & Sherrell Hendricks



**Fourth Sunday - 12/22 & 1/26**

Front Door: Spencer & Karisa Burke  
 Back Door: Virginia Moffit

**Fifth Sunday - 12/29**

Front Door: Tony Gray & Kathy Calvert  
 Back Door: Glenn Cross

*If you would like to volunteer to be an "official" greeter please contact Helen Carlton or the church office.*



**FOR INDIVIDUALS, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES or GROUPS**

**MISSIONS Committee**

*God's Work Our Hands*

is raising funds for  
**Personal Hygiene Products for**  
**Crockett ISD and Latexo ISD students**  
**Your Donation is Greatly Appreciated**  
 \*Please note on check "Missions Donation"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY</b>			1 HAPPY New Year 2020 Office Closed	2 9:30 am (FLC) Garden Club	3	4
5 1st Sunday Breakfast 9am Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett Communion Sunday 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	6 6 pm 4-H (FLC)	7	8 7 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 Missions 6 pm Family Night Dinner 7 pm Chancel Choir	9 4:00 Girl Scouts	10	11 Piney Woods Lions Club Nerf War 
12 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	13	14 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	15 7 pm Chancel Choir	16  9:30 am UMW Work Day 4:00 Girl Scouts	17	18
19 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	20 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm Church Council 5:30 pm (FLC) Cub Scouts	21 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	22 7 pm Chancel Choir	23 4:00 Girl Scouts	24	25
26 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:15 Welcome Center Open 9:45 am Sunday School 12:00-3 pm UMYF Youth	27 5:30 pm (FLC) Cub Scouts	28  5:30 Meeting 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	29 7 pm Chancel Choir	30 4:00 Girl Scouts	31	

### Happy December Birthday

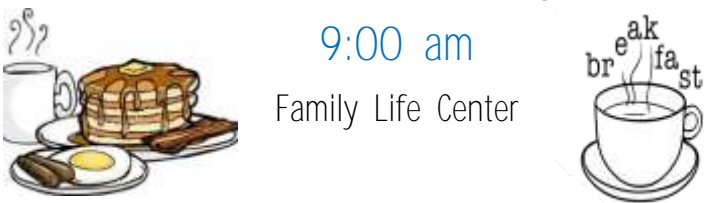
4 Chris Clark  
 5 Dan Craven  
 8 Mary Lowe  
 10 Clarence Mask  
 12 Patricia Edmiston  
 14 Fran Hale  
 16 Toni Gray  
 17 Carla Foster  
 Sue Hawhee  
 18 John Martha Kelley  
 Brandon Nichols  
 21 Brent Beeson  
 Anna Jones  
 26 Patrick Walker  
 27 Carroll Sullivan

### Happy January Birthday

1 Ginny Turner  
 5 Jenna Shupak  
 6 Maria Klein  
 7 Courtney Terry  
 9 James Cordell  
 13 Jan Maiden  
 Jeremiah Morris  
 15 Brittany Morris  
 Krystal Wall  
 18 Philip Brim  
 21 Sarah Smith  
 22 Gene Meyers  
 23 Melissa Holloway  
 25 Bell Kingery  
 26 Matthew Johnson  
 Tex Terry  
 30 Bruce Clemmons

### FIRST SUNDAY Breakfast

December 1st & January 5th  
 9:00 am  
 Family Life Center



### Family Night Dinner


Wednesday,  
 December 11th  
 January 8th



**Cook Teams:**  
**DEC:** Red Hot Chili Peppers  
**Host:** Young at Heart  
**JAN:** Cowboy Cookers  
**Host:** Upper Room

# ALL ARE WELCOME

### Remembering in Prayer



Those in care facilities and homebound

Jeane Beasley  
 Helen Dubcak  
 Bernice Easterly  
 Jeanne Frye  
 Sue Hawhee  
 Bessie Hodges  
 John Martha Kelley  
 Charlene Monroe  
 Betty Sossaman

### Happy Anniversary

December

15 James & Jeanne McLeod  
 31 Donald & Billie Newland



January

29 Arnold & Virginia Sherer  
 Carroll & Dorian Sullivan



# Hanging of the Greens

December 1st  
 6 PM

A Great Way to Begin Advent

### Communion Offerings

December      January

**SHARE**  
 The Toy Store



*Inspiration Village*  
 A Residential Ranch  
 Inspired by Special People  
 With Special Needs

The beauty of our sanctuary and worship experience is often enhanced by the presence of fresh flowers given in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of someone special in our lives.



If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please call the church office.  
 544-2044

### Offering Counters Needed



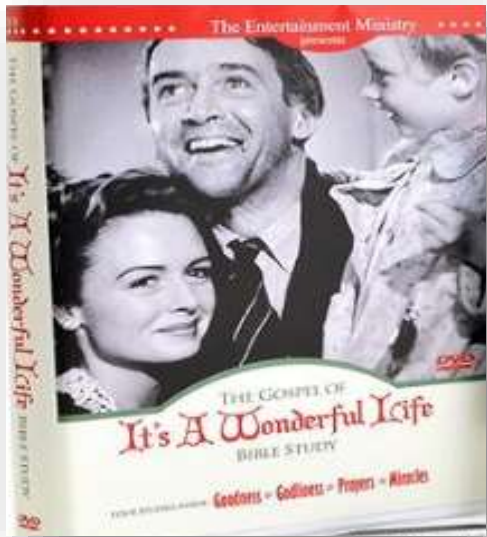
If you are able to assist, please contact the Church office.  
 544-2044



Christmas Eve

# Candlelight Service

Carols, Candlelight & the Christmas Story  
December 24th, 6:00 pm  
"A Family Tradition"



## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

*"It's a Wonderful Life"* Bible Study follows the story of George Bailey as you study the biblical principles of Goodness, Godliness, Prayers, and Miracles.

*This 4 session study will meet on 2 Sundays & 2 Wednesdays in the Library. Our first meeting will be December 8th @ 3 PM*

If you can, watch the movie before we meet!



### December's Upcoming Events

- 1st - Hanging of the Greens
- 6th & 7th - The Inn Crowd
- 7th - YAH Christmas Fellowship
- 14th - UMW/Questers Gathering
- 15th - Christmas Cantata
- 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

*Christmas Poinsettias*

*In Memory  
Or  
In Honor*



**Order before December 12th**

**Call the Church Office  
936-544-2044**



Pastor: Rev. Malcolm Monroe  
office@crockettumc.org  
Website: [www.crockettumc.org](http://www.crockettumc.org)

#### **First United Methodist Church**

701 E. Goliad Ave.  
P.O. Box 984  
Crockett, TX 75835





# ADVENT

# EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS in CROCKETT**  
UMW Cozy Corner Café  
November 23rd

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**  
FLAMING PLUM PUDDING  
December 1st 6 pm

**To:**  
**EVERYONE!**

**From:**  
**First United  
Methodist Church**  
701 E. Goliad  
936-544-2044  
crockettumc.org

**"The Inn Crowd"**  
Dec. 6 & 7 6 PM  
FREE  
Crockett Civic Center

**Advent Bible Study**  
Begins Dec. 8, 11, 15 18  
in the Library

**Christmas Cantata**  
December 15th 6PM  
Bring some Friends

**Parsonage Open House**  
*Casual Come & Go*  
Dec. 21st 3-6 PM  
1202 Mary Lee Lane

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
6 PM All are Welcome  
**"A Family Tradition"**