



The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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The Rev. Clair Sauer, Pastor

From the Pastor

Preparing for the Messiah

Advent is now upon us. Christmas is just around the corner. This is a season of anticipation and celebration. But who exactly is this Christ whose birth we celebrate? What did people expect of the coming Messiah? Were their expectations fulfilled? Who was he to the people anticipating his arrival over 2,000 years ago? Who is he to us now? These are the questions we will consider this Advent season in the sermon series, "Preparing for the Messiah." Together, we will spend the four weeks of Advent exploring the Old Testament prophecies that revealed the promises of God and pointed to a coming Messiah. This will be a great opportunity for us to learn more about who Jesus Christ was and is as we celebrate his birth and anticipate his return. Make plans to be part of worship each Sunday morning at 10:30am.

December 2—"The Lord Our Righteousness" from Jeremiah 33: 14-16

December 9—"Refiner and Purifier" from Malachi 3: 1-4

December 16—"The Lord's Glory" from Isaiah 35: 1-10

December 23—"One of Peace" from Micah 5: 2-5a

December 24, Christmas Eve, 5pm—"What's in a Name?" from Isaiah 9: 2-7

May each of us find in this Christmas season the hope, joy, peace, and love of our Messiah!

In Anticipation,

Pastor Clair



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 9th – 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to a Reception in the gym with heavy hors d'oeuvres following the program



We will be taking orders for **Poinsettias** to be used in the sanctuary during Advent through Sunday, December 2nd. You can order by filling out the form enclosed in the bulletin or by calling the church office. The cost is \$7.00. We kindly request that the poinsettias be left in the sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve Service.

◆ The United Methodist Women will be holding another Crafts for Laughs on Sunday, December 2, at 2:30pm in the Fellowship Room. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the bulletin board.

◆ On December 11, 6pm, WMUMC will host the clergy of the Scenic South (Chattanooga) District. We will need volunteers beginning at approximately 5:30pm to help serve dinner to these clergy and to wash dishes. If you are available to help with this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

◆ Make room in your Christmas plans for two special services! On Sunday, December 23, we will worship with Michael Rodgers as he shares his beautiful voice and some favorite Christmas songs. Then, on Sunday, December 24, we will celebrate Christmas Eve together with a Candlelight Communion Service at 5pm.

◆ While you're out and about doing some Christmas shopping, make sure you pick up some pajamas for Foster Children. We will gather during Sunday School on December 30 to collect the pajamas and have a devotion together.



Candlelight Communion Service

5:00 PM
Monday, December 24th

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

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Return Service Requested

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Prayer Concerns

Robin Minnick (Mother of Kelsey Shaver), Kathy Mansfield, Marjorie Webb, Ben Matherly, Katie Grigsby (Niece of Stephen Walker), Betty Ellington (Mother of Phil Ellington), Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings), Susan Lavan (Friend of Pam Varnell), Cheryl Stowell (Friend of Nancy Smith), Sarah Porter Bigelow (Friend of Joy Billings), Janice Coleman

ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Deane Barker, Don Bowers (Father of D. J. (Valorie) Bowers), Betty Brickman, Steve Brothers, Pete Bryant, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Bonnie Colquitt, Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Sara Feely, Jeanette Fults, Hazel Garner, Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Joyce (Friend of Ken Levi), Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Mike McAfee, David Minnick (Father of Kelsey Shaver), Jon Moeller (Brother-in-law of Pastor Clair and Ken), Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Randy Starnes, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

MILITARY: MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES: Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 321), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford Road (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague – Southern Oaks (Room 210)

**Attendance & Offerings for
November 2018**

OFFERINGS (For Month of November) \$ 21,142.50

Sunday School (Average) 30
Morning Worship (Average) 54

Sympathy

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Frank (Tina) and Lindy Pate at the loss of their mother **Dot Pate** on November 22nd. Dot served as an office volunteer and Church Librarian at Wesley for many years before moving to Griffin, Georgia, where a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.*

**IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF
December 2018**

USHERS/GREETERS Dick Blabon & Karen Mansfield
LAY LEADER: Suzanne Burnett
PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: 12/02 Connie & Naomi Hay
12/09 David Smith
12/16 Tom Steffner
12/23 Jerri & CD Hilliard
12/30 Eric Burnett
ALTAR GUILD: Karen & Heather Mansfield
ALTAR FLOWERS: Poinsettias
AUDIO-VIDEO: Dan Coleman & Kip Smith



December Birthdays

- 05 Griffin Long
- 09 Donie Anderson
- 13 Pam Brooks
- 15 Kelsey Shaver
- 18 Betty Brown
- 19 Betty Brickman
- 27 Marnie Martin
- 29 Naomi Hay
- 30 Gracie Rogers
- Steaven Rogers

Santa's For Seniors 2018

You can help put a smile on the face of a Meals on Wheels client in Hamilton County by putting together a gift bag valued at \$25 or by donating \$25. More details are listed on the bulletin board. Please give your gifts/donations to Brenda Fields by Sunday, December 9th.