

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.

We had our first somewhat significant snow of the season this past Sunday and it was really just enough to have to call off church. I always hate to do that, but we have to consider everyone's safety. It may not have been that bad where you were, but we have people who come here from all over who may have had it worse. More than that, the conditions at the church were rather treacherous for walking; especially for some of our older folks. So we opted for safety first. I hope this was not terribly inconvenient for anyone. On the bright side, it cleared off nicely for those who came out to be marvelously blessed by a wonderful Children's program that evening.

If there is ever a question regarding services during inclement weather, please check your email, the church website or Facebook. If you do not compute, feel free to call me or Rusty Boggs before heading out. Our Finance people want to remind everyone that we still appreciate your keeping up with your giving in spite of the snow day.

While I am speaking of seasonal practical matters, it is time for my annual reminder to stay home if you are sick. I mean it. Do not be some kind of "hero" by dragging your contagious behind to church and sharing your germs with everyone. You will not get any gold stars for getting a bunch of your fellow members sick. If you are responsible for my falling ill, be prepared to become an unfavorable sermon illustration one Sunday morning. Stay well and stay safe. Steve

Wednesday evening activities 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults **will resume meeting again on January 9th**

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.

Christmas Eve candle light service, 5:30 p.m.

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.

For several years we have been receiving a **special offering during Advent for the Helping Hand Fund.** If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Christmas Post Office: The Youth Group's (In-house) "**Christmas Card Delivery Drive**" is now in full swing! We will be receiving cards through Sunday, **December 16th** and 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! Zach

Sponsor a Youth for Resurrection. Cost per youth is \$40 and we have 12 attending. Partial and full sponsorships are accepted. Please see Zach before January 6th.

Thank you Bookwalter friends for the very innovative gift package, and the group picture. Since I have been here, I always look forward to the mail, your cards, and the Bookwalter Newsletter with Steve's message.

May you all have a Happy Christmas and New Year. *May God be with you; Dot Ault*

Check out the bulletin board to see Christmas cards and thank you notes.

Our Service

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Rory Jennings
Nursery	Heather Banks
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Come join us for worship this Sunday as we worship the Lord on the Third Sunday of Advent. Scripture reading will be Luke 1:26-38, and the sermon is **"MERRY CHRIST-MESS."**

Our Gifts (On Line Giving)

December 9, 2018

Budget Offering	\$1,362.00
Roof	\$20.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
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
Marilyn Faith Plemons (requested by Carolyn & Sue Wilson)
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, Joe Hurst, Margie Johnson, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.