

# Messenger

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## **December 8**

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School  
Special Offering for Methodist Children's Home

6 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

## **December 10**

Deadline for Poinsettia Bulletin information

## **December 15**

Regular Morning Worship Times and Sunday School

**6 p.m. White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service**

## **December 18**

1-4 p.m. Children's Day of Christmas Cheer

## **December 24**

**5-6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion**

## **December 29**

10 a.m. Joint Worship Service – No Sunday School

Rev. Danny Pasquale, missionary with IBEL, guest speaker



has fully phased out of apportionments from the  
Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Next Sunday, December 8, there will be a Special Offering for the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi. Please make your checks payable to First Methodist Church and write Methodist Children's Home in the information line.**

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Births in the Church Family

***Congratulations to Mike and Allison Hughes on the birth of their grandson, Charles Jackson "Jack" Lane, who was born November 2, 2024 to Maggie and Trace Lane.***



# December



## White Christmas Music and Candlelight Service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 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. Youth Christmas Party

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

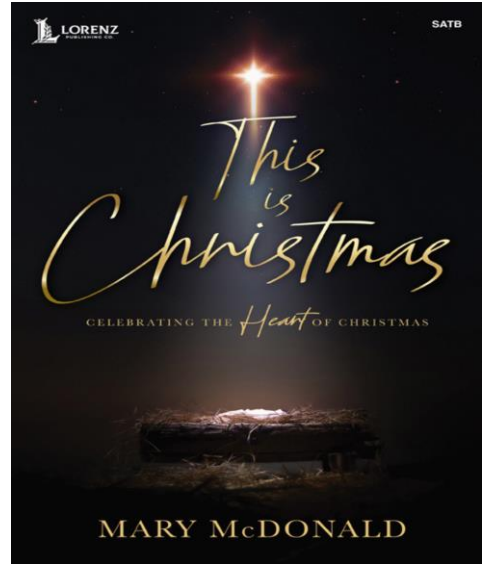
- 6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



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10. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols



The last day to have the names of memorials or honored in the Poinsettia bulletin is December 10, 2024.

*Just hearing the word “Christmas” brings thoughts of joy to mind: family gatherings; exchanging gifts; enjoying meals with relatives, friends and co-workers; filling the home with lights, trees, candles, and greenery and listening to seasonal music both at home and at church. Christmas is the season of joy, and, for those who celebrate the birth of Christ, Christmas is the season of love coming to earth. Christmas is about a Child—Jesus! THIS is Christmas!*

*The White Christmas Music and Candlelight Program will be presented **Sunday, December 15**, at 6 p.m. by the Chancel Choir and the drama will be enacted by our youth.*





This week we will begin a new series, *Jesus: His Birth*, for the month of December. Our first lesson in this series is titled "God Promised Us a Savior." God made a promise to His people, and they had waited years for this promise. God told Abraham that he would be the Father of many nations, and a Savior would come. He promised Moses and the Israelites of a Savior. Isaiah prophesied about Immanuel. This Sunday we will hear the rest of the story.

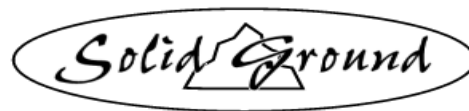
### **HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

**We will NOT be meeting throughout the month of December due to Christmas Holidays. We will resume in January. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.**

### **Day of Christmas Cheer**



The Children's Annual Day of Christmas Cheer will be Wednesday, December 18 from 1:00-4:00 in the upstairs Children's wing of the Church. We will make some fun Christmas crafts and bake a few Christmas goodies. We may even have time for a quick Christmas movie.



**Youth Bible Study will NOT be meeting throughout the month of December due to Christmas Holidays. We will resume in January. Good Luck on Exams and have a very Merry Christmas.**

### **Youth Christmas Party**



The Youth Christmas Party will be this Sunday, December 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the home of Julie and De Paul. We will have a Breakfast Supper and a little bit of festive Christmas fun and games.

### **M28 Camp – Tentative New 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.

# Sunday, December 8, 2024

Greeters	Dixie & Jim Roberts/Linda & Bob Coker
Advent Readers	Hannah & Matt Matrick/David & Patricia Parker
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38
Sermon	<b>“Mary’s Yes”</b>
Flowers	Kyle Family

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

<b>8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Matthew 3:1-12</b>
9. Do not worry	Philippians 4:4-7
10. God rescues the exiles	Zephaniah 3:14-20
11. My spirit rejoices	Luke 1:47-55
12. The Holy Way	Isaiah 35:1-10
13. A mighty defender	Psalms 146:5-10
14. Wait patiently for God	James 5:7-10