

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.

As I write this, it is "Giving Tuesday." According to the interwebs, Giving Tuesday was created to help the "giving season" get started, reminding people that there is more to the holidays than consumerism and commercialization. Giving Tuesday was organized in 2012 to set aside a day that was all about celebrating generosity. It is celebrated each year with the simple aim of encouraging individuals, families, schools, businesses and other organizations to give to the less fortunate.

Among common efforts are blood drives to give assistance to local hospitals, individuals pledging time to community projects and families giving food to local pantries. The hashtag #GivingTuesday was also created to raise awareness about the needy and encourage people to give to charities.

As Christians, I hope it is already a regular part of your life to give to the church and through the church as well as to other worthy charities and outreach organizations. I think anything that runs counter to the rampant consumerism is to be applauded. When I hear about this effort, I cannot help but think "Giving Tuesday" has arisen in "secular" society because of the intrinsic generous nature of the human heart. In general, many people want and love to give. I believe this is part of the image of God we are created in, whether non-believers recognize that or not. I also hope and wish this spirit is on display more than one day a year. Maybe I should come up with a hashtag like #GivingEveryday or something. *Steve*

DON'T FORGET - Friday, November 30th, 6:30 p.m. - Autumn's Circle of United Methodist Women will be sponsoring **Family Night**. Bring your family and your favorite finger foods and join us for a time of fun and games as we begin the Holiday Season.

Saturday, December 1st, we will be visiting the homebound to share the Christmas Spirit. You are invited to join us. Meet at the church at 9:00

a.m. to divide into visitation teams. We are collecting monetary donations for their gifts

Choir will meet on Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults. Our last Wednesday evening programs of the year will be December 12th, and we will resume meeting again on January 9th

Friday, December 8th, 10:30 a.m. the children will have a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Play. Pizza lunch will be served with Christmas party in the afternoon. Children can be picked up at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9th, 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Play "Away in a Manger." Join us for refreshments following play.

Tuesday, December 11th, Keenagers, 10:30 a.m. Carolyn Stuffle-Carter will have devotions and the program will be The O'Connor Singers. **Please call reservations or cancellations to Diane Coon, 689-8126, by Thursday evening, December 6th.** This is our Christmas celebration so invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

It's that time of year! Mark your calendars! The choir will be performing this year's Christmas Cantata "See Amid the Winter's Snow" on Saturday, **December 15th 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 16th, 3:00 PM.** Both performances will be at Bookwalter this year. We will again have a full orchestra and mass choir, please spread the word that this is a free concert to everyone and we encourage you to bring a friend or two (or more!) to enjoy this wonderful program.

Calendars.....Calendars.....Calendars

It's time again!! Calendar information is being collected for 2019 so please see Rusty to receive your past info to make additions or corrections. If you are new to the church and want to be included, Rusty will have blank forms as well.

Sponsor A Youth For Resurrection:

Resurrection 2019 will soon be here, and we are excited to say that we will be taking even more kids this year, many of which it will be their first time going! We would like to provide you the opportunity to play an integral role in making sure all of our youth are able to go by offering sponsorships.

The cost per youth is **\$40**, and we gladly welcome partial and full sponsorships to help us reach our goal of 12 fully sponsored youth! If you would like to be a sponsor, or to know more about Resurrection, please see Zach between now and Sunday, January 6th.

Christmas Post Office:

The Youth Group's (In-house) "**Christmas Card Delivery Drive**" is now in full swing! We will be receiving cards starting on Wednesday, November 28th - Sunday, December 16th. We will deliver them to the congregation on Sunday, December 23rd.

The price per card is twenty-five cents, with all proceeds going to help us sustain and continue growing our ministry with our youth, and reaching those in our surrounding community.

Please place your donation in a separate clearly marked envelope, and secure it to your cards using a rubber band. Cards may be left in the decorated card bin in the Fellowship Hall.

It would greatly help us in our sorting if you would please **print** first and last names on each envelope.

We give thanks in advance for your part in helping us spread good will and cheer to all during this season!

Our Service

December 2, 2018
First Day of Advent

Acolytes	Seth Laws, Elijah Meredith
Nursery	Idonna Bryson, Porta Chamberlain
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Come join us for worship this Sunday as we worship the Lord on the first Sunday of Advent. Scripture reading will be Luke 21:25-36, and the sermon is "**PASSING AWAY.**"

Our Presence and Our Gifts

November 25, 2018

Morning Worship	70
Sunday School	48
Budget Offering	\$2,289.60
Roof	\$20.00
Christmas Orchestra	\$670.00
Homebound Gifts	\$150.00
UMCOR	\$500.00

Prayer List:

Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
Howard Darnell
Irvine Jones
Jo Ann Learn
Stephanie Melton
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Family of Roy Skeen
Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed,.

Continuing Care:

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