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P. O. Box 444, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194



White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 6 P.M.

Hope Has Dawned, Noel

Imagine waiting, longing, hoping for a Savior to come to earth to bring redemption to all people. We pray that God, the Divine Creator, who inspired this beautiful Christmas music, will bless us and make the hope found in the dawning of Christ's birth deepen our faith in our Lord and Savior!

Join us for this special Christmas Music service presented by the Chancel Choir and musicians. Our Youth will portray the nativity drama.

We will receive an offering of non-perishable items wrapped in white or money to be used in helping with the needs of people through mission projects. We thank you for your endless support as we combine music and missions!



December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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
 1:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. Youth rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. White Christmas

Candlelight & Music Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

1-4 p.m. Christmas Day of Cheer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 16. Molly McNair, Millie Phillips
- 17. Ann Stewart Cader, Deborah Ragland
- 18. James Patterson
- 19. Owen Richards, Marilyn Burnett
Betty Dearman
- 20. Julie Paul, Tres Paul, Helen Tenhet,

- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb

Poinsettias are here!

The poinsettias have arrived and the Sanctuary is now decorated for Christmas. Please get a copy of the Poinsettia sheet from the back of the sanctuary to see all those we honor and remember this Christmas.



Ministries

Foster Children's Christmas

This year, there are over 50 foster children here in Yazoo County. Christmas is a wonderful time to share the love of Jesus with a precious child. Please consider participating in this ministry in one or more of the following ways:

1. "Adopt" a child for Christmas and purchase the items on his/her wish list.
2. Purchase and wrap a single item for a child.
3. Make a financial contribution to the "Foster Children's Fund". Checks can be turned in to the church office or mailed to First Methodist Church, PO Box 444, YC.
4. Commit to praying for a child in 2026.

Contact Allison Hughes (662-571-4964) for more information.





For the month of December, we begin Unit 1 in our *HeartShaper* curriculum entitled, ***Jesus Was Born***.

Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

December 14 - "Jesus is Born"

December 21 - "Shepherds Tell Others" & "Wise Men Worship Jesus"

December 28 - No Sunday School -One Service

****Because we will have joint Worship on December 28 and January 4, some lessons may be combined.**



During December, our upper elementary Sunday School will begin Unit 1- ***God's Plan*** of *Gospel Light's -The Edge*.

The lesson are as follows:

December 21 - "Light in the Darkness." & "God's Plan Fulfilled"

December 28 - No Sunday School -One Service

****Because we will have joint Worship on December 28, two lessons may be combined.**

A DAY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

Children grade 5K-6th grades are invited to join us for "A DAY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER" on Tuesday, December 16 from 1-4. We will be making some fun Christmas art and have Christmas snacks and punch and enjoy a movie.

SOLID GROUND

Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

Youth Bible Study has concluded for the 2025 calendar year. Enjoy your Christmas break, and we will resume on Sunday, January 11.

White Christmas Practice/Program

The youth will meet this Sunday at 3:30 to practice for the White Christmas program which will be at 6:00 p.m.

Girls will be Angels. Boys will be Shepherds and Wise Men.

Thank you to all the parents for sending food to the Youth Christmas Party. We had plenty and enjoyed it all!!



*The beautiful Nativity Scene on the front porch of the Church has been lovingly given in memory of **Terrell Tenhet** by Helen, Terrye Layne, and Tommy Tenhet.*

*Congratulations to Neetsie and Butch Gary, proud grandparents of **Emerson Greer Gary**, daughter of Randi and Ryan Gary, who was born November 25, 2025. Proud Great grandfather is Davis Gary.*



*Holiday
Schedule*

December 16 Children's Day of Christmas Cheer
December 24 5-6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
December 28 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY, December 14, 2025

Advent Readers	Chip & Donna Heidel/Jamie, Myla & Hamp Wallace
Greeters	Sam & Joyce Pace/Molly & Bill McNair
Scripture	Matthew 11:1-19
Sermon	J. Nelson

DAILY BIBLE READINGS DECEMBER

14. 3rd Sunday of Advent	Matthew 11:2-11
15. To prepare a people	Luke 1:5-19
16. From you, O Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5a
17. Name your son Jesus	Luke 1:26-38
18. Ahaz gets a sign	Isaiah 7:10-16
19. Restore us, O God	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
20. Paul summarizes the gospel	Romans 1:1-7