

# Messenger

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This Sunday, we will celebrate *All Saints Day*. This is the day in which we remember those of our congregation who have passed during the last twelve months:

*David Arnold, Martha Lyles, Irma Newell Hart,  
Mark Cader, Linda Barrack, Pat Webb, Miller Holmes*

**Daylight Savings Time ends!**  
Don't forget! Set your clocks back  
1 hour at bedtime this Saturday night.

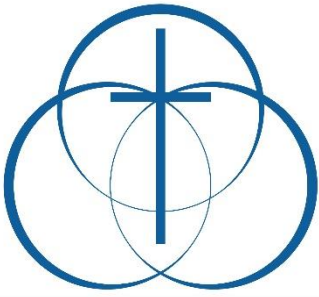


**November 12**

**Consecration Sunday**

Bring your Intention of Giving slips and  
Time and Talent Surveys.

4 p.m. This worship service will be a time of rejoicing as we celebrate the  
1<sup>st</sup> Charge Conference of the Delta District of the Global Methodist Church.



**First Charge Conference  
of the Delta District  
of the Global Methodist Church  
Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference  
Sunday, November 12, 2023 4 P.M.**

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19)*

Please come join us next Sunday afternoon for our first districtwide gathering of the Delta District of the Mississippi-West Tennessee Conference. **Our church sanctuary at 4 p.m.**

Charge Conference each year gives us an opportunity to do two things: Approve certain business items for the new year, and celebrate the great things God has done over the last year.

So, our Business session will be short, and our Celebration will be great. We are planning a districtwide Worship Service to sing and pray and share the wonderful things God has done. God has been so faithful to each of us over the past year, and we want to take time to give thanks.

Our Delta District currently has 13 churches and is growing every day:

Christ Church, Indianola  
First Methodist Church, Indianola  
Hollandale Methodist Church  
Inverness Methodist Church  
Ellison Methodist Church  
St. John’s Methodist Church, Greenwood  
First Methodist Church, Yazoo City

Glenn Allan Methodist Church  
Avon Methodist Church  
Benoit Methodist Church  
Silver City Methodist Church  
Midway Methodist Church  
Mt. Olivet Methodist Church



***What does stewardship mean to you?***

The word, stewardship, simply means to manage someone else’s property. For the Christian, as Scripture proclaims everything belongs to God, we manage the property of our Lord. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude and view that our things are His things, our stuff is His stuff, that all we could have now, all we have lost, all we will have, is His, including our very bodies and spiritual gifts. We are mere lessees of the property, money, relationships, talents, time, and even our lives. That means all that we are and all that we have is not ours to begin with. They belong to God. Therefore, the duty of the Christian is to learn how to become responsible stewards of our Lord’s resources entrusted into our care. It means to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 says, “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” **Next week, November 12, everyone will have the opportunity to come, worship Christ, and return your Intention of Giving form and your Time and Talent Survey.** I hope that you have been prayerfully considering what it means to be a steward of God’s possessions. Thank you for your service to First Methodist Church of Yazoo City and to God. Rich Knox, Stewardship Chair



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### ELECTION DAY

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's House

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

## NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6. Heather Ledbetter
- 8. Alice Cobb
- 9. Phil Nichols

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- 7. Mr. & Mrs. Rich Knox  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Smith



Remember, there are still some shoeboxes available to pick up at the church. If you have not already prepared one, please participate in this very worthwhile ministry as we try to bring joy and the love of Christ into many deserving children in the world! They will be picked up next week.

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## DAY CARE HALLOWEEN FUN!



The children in our day care did some trick or treating in the church office with Brother Lauren, Mrs. Rosemary and Mrs. Tera!



For the month of November, we will begin a new series called **Following Wisdom**. The lessons we will be covering are "God's Wisdom," "Wisdom for Problems," "The Way to God," and "Keep Going God's Way." These lessons begin after the death of King David, and take us through the reign of his son, King Solomon. Solomon was young when he became King, and he looked to God for guidance. For the next few weeks, we will be studying about the wisdom of King Solomon.

## **W.O.W. Wednesday**

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's Bible Study will be Bible-in-Crafts. We have been enjoying all the amazing stories in the Bible from the Book of Genesis. As we begin the month of November, we will be learning about God's faithfulness to Abraham. We will be talking about Isaac, Jacob and Esau, and the redeeming story of Joseph. Supper will be at 6:15, and we will dismiss at 6:30 p.m.



Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Group have been talking about the importance of living a Christ-like life. We all have a story that God is writing for each of us. Sunday nights we have been having a great group of youth who continue to show up ready to study God's word. We have made a slight time change for Sunday's and will be gathering at 5:30 for this semester. Wednesday Nights we will have supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 6:40 p.m.

## ***WINTER XTREME***

The youth will be attending **Winter Extreme** in Branson, December 27-29. We will hear multiple speakers and Christian Artists. We will also have a few activities planned in the Branson area. Final payment of \$50 is due by November 15<sup>th</sup> for those who still owe.

## **Spring Break**

There has been interest among the youth to plan a trip during Spring Break. Options have been presented, and a sign-up/interest deadline has been set for November 8<sup>th</sup>, for the trip to come to fruition. If nothing is done, there will be no trip.



I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits since I have been sick.

I will go to MD Anderson in Houston on November 5 and have my first appointment November 6. I cover your prayers and hope to be back worshipping with you soon.

Frances Pierce

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

Greeters	Wanda & Tommy Woodard/Donna Heidel
Scripture	Hebrews 11:32-40
Sermon	<b>“Heroes of the Faith”</b>
Flowers	Hines Family

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### NOVEMBER

<b>5. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mark 12:28-34</b>
6. A gift from Jesus	Acts 3:1-10
7. As you have decided	2 Corinthians 9:6-8
8. Be transformed	Romans 12:1-3
9. An ancestor of David	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
10. Secure in God’s presence	Psalms 127
11. All-sufficient sacrifice	Hebrews 9:24-28