

Messenger

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.



This Sunday, November 18, is Consecration Sunday. This is the day in our church year that we bring our tithe and offering commitments and place them on the altar of our church. We also bring our time and talent brochures to the Lord as we return our Volunteer Survey sheets at the end of the service.

We invite and encourage **every member and friend** of First United Methodist Church to fill out their forms and be **present** on this special Sunday.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR



- 18. Kelcie Lee Yates
- 19. Judy Patterson,
Seward Perry
- 20. Bill Anderson, Lanie Potter
- 24. De Paul

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- 22. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Webb
- 24. Mr. & Mrs. Will Phillips

*With  
Sympathy*

*Sympathy and love is extended to Stephen & Emily Harris in the death of Stephen's grandmother, Jo Ann Moore Harris, who died October 24, 2018.*

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- 6:00 p.m. Community-wide Thanksgiving Service. River Mountain Church

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Night
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
THANKSGIVING**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Sunday, November 18, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

River Mountain Church  
869 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Yazoo City

Thanksgiving Sermon by  
Rev. Edward Taylor, Pastor  
Word of Faith Christian Center



## **Solid Ground Youth**

As we prepare to close out our study of the History of the Old Testament, the next two Sundays will focus on Ezra and Nehemiah. This week's lesson will focus on Ezra and how as a priest, he speaks and leads the Jewish people.

### **Sunday Night Youth and Wednesday Night Small Group**

**NEITHER** Bible study will meet this week due to Thanksgiving Holidays, but we will pick back up on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy spending time with your families and your holiday break from school.

### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

**This Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, there will be an Overnight Youth Fellowship. We will meet at the Church at 6:30 p.m. for a snack supper and a night of fellowship. We will work on a Mission Project for the Elders at the Green Houses, followed by Game Night. There will also be a Destination Unknown event during the evening. More information about this night has been sent out.

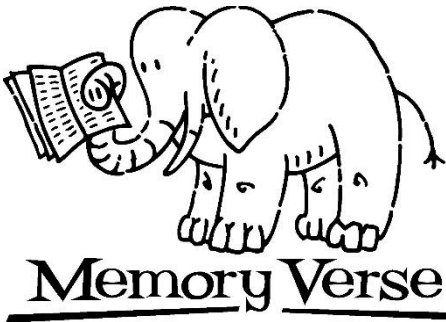
**The Youth Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 9.  
Time and Place TBA**



Remember to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas. They provide our Christmas decorations each year for the Sanctuary. There will be forms in the Sunday school classrooms, as well as in the back of the church. Feel free to call the church office or Tera Smith if you are interested. Youth members may also be contacted.



# Children's Page



"But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to abandon you, to turn back from following after you. Wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God'."

Ruth 1:16

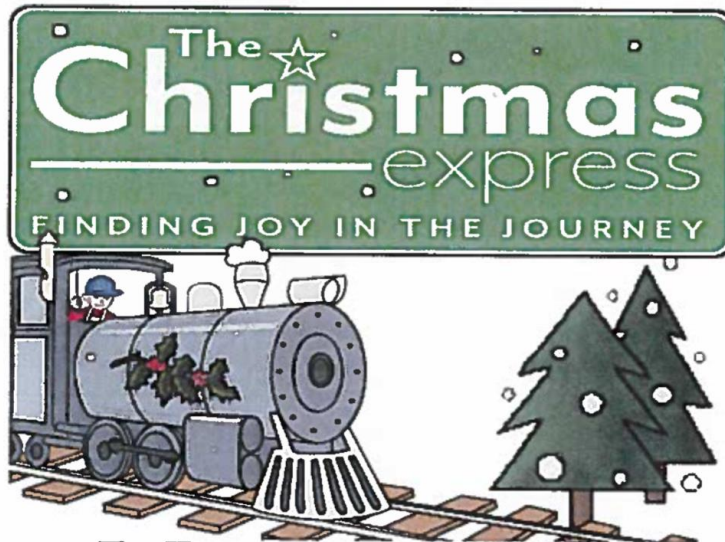


This week's Sunday school lesson is one that many children may not be familiar with. It is about a miracle the prophet Elisha brought about. He helped a woman whose husband had died and left her with unpaid debt. She had nothing, and she was afraid of losing her child. This woman asked for help. Asking for help is something that can be difficult for us to do, but we need to remember that it is OK to ask for help when we need it. Hope to see you Sunday as we learn more about this story.



Last week our lesson was about **Thankfulness**. We talked about how we should always be thankful no matter what our situation may be. God is at work in all things, and we grow and develop throughout our situations and circumstances. We will NOT meet this Sunday night due to Thanksgiving Holidays, but we will meet back on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, for a special Christmas program practice.

"A Day of Christmas Fun" is being planned for the children in Grades 1-6. We will be baking Christmas candy and cookies, making fun Christmas crafts, and visiting the Green Houses to deliver poinsettias and sing. More information about the date and time will be available soon.



# **all aboard!**

## **The CHRISTmas eXPRESS!**

Come along, hop on board and join us as we journey together to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to celebrate our Savior's birth. You never know who God will place in this train on this wonderful night, and how it will unfold.

Our children's choir will present their Christmas musical, "The Christmas Express" on Sunday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. They are working hard in preparation for this joyful journey !!!

### **Volunteers serving Sunday, November 18, 2018**

Greeters

Christy Cader/Donna Heidel

Worship Leader

Rich Knox

Acolytes

Anna Riley Kelly/Sherrill Ann Chaney

Scripture

Leviticus 7:11-18

Sermon

**"Thanksgiving Dinner"**

Security

Stephen Harris/Chip Heidel

Flowers

Bill & Molly McNair

## **Attendance, November 11, 2018**

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| Worship Services | 208 |
| Sunday School    | 138 |

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### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

#### **NOVEMBER**

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>18. Time to speak out</b> | <b>Luke 21:5-19</b>    |
| 19. Gifts for the giver      | Deuteronomy 26:1-11    |
| 20. The LORD is good         | Psalms 100             |
| 21. Have no anxiety          | Philippians 4:4-9      |
| 22. <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>  | <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> |
| 23. To prepare His way       | Luke 1:68-79           |
| 24. Reconciled through Him   | Colossians 1:11-20     |

### **IN MEMORY**

*George Caldwell*

Janice Middleton

*Margaret Davis Garrett*

Penny Jackson