

# Messenger

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## *White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service*

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 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!





### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. White Christmas Candlelight Service

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 12 Noon – 4 p.m. Christmas Day of Cheer  
Grades 1-6
- 5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



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- 15. Frances Pierce
  - 16. Molly McNair, Millie Phillips
  - 17. Deborah Ragland, Ann Stewart Cader
  - 18. James Patterson
  - 19. Owen Richards, Marilyn Burnett,  
Truett Duncan, Bettye Dearman
  - 20. Julie Paul, Helen Tenhet, Tres Paul
  - 21. Albert Vanevere

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- 17. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Webb
- 19. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Bardwell

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have all contributions to be credited to 2019 in the church office by December 29.

**Sunday, December 22**, worship services will be at regular times, 9 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School at regular time.

**Sunday, December 29**, there will be ONE joint worship service at 10 a.m. NO Sunday School.



Congratulations to Slater and Jen Phillips on the birth of their son Michael Slater Phillips II, who was born December 9, 2019. Also welcoming him is big sister Ella Phillips and grandparents Mike and Kathy Phillips.

### Mission Opportunities

#### Methodist Children's Home

It's not too late to contribute to the Methodist Children's Home **this Sunday**. Please make your checks payable to FUMC and mark Methodist Children's home.

#### Foster Children

If you would like to "adopt" a foster child, purchase a single item, or make a financial contribution this Christmas, contact Allison Hughes, 571-4964.





## Solid Ground Youth

This month in Sunday school we will revisit the story of Jesus' birth and the events that preceded and followed. God had a plan for His people, and it was to begin through the birth of a baby. Nothing is impossible with God!

## Sunday Night Youth

This Sunday night, December 15, is the White Christmas Cantata. Mrs. Lettie has asked that all the youth please participate in the drama production as Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men. This is what brings the program together and to life. We are asking that they be at the church at 3:45 p.m. We will have food for them in the youth basement.



### **Thank You! Thank You!**

Thank you so much to Kathryn and Will Phillips for allowing the Youth **Ugly Sweater Christmas Party** to be in your home. The kids said they had a great time, and that it was one of the most fun ones yet. Also, thank you to all of the parents who support and encourage your youth to be involved.

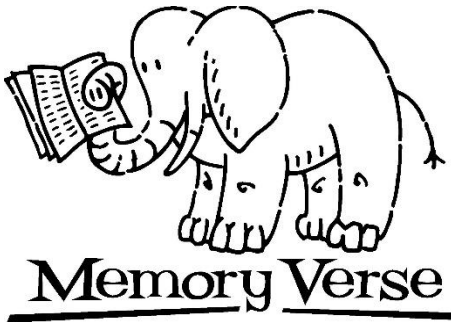
### **Poinsettias**

The poinsettias have been delivered and are ready for you to take home. However, we ask that you not take the ones used to make the tree on the pulpit until after the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 22.





# Children's Page



"The angel said," Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people."

Luke 2:10



This Sunday in our lesson, we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem from Nazareth in order to register to pay taxes. We know that Mary was expecting a baby. However, it didn't matter. We know that this was all part of God's plan. This Sunday, we will learn a little more about this story.



## Hiskidz and Planet 456:

We will be having our annual ***Day of Christmas Cheer*** this year on Wednesday, December 18 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. This is for children 5k- 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You may drop off your child at the church at 12:00 noon, and we should be done by 4:00 p.m. We will be making Christmas candy and cookies, Christmas ornaments, and a special canvas painting. We will also visit the nursing home to deliver poinsettias and sing Christmas carols. Please send \$5.00 to help with the cost.



I am so proud of all the kids for their unbelievably spectacular performance this past Sunday night!! They were all so good, and I do believe that this may have been one of the best programs yet!!



## **Volunteers serving Sunday, December 15, 2019**

Greeters	Donna Heidel/Bill & Molly McNair
Acolytes	Jake Louis Paul & Craig Paul
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	<b>“Worship the King”</b>
Security	Steve Newman/Larry Adams

## **Attendance, December 8, 2019**

Worship Services	200
Sunday School	89

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **DECEMBER**

<b>15. 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>John 1:6-8, 19-28</b>
16. Praise the Lord	Psalm 149
17. Written on the heart	Jeremiah 31:31-34
18. I have made a covenant	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
19. Are you the one?	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
20. Holy is his Name	Luke 1:47-55
21. Glory to God forever	Romans 16:25-27



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bowman Harris  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

*Margaret Bowman*  
to  
*Wesley Stuart Swedenburg*

on Saturday, the twenty-first of December  
Two thousand nineteen  
at half past five o'clock in the afternoon

*First United Methodist Church*  
203 North Washington Street  
Yazoo City, Mississippi

and afterwards for the reception

*The Manchester*  
118 East Broadway  
Yazoo City, Mississippi