

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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*Ministry to God through prayer and worship.*

*Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.*

*Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.*

Online shopping has changed Christmas for me and countless others. Thanks to places like Amazon, I do not have to traipse all over as many stores or fight the crowds like I used to this time of year. However, it does come with the occasional mistake because I am not able to look directly at an item or hold it in my hand. Every year I order something that seems like an awesome deal and when it arrives, it is not at all what I expected. My most common blunder is to forget to check the dimensions and something arrives tiny in comparison to what I thought. The worst example was when I was trying to replace a pendulum wall clock for my wife and instead of a 15 inch wooden item I ended up with a little 4 inch plastic toy.

In addition to being a time of preparation, Advent is also a time of expectation. Like regular worship, I think what happens for us this time of year can end up being "small" because of our low expectations. The daily devotional I get from Rick Warren this morning spoke about anticipation. He begins with the Scripture, "Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance — an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay" (1 Peter 1:3b-4 NLT). He goes on to outline how this promise means we have real reason to hope.

I do not believe we can even fully imagine all God has in store for us. I am sure the reality of our heavenly inheritance will exceed our expectations. I also believe this is true for what He has in store for our lives of faith on earth. Remember what Gabriel told Mary. For with God, nothing is impossible. Let us approach the celebration of our Savior's birth this year

expecting the possibility of life-changing power of God. Steve

**Visiting of homebound members** by children and all others interested in visiting, please meet at the church on **Wednesday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Post Office** - The youth will again be delivering Christmas cards at a cost of 25 cents a card. Collection box in fellowship hall. **Please limit to in-church members only, and bring cards by December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for supporting our youth.

**If you would like to mail a Christmas card to our homebound members**, we have printed some address labels for your convenience. You can pick up labels from the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall. Homebound members like to receive mail from their church family.

The combined choirs of Bookwalter and Cedar Lane United Methodist Churches **will celebrate the Christmas season with "Invitation to a Miracle."** The concerts, featuring a full orchestra, will be performed at **Bookwalter on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** and at Cedar Lane Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The two evenings will be filled with wonderful music, scripture, messages, fellowship and worship. The choirs are under the direction of Bailey Hueser. The arrangements are by Joseph Martin and orchestration by Bryant Adams. A reception follows each performance.

**Please note** - With cold and flu season upon us, Rev. Doyal wants to remind everyone to please be considerate if you are sick and/or contagious. Stay home! You have nothing to prove by attending when you are under the weather. In fact, sharing your germs is not a good way to "support" your church.

Speaking of weather, we also want to remind everyone to use their best judgment as the possibility of snow and ice approaches. We will do our best to inform people about services at church. However, even if we proceed on a given Sunday, you may live in an area that is less conducive to winter driving. Stay safe!

**Calendars** are printed and ready to be pick up in the fellowship hall.

**Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service, 5:00 p.m.**

**No Wednesday evening activities on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Regular Wednesday evening programming will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Resurrection on January 19-21.**

**NOTE:** Next newsletter will be on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Service

December 17, 2017

### Third Sunday of Advent

<b>Acolytes</b>	Gabby Deer, Emily Laws
<b>Nursery</b>	Rose Baker, Perry Hall
<b>Ushers</b>	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

**Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** as we worship the Lord on this Third Sunday of Advent. Scripture will be Luke 2:8-15 and the sermon is "DON'T BLINK."

## Our Presence and Our Gifts

December 10, 2017

Morning Worship	107
Sunday School	58
Budget Offering	\$3,995.00
Roof	\$20.00
Music Department	\$360.00
Change for Children	\$5.00

*May the wonders of His love fill your home with Joy and Peace. Merry Christmas.*

### Prayer List:

Continuing Prayers: (please list **requested by** after names)

Mike Allen – Linda Comer's friend  
 Fran Bailey, cancer  
 Will Boggs  
 Ashley Brown  
 Pat Burnett, cancer, family friend of Marlene Webb  
 Bill Combs, brother-in-law of Beth Ford Ericson  
 Eddie Cox  
 Dorris Dennison  
 Megan Emehiser, stage 4 cancer – friend of Karrie Melton & Kensley  
 Bill Ferguson  
 Beth Ford  
 Charlie & Patsy Gardner  
 Sarah Hawkins, wife of David Hawkins  
 Joe Hurst  
 Joy & Earl Hauther  
 Kathy – kidney failure  
 Kermit and Martha Kitts  
 Stephanie Melton – surgery  
 Becky Newberry  
 Micah Nicely, 20 year old with brain tumor  
 Parker Pass, 4 year old child  
 Pat – breast cancer  
 Briana Rose  
 Amanda and Zak Smith, cousin of Carolyn & Sue Wilson  
 Tom Stansberry, Melissa Wiedemann's father  
 Bill Townsend  
 Don and Maggie Turpin  
 Roy Walker, Doris Dennison's brother

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Lynn Mashburn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.