



Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24
5:00 pm—6:00 pm



Carols, Candlelight, & Communion



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COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY

College Student Sunday December 27 Divine Worship 10:50 am

Our church is blessed to have 16 college and graduate students who will be home for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. On Sunday, December 27, our church will observe our 3rd annual College Student Sunday this year. College Students will present Children's Moments, usher, and provide special music. Please mark this Sunday on your calendar to show your support for our students on this special day.

Our College Students 2020-21

Hunter Burton
Hailey Frohnappel
Julianne Futrell
Brody King
Matthew Kirkpatrick
Abbie Lamb
Mae Lamb
Isabelle Martin
Matthew Nannemann
Bre Peebles
Kaden Peebles
Preston Pope
Kimberly Stanek
Nicholas Trombley
Jackson Turley
Chris Willard

United Methodist Children's Home December Christmas Offering

In the month of December, we will be receiving donations for the United Methodist Children's Home. Special offering envelope and brochure will be available in the narthex or inserted in the bulletin. The United Methodist Children's Home receives no apportionment dollars, but depends upon the annual December Christmas offering from the 715 United Methodist churches of Arkansas for its statewide ministry to children, teens, and families. Our church has traditionally been a generous support of the Children's Home. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child.



Christmas Mail Box



*Christmas Cards for
Church Family*

**Our Annual
Christmas**

**Post Office will be
available to give and
receive Christmas
cards. Cards can be
dropped off in the mail
slot or brought inside.**

**Everyone will be re-
sponsible for picking
up their cards no later than December
24th. Special thanks to Hollis Hughes for
building our beautiful
new Christmas Card Mail Box!**

November 2020 In-Person Worship



All Saints Sunday Nov. 1
White Rose in memory of: Orville
Fair, Robert Baker, & Dan Dildy, Jr.



Gerald Moses
November 2020
"Daddy Sang Bass...."



Michael Myers
November 2020
"Singing Tenor....."



Becky Posey, organist
Kristi White-Eggers, flute
November 2020
"Me and little sister joined right in..."

Children's Moments for December

December 6. Breanna Peebles
December 13. Barbara Kirkpatrick
December 20. Judy Cassady
December 27. Larry Teague

Liturgist for December

December 6. Mike Myers
December 13. Andy Troutt
December 20. Gerald Moses
December 27. College Students

Sound & Camera

December 6. Tim Dean, Jacob & Isaiah Martin
December 13. Tim Dean, Jacob & Isaiah Martin
December 20. Tim Dean, Jacob & Isaiah Martin
December 27. Tim Dean, Jacob & Isaiah Martin

Memorials

In Memory of

Dan Dildy
Cay Teague
Don & Mary Gammill

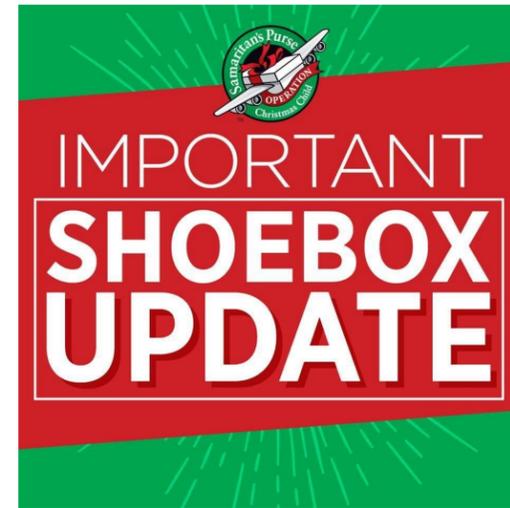
Martha Judith McClure Ponder Parrish

Cay Teague
Don & Mary Gammill

Troy Reed
Claudia Westfall



Our sympathy to Mary Gammill in the death of brother, Don Chaney, who passed away Monday, November 14, 2020.



Thanks to all for all the had work in making this mission possible. We received and packed 145 boxes.



Bingen United Methodist Church
2020 Charge Conference
with Social Distancing under the Oak Tree
Sunday, November 8
with Dr. Ann Ferris,
District Superintendent
Photo by Sarah Lamb

December 2020



First United Methodist Church Nashville, Arkansas Calendar of Events & Birthdays—listed in red

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Morgan Gray</i> Choral Ensemble Practice 6:15 pm	3 <i>Valerie Bohn</i>	4 <i>Nancy Dowdy</i>	5 Chanceel Choir caroling @ Old Washington 5:00-5:30pm
6 9:30am Zoom Video S.S. Class 10:50am In-Person Divine Worship & on Radio KNAS 105.5 FM	7 <i>Toney Staggs</i>	8 <i>Dusty Chambers</i>	9 Choral Ensemble Practice 6:15 pm	10 <i>Andy Whitaker</i> <i>Keith Couch</i>	11	12 <i>Dalton Wilson</i> <i>Grant Boyce</i>
13 <i>Christy Rodriguez</i> 9:30am Zoom Video S.S. Class 10:50am In-Person Divine Worship & on Radio KNAS 105.5 FM	14 <i>Casey Morris</i>	15	16 Choral Ensemble Practice 6:15 pm	17	18	19
20 <i>Joy Barr</i> <i>Bingen UMC</i> Candlelight Service 6:00 pm 9:30am Zoom Video S.S. Class 10:50am In-Person Divine Worship & on Radio KNAS 105.5 FM	21	22 <i>Jennifer Ackley</i>	23 <i>Debbie Teague</i> Choral Ensemble Practice 6:15 pm	24 Office Closed 	25 Office Closed 	26
27 9:30am Zoom Video S.S. Class 10:50am In-Person Divine Worship & on Radio KNAS 105.5 FM	28	29 <i>Majie Martindale</i> <i>Callie Murry</i>	30 Choral Ensemble Practice 6:15 pm	31		

Faith Update

Fall Stewardship

By Dr. Jodi Troutt

Good Morning. I am Jodi Troutt and I have been asked to give a Faith Update today. Now, when Bro. Daniel asked me to do this, I agreed very hesitantly with a disclaimer of “I do not like speaking in front of people.” Then when my turn came, I tried to be sick...have stomach and throat problems, coughing and choking, and finally having a scope down my throat. Bro. Daniel said don’t worry at all, I’ll pencil you in another Sunday. Ok great! (All is well, by the way, thanks for your prayers!)

So here I am and I hope to be an inspiration to someone. My 1st question to the preacher (before I hesitantly agreed to speak) was why me, Bro. Daniel? He said what do you mean, Jodi, and I said, “Well, Andy and I, we don’t tithe. We don’t give 10%. He told me that’s okay, that we generously give to our church, and he wanted you to hear from me. So as for my family, we have always given. I was taught to “tithe” but I never knew what my parents wrote that check for (I mean the money amount) so I don’t know if it was 10% of their income or not. Several years ago, we started increasing our weekly checks to the church after filling out the giving card for the year. I was embarrassed when I actually figured what percent it was of our income we were giving. Each year we try to increase because we aren’t at 10% yet and—you know what—each year I still eat, I still go on vacation, I seem to have more and more kids which equals more and more daycare, and we are more blessed than I could ever have imagined.

Now, don’t get me wrong, we have our struggles and there are weeks when I don’t think we should write that check, but God always works it out. I look forward to that year when I fill out that card and we have made it to 10% - then maybe the Troutt family will give a tithe and an offering on top of that!

In the meantime, I think Jesus smiles down on us for being human, loving Him, trying to keep our hearts in the right place and doing our best. Thank you for being our church and always supporting our family. I encourage you to sit down and figure your percent and try to make a small increase so that our church can thrive.

**Re-printed with permission from
Jodi Troutt from November 10, 2019**

Faith Update

Fall Stewardship

By Lavon Flaherty

In 1978, Jean Ann and I moved our membership from a small country church, Avery’s Chapel United Methodist Church, to FUMC Nashville. And we have never regretted it. We had a kindergarten and wanted him to be involved at church with the children that would be his peers at school.

We, Jean Ann and I, also became involved in youth leadership and we both took other leadership roles in the church. We joined a Bible oriented “Share Group.” The members were our good friends and mentors and through Bible study we began to understand that tithing was created for our benefit and it teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to live unselfishly.

Early on, Louis Smith was the finance committee chair. I learned much from him before becoming finance chair myself. This church always came through when a need arose, even the major undertaking of building a new church house.

Jean Ann and I both had big health issues ten or twelve years ago. Our church family never failed us. Always praying, always concerned, always ready to help when needed. This church has been well worth the meager contributions we have made. We have found that giving softens the heart of the giver and frees our souls from dependence on money. We have never walked away from giving feeling bad.

Giving comes in many forms with our tithe being the most important because it is a Biblical mandate.

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Lavon Flaherty from November 17, 2019**

Church Tithes & Offering Update

December brings the 4 Sundays of 2020, which is traditionally our strongest giving as we end the year. We need everyone to help us finish this challenging year in the black. We thank each of you for remembering the Lord with your giving in this pandemic to keep our church strong.

Church Budget after 46 weeks thru Nov. 15
Budget needs after 46 weeks \$ 230,828
Received thru 11/15: \$192,596
Difference: - \$ 38,232 or - 16.56%

Robert Nannemann, Finance chair



Chancel Choir
Caroling Outdoors
Old Washington State Park
Saturday, December 5
5:00 pm — 5:30 pm
Old Washington Presbyterian Church
Singing on the Front Porch of the Church
Free Admission to the Park
People are invited to listen outdoors while
social distancing & with facial coverings



Divine Worship

3rd Sunday in Advent

20 December 2020

10:50 am

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5 Luke 2: 1-7

SERMON

A Manger of Hope

Series: *The Story of Christmas*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

Joy to the World

Away in a Manger

What Child Is This

CHILDRENS MOMENTS

Judy Cassidy

4th ADVENT CANDLE

The Andy Troutt family

LITURGIST

Gerald Moses



You're Invited
Bingen United Methodist Church

A Christmas Service
of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 20

6:00 pm

Bingen United Methodist Church will host its annual Christmas service, "Lessons & Carols" on Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 pm. The church is located at 434 Hempstead 27 North.

Persons are invited to participate in this beautiful service. Facial coverings will be worn & social distancing practiced. Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick is the minister.



The Messenger

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Focus: *The Greatest Gift*

In this strange time of living and dying in the pandemic, I suffer from Covid fatigue as we all do. We are thankful to God for the breakthrough of medical science with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines that have been announced. Yet our joy is tempered by the mounting death toll in Arkansas and across our nation. Now, more than ever, we need the love and grace of God that was born in the Person of Jesus, the Savior of the World.

We thank God for the wonder of this holy season in which we rejoice in the miracle of God coming to earth through the birth of Jesus. Others attempt to secularize or ignore the story of His birth, but Jesus is our joy and central focus—Christian churches have a corner on the market as we share the miracle of God’s love through His birth with others.

Throughout December, our church will be at it’s best as we proclaim Christ’s love in Word, song, and the Christmas Cantata to be presented by our Chancel Choir on Dec. 13. One of our most sacred services of the year is Christmas Eve - I remember last year in our first time with you when we exited to the courtyard with our candles in hand! Come and join us and make a memory with your family! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we all “come and adore Him!”

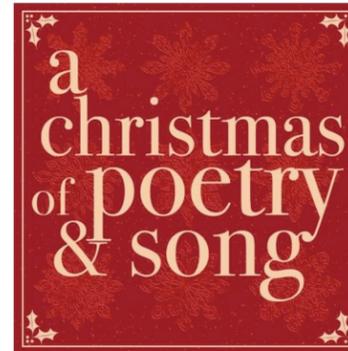
Love in Christ, **Bro. Daniel**

2020 Year End Giving

Our church has the 4 Sundays remaining in December in which to complete our 2020 general budget giving. The church financial books close officially Tuesday, January 5, 2021. All gifts are tax deductible and contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 in order to receive credit for 2020. On behalf of our Finance Committee, I thank each of you for your faithful and generous giving in this pandemic of 2020.

I ask you to join me in praying for our church and continue to support it with your gifts to help us finish 2020 in the black. If anyone has questions concerning their 2020 contributions, please call the church office at 845-3030 and speak with our Financial Secretary, Jean Ryan.

-Robert Nannemann, Finance chair



*First United Methodist Church of Nashville
Choral Ensemble presents*

2020 Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 13

10:50 AM *Divine Worship In Person
& Radio KNAS 105.5 FM*
Mrs. Kristi White-Eggers, director
Ms. Becky Posey, pianist & organist



Divine Worship

2nd Sunday in Advent

6 December 2020

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

SERMON

A Different Kind of King

Series: **The Story of Christmas**

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

The First Noel

O Little Town of Bethlehem

We Three Kings

CHILDRENS MOMENTS

Bre Peebles

2nd ADVENT CANDLE WREATH

The Dexter Boyce family

LITURGIST

Gerald Moses