

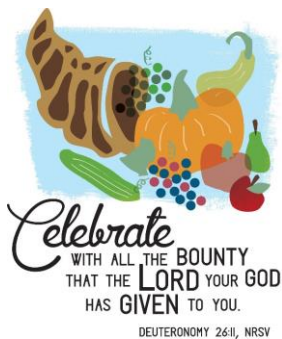
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# Messenger

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## Growing Through Gratitude

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude “fertilizer for the mind” because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn’t always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn’t grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now? What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” he writes, “for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).

## The Advent Wreath



During Advent, which begins this year on December 1, many churches and families use wreaths to symbolize watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Colors for the candles vary, with some traditions using blue (for hope or creation) and others preferring purple (for royalty, humility or penitence).

The four candles that each represent a week in Advent also signify hope, peace, joy and love. (The third candle is often pink.) In the center is the white Christ candle, representing Jesus as the light of the world. That candle is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The round, green Advent wreath has special meaning of its own. It symbolizes eternal life and the unending love of God, who sent his only Son to earth to die in our place.



December

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9-12 noon Methodist Market

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

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

6:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

4:30 p.m. Ladies' Handbell Practice  
5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:15 p.m. Snack Supper  
6:30 p.m. Youth

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 24. De Paul
- 26. Louis Thompson & Rita Sanders
- 27. Butch Gary
- 30. Jenny Whitaker
  - 1. Bill McNair
  - 4. Tera Smith, Mattie Burton, Daniel Cobb
  - 5. Diane Vaughan
  - 6. Clark Duncan



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Thank you to all who prepared and brought Christmas Shoeboxes. Many will be blessed, the recipients as well as the givers!



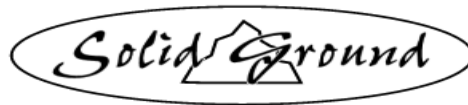
- \* 2024 Budget proposals due by December 1.
- \*The White Christmas Music and Candlelight program will be Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 6 p.m.



The next two Sundays we conclude our series *The God Who Calls Us*. Our final lesson in this series is titled "God Helps me When I Ask." This story happens years after Abraham and Sarah have Isaac. Sarah has passed, Abraham is about 140 years old, and Isaac is about 40. Abraham turned to God to find a wife for Isaac. He prayed for God to help bring the right person to his son.

## **HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

We will NOT meet next Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving Holiday. Wednesday, December 4, will be our last meeting until January.



Youth Bible Study will NOT meet this Sunday, November 24 or Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

### **M28 Camp –Date June 29 - July 2, 2025**

Camp registration has opened. Sign-up will require a non-refundable deposit of \$120 to hold your place. Spots will only be held if the full deposit has been paid. Deposit may be split into 2 payments of \$60, but half must be paid upfront. Please respond as soon as possible so we can register our group.



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.

### **Christmas for Foster Children**

Please help bring the Light of Christ to a foster child this Christmas! If you would like to adopt a child, purchase a specific gift, or make a financial contribution, please contact Allison Hughes 662-571-4964.

(Financial contributions may be turned in to the church. Indicate that the money is for the Foster Children's Fund)

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Greeters	D'Ann Adams/Patsy Clark
Advent Readers	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Angie & Bill Kyle
Scripture	Luke 17:11-19
Sermon	<b>"The Power of Thank You"</b>
Flowers	Anonymous

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere/Brenda & Denny Paul
Flowers	Barbara Parks

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **NOVEMBER**

<b>24. Christ the King Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 23:33-43</b>
25. By their own judgments	Ezekiel 7:23-27
26. Paths of faithfulness	Psalms 25:8-10
27. A welcome messenger	Isaiah 52:7-10
28. God of peaceful ways	Isaiah 2:1-5
29. Praying for peace	Psalms 122
30. The armor of light	Romans 13:11-14

### **DECEMBER**

<b>1. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Matthew 24:36-44</b>
2. Waiting in despair	Psalms 69:1-16
3. Not slow but patient	2 Peter 3:3-9
4. With their whole heart	Jeremiah 24:1-7
5. A shoot shall grow	Isaiah 11:1-10
6. Like showers that refresh	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
7. The nations shall hope	Romans 15:4-13