

**December 6, 2017**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Shannon Davis**, Pastor  
**Debbie Harrington**, Director of Children & Christian Education  
**Donegan Rudd** : Assistant Children's & Youth Director  
**Karen Bell**: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
 "TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"



- 01/01 Gary & Connie Wise
- 01/06 Mark & Debra Clemence  
Steve & Teresa Snider
- 01/11 Mike & Kathryn Upchurch
- 01/20 Denny & Marion Hopkins
- 01/24 Chris & Lauren Boring



**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**Recent Hospital Stays:** Elmer Regan, Larry Powers

**At Home:** Lola Stevens, Gene & Lavina Ackers, Ramona Dauphin, Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Jim & Betty Steenbergen, Elmer & Lena Mae Regan, Earnestine Gay, Bruce Stout, Chet Raney, Jim Robertson, Linda Hunter, Pricilla Mead, Earlene Alley, Pat Faulk, Mary Bishop, Gene Cook, Ernie & Ellen Walcher, Bendena Wirz, Lucille Stocking, Wilber & Zona Cheap, Lawrence Rauch, Betty Schneider, Glennys Shillings, Bob Meyer, Mike & Kelly Dean

**In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:**

Lahoma Grunewald, Barbara Carr, Merrylou Pummel, Harold Deever, Mickey Armstrong, Bill Stout, Wilma Nelson, Faye Riddle, Alford & Jolene Corcoran, Terry Groce, Verla Neagle, Anna Ruth Waggoner, Wanda Stricker

**Other:** Our Troops and their Families

**Sympathy Extended to:** Carolyn Riffel and Family (Sister-in law), Cyndy Kemper and Hannah (Grandfather)

**Prayer Requests:** Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with specific prayer requests. (256-5515)

- Birthdays of the Month**
- 01/02 William Domnick  
Randy Glitch  
Alex Humphries  
Katie Shirley
  - 01/05 Roger Hester
  - 01/06 Ray Bell  
Theron Endersby  
Lloyd Peck
  - 01/08 Jerry Newell
  - 01/09 Lauren Boring  
Burk Rowley  
J.P. Shirkey
  - 01/10 Karen Bell  
Kristie Moseley
  - 1/15 Vivienne Humphries  
Linda Hunter
  - 01/17 Karen Harrison  
Betty Steenbergen  
Rick Riddle
  - 01/18 Edana Coldwell  
Reva Parker  
Connie Wilcox
  - 01/19 Kadence Boring  
Shawna Buxton
  - 01/21 Denny Hopkins
  - 01/22 Nancy Greeff
  - 01/23 Nancy McCormick
  - 01/24 Rhonda Hollis
  - 01/25 Bendena Wirz
  - 01/27 Bob Meyer  
Leslie Taylor  
Kyle Wilson
  - 01/30 Russell Brewer  
Amber Stephenson  
Josh McKinney  
Taylor Stevens  
Lynette Terbush
  - 01/31 Lynette Balch  
Hillary Hurst

**2017 Advent and Christmas Calendar**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**  
 8:30 & 10:50 am Choir on Fire Presents "Hope!"  
 A Christmas Cantata  
 5:00 pm Rockin' Kids Choir Presents "Jingle Bell Beach"

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**  
 8:30 & 10:50 am Advent Worship Services

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**  
 8:30 & 10:50 am Advent Worship Services  
 6:00 & 8:00 pm Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Communion Services  
 (Child care during 6:00 pm Service only)

**Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas!**  
**Sunday, December 31, 2017**  
 8:30 & 10:50 am Christmas Worship Services  
 5:00 – 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil  
 Come and Go Prayer in the Sanctuary





### Christmas Again

So many memories. Family gathered together, a beautiful tree, special worship celebrations.

But it isn't that way this year.

And your heart aches to think about it. During this season and beyond, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for you. Your Stephen Minister will care for you, listen to you, and help you find the resources to make it through this time of pain.

Please consider helping deliver our Joy Sacks on December 17.

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### Update on Circle of Care Homes

Fundraising is underway right now for the new foster homes for new sibling groups that are planned to be built on the back side of our church property. In all, the homes and clubhouse will cost \$800,000 to build. Only half of that amount will have to be raised locally. The other half will come from monies already raised by the statewide Circle of Care Campaign. Right now, the local fundraising committee has already received a \$50,000 challenge grant. That means that the next \$50,000 raised will be matched, dollar for dollar! For more information, contact Raquel Razien at [405.312.6640](tel:405.312.6640) or Shannon in the church office.



### We Need Your Help to Make Our Own Advent Devotional Book for 2018!

Wouldn't it be cool if next year, all of the devotions you read through the weeks leading up to Christmas were about and by people in our own church? That's the plan for next year, but we need your help.

Instead of putting on the pressure of writing some deeply meaningful devotion, we just need for you to submit your favorite Christmas memory, in 225 words or less. It doesn't have to be "spiritual" in nature, though it can be. The pastor will take your stories and turn them into devotions. He does reserve the right to edit them and add additional content for that purpose.

Please turn in your stories by December 31. You can either email your stories to [shannon@fumcwoodward.com](mailto:shannon@fumcwoodward.com) or turn in a paper copy to the office. It will take a good amount of time and effort to get everything put together. The booklets will be released sometime next November.



Please join us on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm for the annual Children's Christmas Program.

This year, the title is *Jingle Bell Beach*. The theme of the program reminds us that when things get difficult and we don't understand why things happen, Christmas reminds us that God is with us, and we are not alone.

The children are super excited to share this message with the congregation. Please make an extra effort to come and support them on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!**  
We will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus during Sunday School on December 24. Please allow your children to bring a gift for the Pregnancy Center to be placed under the tree. Suggestions are diapers, wipes, bottles, rattles, etc.

**REMINDER: NO CHRIST CREW OR KING'S KIDS IF SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION ON THOSE DAYS.**

Bible Blast will resume on January 10. Be ready to test over Lesson 15.



### Youth Nov./Dec. Update

Here is the youth schedule (as it stands now) to get us through all of the Thanksgiving and Christmas busy-ness! In addition to this, we are still planning to take our annual trip to OKC to Christmas carol at NSO on one Saturday in December, however that date is not nailed down yet.

- 12/10 - Caroling in Woodward
- 12/17 - Youth Christmas Party
- 12/24 & 12/31 - No Youth



FUMC family, We had an amazing Thanksgiving Day Dinner and once again furnished meals to around 500 people. Your hard work and dedication is unlivable. A special "Thank You" to my Thanksgiving Committee, our church family and Pastor Shannon and his family for making this event a reality. God bless you all. Sandy Craig

Dear Church family, Elmer and I would like to "Thank you" for all the nice things you have been doing for us. The prayers, cards, flowers, food and love. Thanks also for the visits, it helps so much to see friendly faces. We are blessed for such a great church. I have got behind on my thank you card, so please all of you know how much it helps to know how caring everybody is. Thanks especially for all the love you have given us. Elmer is feeling better just not running any footraces yet. Thanks Shannon for your visits and prayers. All your phone calls. God Bless you all, Elmer & Lena Mae Regan

FUMC, We want to thank everyone that supported your mountain of food drive and especially Jessica Hyman for taking the led for the Shield of Faith Sunday School class for collecting and delivering the "Mountain of Food". The community food Pantry

Dear Church Family, We wanted to thank you for the beautiful church flowers delivered by Pat and Woody Hannon. We cannot thank you enough for your support and prayers during this journey of Chet's healing. Sincerely, Chet, Leslie, & Avery Raney



Welcome Jolie Mae!  
Jolie Mae Vap was baptized on November 19, 2017  
Jolie Mae is the infant daughter of Jon and Megan Vap and the sister of Hallie and Bodey.

