

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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Where and how do I begin to say thank you? At CSUMC we have had an incredible month of stewardship. I would like to personally thank Andrea Livingston and Beau Boyd for their work to make our stewardship campaign as meaningful as it was. And I would like to thank each of you for your faithfulness in your commitment to Church Street UMC. I believe our best days are ahead!

This is the season of Advent. The season we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Advent is a season of waiting. I don't know about you, but I don't like waiting very much. We count time as we sit and wait, and we think about all the things we could or should be doing. However, I do know that waiting is not always a bad thing. Many of the great things in life are worth waiting for.

Advent is a special season and I pray that we all can sit near a lighted tree and ponder all the goodness of the season. "For God so loved the world...." I am looking forward to opportunities to worship with you, fellowship with you, and laugh with you.

Please read your mid-week news and your bulletin each week for announcements about upcoming events. I pray blessings over you and yours as we journey through this season of waiting.

In His Service,

Diane



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8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon



Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" As we move into the month of December, may we all sing with hope, joy, and love the great carols of Christmas in our times of worship. I am looking forward to this season of the year!

We will have another opportunity to hear our Young Musicians ring and sing before we see the end of 2021. During Sunday morning worship, December 5th, they will ring carols of Christmas and sing the wonderful, simple song *Emmanuel!*. This WILL be a highlight of our Christmas season at Church Street.

Our Chancel Choir is placing final touches to their Christmas musical for 2021– *Morning Star*. I know your hearts will be blessed as you hear them once again present the Christmas story through narration and music on Sunday morning, December 12th. It is our prayer that you will find hope in its message and encouragement in the unconditional love of God. Hold fast to the promise that even in the darkest of nights, the Morning Star will arise! *Arise, shine for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)*

As we prepare for this season of Advent, may we reflect upon these words of Christina G. Rossetti penned in the late 1800's.

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.*

Gordon

College News

We will have a Pop Up Class during the Sunday school hour for College Students while they are home for the Holidays!

It's a great way to reconnect with friends over a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and get to know Pastor Diane who will lead the class.

Class starts December 5th !



Each year during the Christmas season, we are reminded there is no greater joy for us than giving to others. Since 1930, the White Christmas Offering has enabled Methodists to share their blessings with those whose circumstances in life just haven't been fair. These children and young adults certainly didn't sign up to be in the situation they're in and with your support, they have the hope of a much brighter tomorrow. This offering continues through the end of December. Please make your check payable to CSUMC and indicate White Christmas Offering in the memo line.



THE Christmas Season

On Saturday, December 4th, the children are invited to have Muffins with Santa Claus in Windham Hall from 9:00am until 10:00am. During this time, we will make Christmas crafts, watch and enjoy Mr. Bruce create awesome “creatures” with balloons, have muffins and juice, and VISIT with SANTA CLAUS. We hope all children, young and young at heart, will join in this merry and bright fellowship at our Church. Then on Sunday, December 5th, the children will sing and ring the jingle bells in our worship service!

What a wonderful time of the year to recognize our blessings and to acknowledge our thankfulness for the gracious gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Let's make HIS JOY a daily experience throughout the year!

Merry Christmas,

Frances



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PRAYERS**

Current: Allen Williams, Gary Thompson, Dub Deavor, Houston Cole, Carolyn Brown Atchison, Buc Shaw, Linnie Kopp, Lloyd & Norma Arrington, Arthur "Deedle" Sullivan, Brooke Lawrence, Bill & Polly Sellier

Ongoing: Charlotte Speed, Joy Beers, Joyce Rylee, Castle Twins, Danny Jordan, Suzanne Ingram, Helen Edwards, Brandon McHugh, Caroline Thomas, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Rex & Anita Waldrop, Lucille Jordan Sellier

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PRESENCE**

Average attendance in October

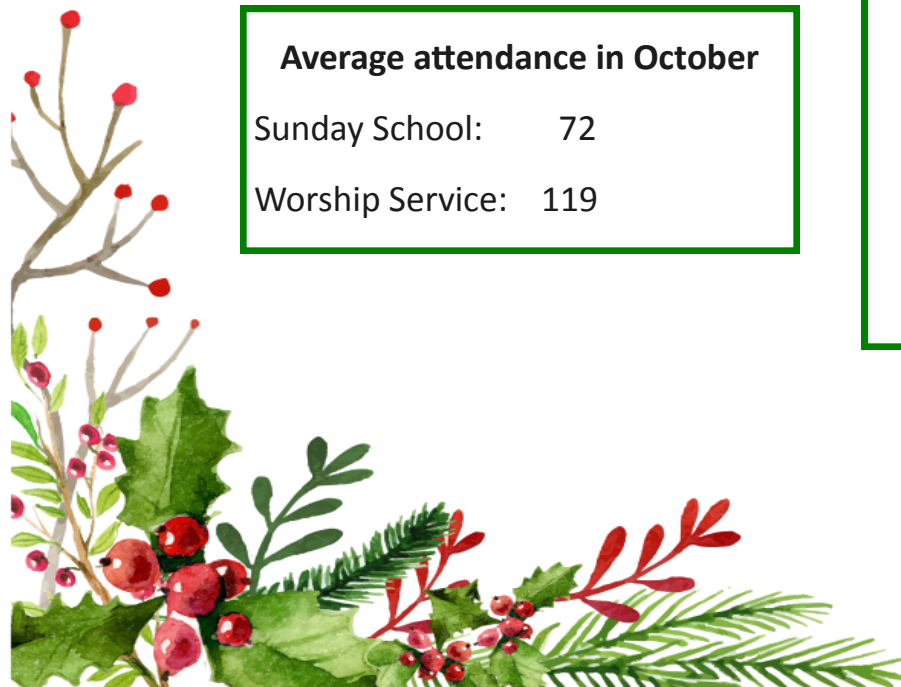
Sunday School: 72

Worship Service: 119

We hope to see each of you each week for our regular Sunday Schedule with Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. If you miss a service, be sure to listen to the prior week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am on Dixie Country - WDXX 100.1.

The Gathering Sunday School Class

meets in Windham Hall after breakfast each Sunday! The lesson begins around 9:45. Young adults please come and join Milam & Daneen Turner and Tom & Leigh Lang for breakfast, fellowship, and a lesson each Sunday morning!



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Memorials

Martha Cobb Roberts

By: Larry & Edie Jones

By: Sharon Hardy

By: Ed & Andrea Livingston

By: Mr. & Mrs. Van Carter

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

By: Coralie Frazer

By: Judy Spivey

By: Mary Drue Wheeler

Dick Dunaway

By: Donna Wiltsie

By: Sherie Sherrer

Rev. Jonathan Couey

By: Mary Drue Wheeler

Jim Wheeler

By: Sherie Sherrer

Charles Gray

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

Alise Cosby Carmichael

By: Floyd & Kaye Plummer

You have done such a wonderful job with outreach the past few months! Our Flood Bucket Project was a huge success. We were able to fill 40 buckets and they were delivered to a distribution center in Decatur, AL by Randy Smith. Your contributions made this happen. Now families with flood damage to their homes will have these supplies to help clean their homes.

A trunk load of canned goods were collected and delivered to Christian Outreach Alliance.

We just finished collecting the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. At last count there were 55 boxes filled by our church members. This does not count the ones done online. What a wonderful ministry! Thank you for making this happen.

Read your mid-week news to see upcoming projects. Join in the fun of outreach.

Outreach Chairman

Leslie



FLOOD BUCKET TRANSPORT TO DECATUR

40 Five Gallon Buckets - 333 Miles Round Trip
to the Warehouse



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SERVICE**

Teams Serving in December

Ushers: Wayne Vardaman, Captain, Ed Livingston, John Nettles, Joe Newton, Scoop Rivers, Lee Calame, and Larry Jones

Security: William Free, Jamie Thomas, Wood Spivey, Steve Todd, Em Moore

Worship Stewards Polly Sellier and Em Moore

Collection Counters: Myrna Hollis & Julie Drinkard

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement and contact your captain.

December Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, December 7th @5:00pm

Finance

Thursday, December 9th @ 5:00pm

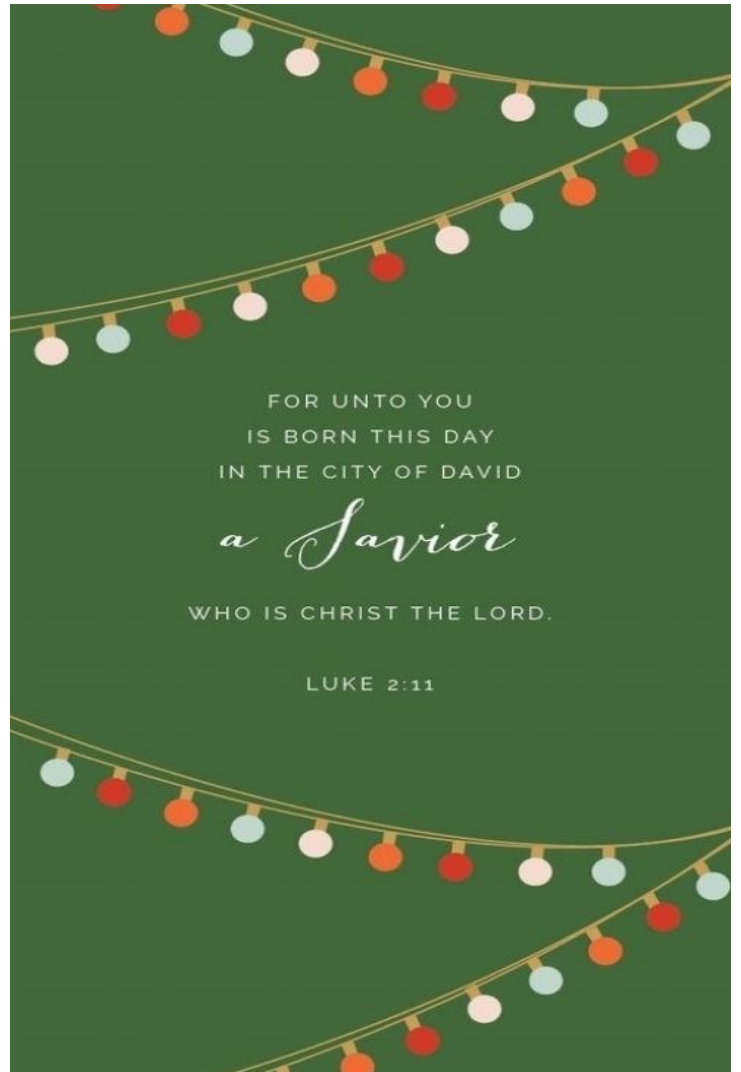
Church Council

Thursday, December 9th @ 5:45pm

Please contact your chairperson or the Church Office if you will not be able to attend.



The Church Office and Leika's Lambs will be closed on
December 23rd and 24th for Christmas
and
December 30th and 31st for the New Year Holiday.



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WITNESS**

December Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, December 5th, will be given to Communities of Transformation.

**Living Treasures
will not meet in December.**

This group of senior adults (60 and above) meets the third Thursday of each month for a catered lunch at 12:00 noon and the program ends at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 per person and reservations are not required. If you would like to be a part of this group and receive notifications of meeting dates, please call the Church Office.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Bible Study led by Martha Jackson will resume meeting in January with a new study series. The ladies meet at 12:00 noon, in the Old Parsonage. Bring a sack lunch and join the group.

**The Seeker's Class Christmas Party
Thursday, December 16th @ 6:00 pm
at the Tally Ho**

Circle Meetings

Catherine Revel Circle

will meet Monday, December 6th,
at 3:00 pm, in Windham Hall

Roberta Sample Circle

will meet Monday, December 13th,
at 6:00 pm, at Helen Edwards Home

**Christmas Open House @
the Parsonage
Sunday, December 12th
3:00-5:00 pm**

**United Methodist Men will not meet in
December. We will meet again on January
23rd. All men of the Church are invited to
attend for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion.**

**Chancel Choir Christmas Party @
the Taylor's Home
Sunday, December 12th
@ 6:00 pm**





"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift." - 2 Corinthians 9:15

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