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White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

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

Sunday night we will gather to celebrate the wonderful gift of God, wrapped in the person of the baby Jesus....the Wonderful One...the Christ of Christmas. This is the gift that is at the very heart of the Christmas season....a season rich with tradition, alive with music, and warm with family and friends. But the true wonder of the season is that hope is reborn each Christmas. Into this dark world, a light is come!

Let us search our hearts as we hear the story once again through music, narration, and drama. Let's celebrate the long-expected Savior, our Redeemer, Emmanuel - God with us. Let's celebrate the King of Kings who stepped down from heaven to earth to bring true Joy to our world and real Peace to every longing heart. Let's celebrate Christmas!

The offering of non-perishable items or money will 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 17

- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Youth drama rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. White Christmas Candlelight Music Program

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Day of Cheer



- 17. Deborah Ragland
Ann Stewart Cader
 - 18. James Patterson
 - 19. Owen Richards
Marilyn Burnett
Betty Dearman
 - 20. Julie Paul
Tres Paul
Helen Tenhet
 - 21. Albert Vandevere
 - 22. Max Sanders
John Howie
- *****
- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb



Frances Pierce

- M/M Camp King
- M/M Jim Oakes
- G. D. Simmons Family Memorial Fund
- Mr. & Mrs. David Parker
- Bruce & Woodson Ruschewski



You are all invited to a birthday party honoring Helen Tenhet on her 90th birthday, Wednesday, December 20, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



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 by December 17, and mark it Methodist Children's Home.



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.

A Day of Christmas Cheer!!

We are planning our annual day of Christmas Cheer on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 19. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. for an afternoon of Christmas crafts, baking and candy making, and a Christmas movie complete with popcorn. We will dismiss at 4:00 p.m.



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.



Special thanks to Carrie and Brent Chaney for hosting the Youth Christmas Party. Thanks also to Melissa Gooch for helping with games and food. Teenagers are always competitive so we decided to take it to the next level with Christmas and Christmas song trivia. Their weakness was exposed! However, when it was time to play actual games, the gloves came off! A great time was had by everyone.

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.

Sunday, December 17

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Patsy Clark
Advent Readers	Sam & Joyce Pace/ Patricia & David Parker
Scripture	Philippians 2:5-11
Sermon	“Jesus Christ our Lord”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER

17. 3rd Sunday of Advent	Luke 3:7-18
18. Make a joyful noise	Psalm 100
19. Preparing for the King	Psalm 24:7-10
20. The one of peace	Micah 5:2-5a
21. Mary’s song of joy	Luke 1:47-55
22. Resore us, O God	Psalm 80:1-7
23. Sanctified through His offering	Hebrews 10:5-10