

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy New Year! Many people make resolutions every year. They resolve to go to the gym, they resolve to eat healthier, they resolve to quit a bad habit, or to save more...the lists get extensive. Suffice it to say that people make all kinds of resolutions. Resolutions can be good. There's a problem though. Specifically, we have to see things through. Gyms for example offer massive discounts at this time of year, knowing that the vast majority of people that join won't go.

When I was looking into resolutions for this year, I came across some interesting statistics. Among them:

- The average American spends 3 hours on social media per day.
- The average smartphone is touched 2,617 times a day.

None of those things are bad in and of themselves. I have Facebook, YouTube, and twitter accounts. But how much time do you spend in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)? How much time do you spend reading your Bible (the recent statistic is that 1/3 of the people who own a Bible read it at least once a week) (John 5:39)? If you were to devote yourself to reading the Bible for 1 hour a day you could have 56 books read in less than 2 months. What about loving your neighbor? Your enemies? Serving others? Being patient?

Simply put, what we invest in matters. What we spend our time doing matters. What are you investing in? What are you spending your time doing?

There's much to do every year. Don't spend it neglecting the things that are important.

Grace and Peace,
Lance



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Monday through Thursday

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

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8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

We are moving quickly toward the ending of a very unusual year and the beginning of another new year. A large portion of 2020 has certainly been a "doozie"; who knows what 2021 will bring. We can only hope "things" will get better as we continue to navigate into a new year. I once again share the following hymn text by Frances R. Havergal which may serve as an encouragement to you.

*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

I cannot thank everyone who made Christmas 2020 such a wonderful time of worship, even under our unique circumstances. From our Advent readings/candle-lighting by the Turners, seasonal messages by Lance, to special solos of our amazing Chancel Choir members, each Sunday was a very special time for worship. Thank you one and all! Happy 2021 !!

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

Gordon



The Children's Ministry

Welcome to 2021! As we begin our new year with optimistic EXPECTATIONS, let's keep in mind the Christmas JOYS of HOPE, FAITH, and LOVE, and let's put GOD first in all that we think and do. Remember that GOD IS WITH US whatever the circumstance!



Here are a few New Year's Resolution suggestions for our children to make, but they seem like good ones for adults, too!

YES

YES

Read My Bible ____ Tell My Friends about Jesus ____

Go to Church ____ Obey My Parents ____

Pray ____ Attend Sunday School ____

Please color this  and turn it in at Sunday School on January 10th for a PRIZE! Adults, you're welcomed to color, too!



I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRAYERS

Bob Culpepper	John Sherrer	Elizabeth Kilponen
John Stringer	Jeff Cogle	Clark Schatz
Helene Felton	Jim Kennedy	Pam Cunningham
Jeanette Faile Hardin	Kent Sullivan	Joanie Looney
Daniel Jordan	Amy & Jim Sims	Shannon Miller Cook
Elizabeth Allen Hogue	Keith Stephan	Cassandra Steele
Caroline Thomas	Blake Flanagan	Mike Milligan
Samantha Thomas Wilson	Gary West	<u>Home Bound</u>
Richard Burke	Gail Browning	Eloise Trammel
Nan Callaway	Tommy Eiland	Jean Walker
Suzanne Ingram	Tracey Craig	Nell Woodward
Dennis Sweeney	Kathryn Hardy	Helen Rogers
Carolyn Canty	Russ Jackson	Ann Pegues
Allen Williams	Bill Livingston	Barry Blanton

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... PRESENCE

Average attendance YTD as of November

Sunday School: 41 Worship Service: 63



**We hope to see each of you each week for
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 - WDX 100.1.**

I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... GIFTS

MEMORIALS

Sara Snow

By: James & Michele McNeill
By: Myrna Hollis

Kincey Green

By: Sharon Hardy
By: Scoop & Betty Rivers

John Scales

By: Class of '56

As the year quickly comes to a close,
remember your pledge and help us finish the
year financially strong.

The Church Office will be open Thursday,
December 31st , for final contributions.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Remember that charitable contributions,
in memory or in honor of someone special,
are a great way not only to honor them,
but to contribute to the work of the Church as well.

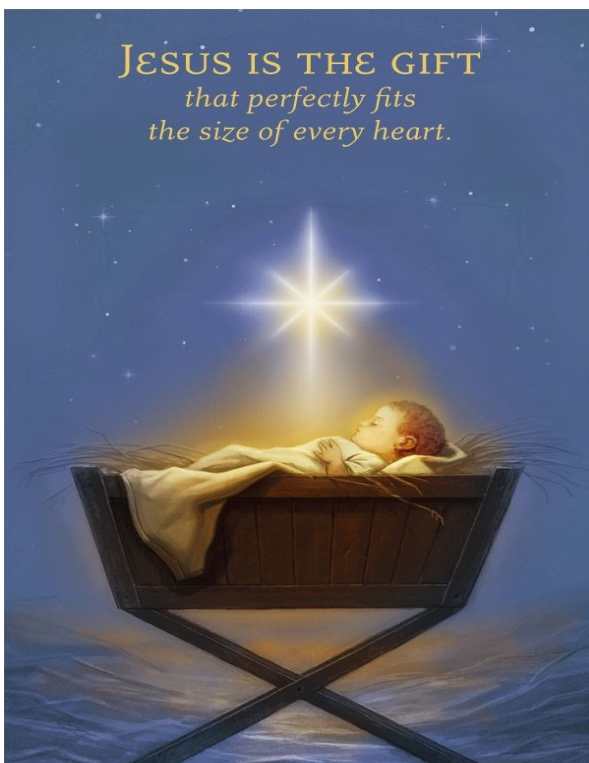


WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This 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.
We continue to collect the White Christmas
Offering through the end of December.

January Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on Sunday, January 3, will
be given to All In Sports.



I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my.... SERVICE

Teams Serving in January

Ushers: Bill Porter, Randy Lovelady, David Ousley, Andy Arrington, Les Smith, James McNeill, Claude Anderson, Owen Nichols

Security: Andy Wendland, Brad Utsey, Beau Boyd, Derek Chappelle, Gail Lovelady, Caroline Anderson

Collection Counters: Frank Speed and Jim Sims

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

January Meetings

Finance

Thursday, January 28, at 5:00 pm, in the Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, January 28, at 5:45, in the Grist Library

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



Leslie Smith delivering poinsettias.
Not pictured:
The Shy Secret Santas !!!



The Outreach Committee
mailed Christmas cards
and delivered poinsettias
to spread joy and lift
spirits this
Christmas season.

It's beginning to look like Christmas at Church Street UMC



Santa Table (a Leika's children favorite)
by Melanie Culpepper



Large Poinsettia from the Frazier Group



Chrismon Tree in the Church Office
Ornaments Donated by Bo & Angie Morgan



The Little Town of Bethlehem
Set up by Michael Steele every year



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