

Messenger

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Each year First Methodist Church collects a special offering for the Methodist Children's Home in Clinton, MS. If you would like to contribute to this very important mission, please make your check to the church and mark it Methodist Children's Home.



*White Christmas
Music and
Candlelight Service*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 at 6 P.M.

At the end of the service we invite you to present your monetary gifts or non-perishable food items wrapped in white paper at the altar. The food will go to Manna House and the monetary gifts will be used for mission projects. God has been good to us and this is our chance to give back.

Poinsettias are ready to be picked up this Sunday in the Sanctuary, with the exception of those up front on the platform.



December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- Church Council

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



12. Lynn Williams

16. Molly McNair

Millie Phillips

10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols

Thank You!

- * Mabel George for decorating the Fellowship Hall.
- * Donna Heidel, Angie Kyle, and D'Ann Adams for decorating the Sanctuary.
- * Calvin "Man" Brookins for assisting with all the set up.
- * Our church for adopting the Luse House at Martha Coker Greenhouses.

With Sympathy

Sympathy and love is extended to the family of Frances Pierce, who died November 30, 2023.



Frances Pierce

Hope & Danny Toney
Frank M. Patty, Jr.

Foster Children's Ministry

This Christmas, please consider joining in our ministry to Yazoo County's foster children in one or more of the following ways:

1. Commit to praying for a foster child and/or foster parent in 2024.
2. Assist in purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for a child.
3. Make a financial contribution (money may be turned in to the church office and designated for the Foster Children's Ministry).

God has used the prayers and gifts of our church and community to share His love and to change lives! Call or text if you would like to participate.

Allison Hughes, 662-571-4964



These bags were delivered to the all the seniors in the Luse House at the Martha Coker Green Houses.



For the month of December, we will begin a new series called **Willing to Serve**. These lessons will remind us of why Christmas is so important. We will remember the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Christ our King.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th will conclude for the remainder of the year. We will resume in January and begin at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. The children have enjoyed learning about so many of God's faithful followers in the Book of Genesis while creating crafts and activities.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group finished off the year watching **The Blind** movie. This movie is about the life of Phil Robertson of the **Duck Commander** and **Duck Dynasty** Family Empire. We will begin the Study that follows along with the movie, as well as the **I am Second** series in which several of the Robertson family members shared their testimonies. This series will resume in January.



The Youth had their Christmas party last Sunday night at the Chaney's.



WINTER XTREME

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists, Anne Wilson, Crowder, NewSong, Chapels, and Colton Dixon will be performing. Information and the itinerary for the trip will be sent out in the coming weeks. This should be such an amazing experience for our youth.



Christmas Jewelry

Thursday, December 14, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Katherine Phillips will be selling handmade jewelry at the entrance to the Day Care. All proceeds will be donated to the First Methodist Day Care.

Come check out these beautiful handmade pieces that would make ideal Christmas presents for your loved ones.

Sunday, December 10

Greeters	Julie & De Paul/Pam & Hubert Hatfield
Advent Readers	Angie & Archie Edgar/ Mary Lou & Owen Richards
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-23
Sermon	“Immanuel: God With Us”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER

10. 2nd Sunday of Advent	Luke 3:1-6
11. A call to sinners	Luke 5:27-32
12. Revealed by fire	1 Corinthians 3:10-15
13. God hopes for repentance	2 Peter 3:1-9
14. In your midst	Zephaniah 3:14-20
15. God is my salvation	Isaiah 12:2-6
16. Don't worry...pray	Philippians 4:4-7