



Finance Update

**Needed in November
\$29,752.45**

**Received in November
\$33,596.01**

***We have many ways to give...
During Worship, Church Office,
Online, Black Drop Box**

REMINDER Turn in your Stewardship pledges!

If you haven't already, please turn in your pledge cards for Stewardship as soon as you can.



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(936) 598-2707

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, SERVE THE WORLD

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*
PSALM 65:11

The Methodist Messenger

**First United Methodist Church
Center, Texas**

December 28, 2020



The new year is here! Only a few days until we bid a fond farewell to the year that was and welcome the year to be. 2020 date planners were pretty much a useless item as were vacation plans, family reunions and regular church activities. AND YET, 2020 gave us the wonderful gift of time. Time to idle down and time to take stock of what's really important. Time to enjoy what we had and time to pray for those who were suffering. Time to rejoice in the beauty of what's right around us and time to get creative right where we were.

2020 also brought us "bad news fatigue". Those who capitalize on bad news had a tremendous year of sharing their un-redeemed Scrooge character with all of us. May the good Lord have mercy on all of us and those who dwell in darkness when the light of Christ has so brilliantly shone into world and into our very souls.

We bask in that light. We carry that light within us. We radiate that light through us into the darkness that has yet to comprehend the amazing and redeeming grace that God has released in Jesus. I'm looking forward to more light and less darkness in 2021. I will try to let more light shine through me because I will do my best to spend more time basking in the marvelous, soul changing light of Christ.

Let's join together in a meaningful beginning to the new opportunities before us. Let's commit to growing our own faith and to making the world a better and happier place because we are shining so brightly with the love and grace of God Almighty through Jesus Christ the redeemer within us. This commitment is not an intellectual idea. It is to choose how we will live in a world that loves the darkness. They love the darkness because they don't know **The Light**. In the easy times and difficult times of the coming year, let's all remember that **God is with us and we are never alone**. Brilliant!!

See ya soon,
Pastor Malcolm

PRAYER LIST

Most Recent & Acute Needs

Michael Masterson, Mason Parks, Silver Motley, Danielle Permenter, Bruce Koonce, Mary Dell Windham, Rhonda Patterson, Shirlynn Harbison, Brenda Mackey, Polly Smith, Tim Patterson, Roseanne Rideout, Dr. Robert Hughes, Larry Russell, Jerrie Kenikee, Dr. Ledet, Yazoo Thomas, Jay Watlington, Betty Robertson, Randy Dickerson, Bill Eberenz, Sharon McMahon, Mary Fomby, Becky Roberts, Wayne & Sherry Hooper, Dolly Cunningham, Nell Polley, Ryan Chandler, Debbie Maxey, Gwenyth Jackson, Hilde Gard, Amanda Mooney, Margaret Andrews, Pastor Andy Wilson & family, Rob Payne, Elizabeth Goff, Gina Estes, Peggy Haley, Wayne Howard, Robin Smith, Charlotte Hughes, Alice Sue Howard, Levi Rodriguez, Christie Adams, Michelle Deaton, Chris Shannon, Cash Copley, Heather Copley, Andres Chavez, Betty McCloud, Jay Cheshire, Cooper & CJ Goings, Angela Payne Walker, Ron Mann, Johnnie Lewis, Rick Russell, Marvette Fuller, Joey Burton, Tim & Debbie Adams, Robin Bontempo, Darrell Johnson, Joslyn Stinchcomb, Karen Gray, Chuck Lunsford, Pastor Malcolm & Teresa Monroe, Chris & Brenda Anding & family, Marcy Peschke, Darrell Johnson, Leroy & Carol Newman, Doug & Emma Beck, Lily & sister, Bonnie Brown, Sebastian Beck

Long Term Need for Healing

Jeri Frank, Kevin Blake, Lynn Fox, Debbie Mercer, Brooklyn Swann, Charles Hall, Beth Kell, Billy Wayne Williams, Zac Day, Judy Walker Wood, Angela Lawson, Makinley Pigg, Evelyn Green, Connie Mettauer, David Swanzy, Robert Ortigo, Mandy Estes, Cecil Watlington, Jennifer Paddie, Judy Foster, Gail Porter, Jocelyn Lopez, Bonnie LeRoy, Tresa Pearce, Vicki Lee, Ann Harmon, John Griffin, Billie Permenter

At Home & Nursing Home Members & Friends

Mae Dell Brannen, Gwendolyn Crawford, Margaret Henry, Yvonne Permenter, Doris Wennerbom, J.W. Braden, Orval Headley, Jay Teske, Joy Miller, Margaret Ihlo, Charlene Monroe

Those Serving Our Country

Wade Angelo, Josh Nobles, Jimmy Crocker, Jason Adams, Chris Bentley, Stephen Bentley, Kirk Cogswell, Cpl. Dustin W. Osgood, Caleb Rasmussen, Trey Taylor, Jason Peveto, Josh Waller, Kyle Bell, Robert Shaun Johnson, Rebecca Kruger, David Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Major Jonathon Welborn, Cpt. Cody Dobiyski, Staff Sgt. Hannah Wilkins Saunders, Dylan Barbee, Thomas Bartle, Dallas Osburn, Daniel Fox, Zack Holt, Buddy Walker, Cody Osburn

Sunday Worship

9 AM

Sunday School

10 AM

Service will remain at 9 AM from this point forward due to COVID

Happy Epiphany!



Now it's time to take down the Christmas decorations.

Join us Sunday, January 3rd after the 9:00 am service if you would like to help. For those who wish to attend Sunday School you are welcome to come join us afterwards.



- 03 ANN TOMLIN
- 06 KELLI SNIDER, SHELLI HALEY, BRYANNA SAMPLE, EMILY WALKER
- 07 JO WATSON, TOMMYE HALL MCDONALD
- 09 PORTIA GAINES, HILLARY SPARKS MCELROY, SHANNA CARLTON
- 14 ALICE SUE HOWARD, VICTORIA LEE, WESLEY WAHL
- 15 ELLIE WALKER
- 16 KEELA JOHNSON, NEILSON DAVIS
- 17 SHARON CRELIA
- 18 DOWLIN ARNOLD, DAWN BARNES, TERRI LACHER, JOANN SHILLINGS, FAITH SNIDER, CHELLE MOONEY
- 19 MARGARET IHLO, BOBBY PIGG, MELISSA LEE
- 23 SYDNEE HALEY, JOY MILLER
- 26 BECKY GRANT, RACHEL PADDIE
- 27 MARLIN JONES
- 28 AUSTIN PATTERSON, LARRY COSBY
- 29 BELINDA LOFTICE, JIMMY STRONG

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK!

Attention Choir Members

Choir Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6th!

Church Office Hours New Year's Week

Thursday, December 31st & Friday, January 1st office will be closed.

Something To Ponder

Luke 2:16-20 “16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

We've seen and heard the Christmas story about the birth of our Lord Jesus so often we forget the amazing facts surrounding this fulfilled promise of a Savior from our Heavenly Father, but Mary took all these things to her heart and “pondered” them! Father God, be with each of us these days surrounding the celebration of our Savior's birth. But even more, help us to take each of Your promises and truths to heart and ponder them deeply. Help us to realize the great love and sacrifice You have for us, Your fallen children. We give You all the praise and thanksgiving from new eyes, and a new heart! In Jesus precious name we pray, amen.

You may send your prayer requests and praises to Terri Lacher at btlacher@sbcglobal.net or at (936) 598-3484 or (936) 488-8701.

9:00 a.m.

January 3, 2021

renew

Renew your commitment & faith with the beginning of the New Year.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of 2021.

We will use John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service as the Lord powerfully touches our hearts. We will celebrate Holy Communion as we begin the journey of the year before us.

Memorials

Ed Turk

Mr. & Mrs. James Camp
Donna Thomason
Kathi Calvert
Houston Co. Electrical Cooperative
Jasper-Newton Electrical Cooperative

Billy Williams

Donna Thomason
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Jerry Samford

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Cindy D. Griffin

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Danny Foster

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Bobbie Braden

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Jeanne Sawyer

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Bubba Mallory

Meg Huffman

Victoria Hogan,

Mason & Ella Masterson

Meg Huffman

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

Amber Howard Alvarez

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Newman

