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From Our Pastor

Galatians 6:2 "...help bear each others burdens...."

Luke 1:5-17 "...Do not be afraid....your prayer has been heard."

In a well intentioned act, but doomed to fail, I tried to eliminate a lot of the books in my personal library recently. I came across this one originally bought at Goodwill for \$1.99:

PRAYING FOR THE WORLDS 365 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE- 5 Minutes a Day to Change Your World.

Written in 1999, some of those chosen to pray for included Oprah Winfrey, Tom Brokaw, Michael Jordan, Bill Gates, Franklin Graham, Barbara Walters, Jeff Bezos, Amy Grant. That's just 8 of the 365 listed! I've kept the book and started through it again praying for many who are still alive some 22 years later.

I take this as a possible guiding moment to encourage you to make a list of "influential people" currently in your awareness. Make it for the 24 days of Advent. One specific "influential person" in addition to your prayers for family, friends, church, stranger, and yourself.

It won't take you 5 minutes to work up 24 names of persons famous and in the news. Place the list at table, bedside, or in your

Bible. Call it your "Advent Wish List." A prayerful "wish" that such prominent names would be blessed and that they would seek the Kingdom of God using their gifts and talents which impact millions through entertainment, government, business, sports, education, and other fields.

These "Advent opportunities" would help us all to be reminded of Gods love for all and for all to seek the Christ Child. The famous get our attention; why not influence them with our prayers! As our two scriptures above remind us we should "help bear each other's burdens" as well as expect "answers to our prayers."

December 1 I will pray for Shaquille ONeill from the books list in 1999. At the very least it will help me to reach out somehow to someone I will probably never meet. We are meant to be the family of God influencing one another for each other's unique good.

Advent and Christmas Blessings!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

All Invited

Our First-Saturday Men's Breakfast will be on December 4. All our congregation is invited. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. Thank you, men.

Zoom Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting of Annual Conference for the new TWK Conference. The meeting will be 1-4 p.m. There will be an offering for toys for children.

Advent Study

Our Advent Study INCARNATION will be at 5:00 p.m. the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The November 28 will be at St. Paul's UMC. The other locations are to be announced.

No Fellowship Supper

We will not have a First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper in December, January, or February. The Suppers will resume in March.

Snacks and Christmas Cards

There will be no time of snacks and Christmas card exchange at Kedron this year.

Bucket Offerings

In December, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be used for gifts for Kedron children and youth.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested items for December are sugar-free foods. All non-perishable foods are accepted. The need is great.

Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program is being written by Delann Dunbar; it is titled The Journey. The program will be presented at morning Worship Service on December 19.

Christmas Eve Service

This year, our Christmas Eve Service will be at Lock's Memorial UMC as this service rotates between our two churches. The time of the service is to be announced.

Happy Birthday to:

Linda Pagello	December 11
Alfred Rhodes	December 12
Jane Watts	December 24

Where are these words found?

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us.""

-NRSV (hint – Book of Matthew)

Psalms 100:4-5 was the quotation in the November newsletter.

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or someone you know that might benefit from counseling and/or spiritual support are listed below.

- Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or
Online/phone counseling
- Upper Room Prayer Ministry
615-340-7200
- Talkspace.com
Online/phone counseling

Methodist News Source

www.umnews.org

December Calendar

Saturday, December 4

8:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 5

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service
Advent Study
Location TBD

Sunday, December 12

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

5:00p.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service
Advent Study
Location TBD

Sunday, December 19

4th Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service
Christmas Program
Advent Study
Location TBD
Christmas Eve
Service at Lock's
Christmas Day

Friday, December 24

Saturday, 25

Sunday, December 26

8:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service
January 2022
newsletter info due
call Fay

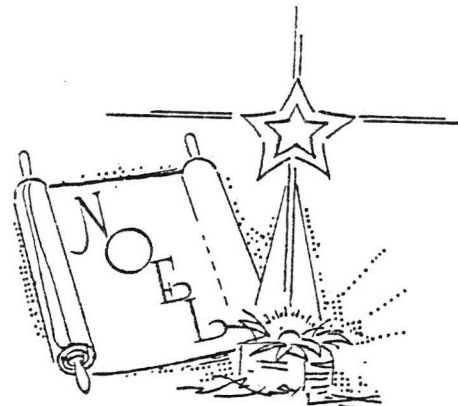


Advent

Program

Christmas Eve

Christmas



Looking Ahead

2022

Jan. 16 Administrative Council

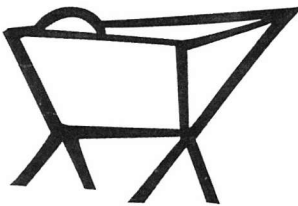
Jan. Beginning of Winter/Spring recordings of
Spiritual Autobiographies using the
23rd Psalm as guide

Jan.-April Confirmation/discovery Meetings
For Children/Youth

SEASON OF EPIPHANY



A Child Is Born



Luke 2:7 is part of the Christmas story. Use this code to discover the verse.

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And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

Answer