



# Perritte Memorial Messenger

## United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

November 24, 2015

### Bazaar Report

We are thrilled to report that the Bazaar this year has so far raised \$14,801.50, with some money still coming in. Some folks are wondering what happens to the money raised at the Bazaar. The Trustees of our church use the funds raised to make capital purchases and pay for repairs/improvements at the church and parsonage that are not included in our church operating budget.

#### Improvements from last year's Bazaar:

- New sound equipment for the sanctuary and nursery, including digital sound board, monitor speakers and wireless microphone for the pastor: \$3,800

- Grand piano: \$3,200
- Replace broken oven: (parsonage) \$2,000
- New phones and phone system: \$2,000
- Replace broken washing machine: \$900

#### Repairs:

- Driveway onto Burk Street: \$1,000
- Multiple church door repairs: \$1,000
- A/C and heating repairs: \$700
- Major plumbing repairs (parsonage): \$700
- Miscellaneous: \$1,000

Trustees spent **\$16,615.27** in 2015 (with proceeds from last year's Bazaar) to keep our church and parsonage equipped to do the work of

ministry. The trustees already anticipate expenses in 2016 for tree removal and a new commercial refrigerator for the church kitchen. We are so blessed to be able to come together as a church to raise money through our Bazaar that provides funds for the inevitable emergencies that arise. Thank you for your continued support of our Annual Bazaar!



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Holiday Cancellations

**Wed., Nov. 25**, Wonderful Wednesday, Boy Scouts Troop 107, and Choir will **NOT** meet.

**Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 25 & 26**, the church office will **NOT** be open

**Sun., Nov. 29**, Youth will **NOT** meet.

### Essential Oils Class

Enjoy a make-and-take Christmas gift class this **Saturday, November 28**, from 1:00-3 pm. You will get to take home a minimum of 4 types of gifts—well worth the \$15 cost of supplies!

### Nacogdoches County Christmas Blessings

With the holidays fast approaching, **Love INC** has a lot of tasks to complete for Nacogdoches County Christmas Blessings Coalition, a group of community agencies and churches serving those in need at Christmas. We hope to provide a blessed and not stressed Christmas for the less fortunate in Nacogdoches County (over 600 children last year)!

We will need **DONATIONS:**

- **Toys** for ages 0 to 13 (Salvation Army handles ages 14-18)
- **Food** (non-perishable items for food baskets)
- **Monetary** (to purchase gifts as well as cost of the civic center)

And **VOLUNTEERS** to help:

- **Process applications** for the Christmas Blessings
- **Set up** at the Nac. County Civic Center Tues., Dec. 15
- **Help on distribution day** Wednesday, December 16th
- **Clean up** after the event

If any of these opportunities call to your heart as something you and your church would like to help fill, please contact us at our office: **(936)569-8555** and ask for more information.



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## Pastor's Corner

A Word of Thanks...

I have been frantically working to plan the details of the next several weeks of worship...choosing prayers, planning the Advent Readings and looking at the hymns. It is part of how I work...imagining in my mind's eye with the presence of the Holy Spirit, each element. Do they all fit together? The scriptures, the music, the prayers? And as I plan and imagine...my anxiety increases a little. As I experience each week in warp speed, it is coming too fast...there is not enough time...and then I catch myself, or perhaps the Spirit catches me, and I realize that it is my imagination. The weeks made up of days will allow plenty of time for the important things. Once the plans are made, the details will come together as they always do.

Maybe you are feeling the crunch and crush of time, too. Sometimes we have to remember to put the God things first—prayer, Bible reading and study, Christian conversation and serving others. If we start our day with our Lord, then the rest works itself out. We know that God is with us, but sometimes we rush right past what blessings are in each moment. Resist the temptation to rush past the moments, not paying attention to the present, but looking toward “what’s next?”

The holidays are nearly here, and next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. I hope you plan to be in church during this Holy Season of Advent. Coming together for corporate worship renews us and reminds us of the reason we plan so much and want to have everything be “just right.” Come to experience the powerful presence of our Lord through our prayers, Scripture readings, music and love. Sometimes, we don't even recognize the love that's in the details. Let's all take notice this holy season and thank God together.

Peace, Pastor Lani

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for a very successful Operation Christmas Child 2015! Church members, Cub Scout Pack 107, our youth, and the Wesley Foundation packed boxes—a total of 106 boxes!!! Also, many people helped cook and/or bought the delicious Pleasingly Plump Perritte Planks, which raised over \$700 to pay the postage to deliver your boxes. Many children and their families will be blessed by your generosity and prayers.

Many of the children will go through a Bible study for a few weeks after receiving their boxes where they will learn more about God, and upon completion, will receive a Bible in their own language. Please let me know if you receive any letters back from the recipients of your boxes. Also, let me know your thoughts about Operation Christmas Child – what you liked about it and what we can do to make it better. I have been very blessed by your outpouring of love for these children of God.

In His Service, Mark Dalhoff

## We Remember in Prayer

### *Those who need healing*

Karen Fielding

Maggie Ball

### *Those who are homebound or in long-term care*

Rev. Edwin & Maurine McDaniel

Steve Stovall

Mary Thrash

Helen Walker

Alvena Williams

Rebecca Yarbrough

Forrest Garrett

### *Those who are grieving*

### *Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families*

## Our Gifts

### Received 11/15/2015

Poinsettias	10.00
ZOE	100.00
Operation Christmas Child	596.00
General Donations	1,292.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1,998.00</b>

### Received 11/22/2015

Poinsettias	100.00
ZOE	320.00
Missions	20.50
Bazaar/Piano	3,334.00
General Donations	3,195.27
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$6,969.77</b>

### Church Directories

If you have not received a new church directory, and would like one, please come by the church office, or call to let the secretary know.

### Perritte Embroidered Shirts

Our new church shirts are in! If you ordered one from Chuck Lewis, it is in the church office. If you did not pre-order, we have a few extra shirts. T-shirts cost \$13, and polo shirts cost \$17.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### November

- 14 **Marlee Raine Lathan, born at 8:44am, 20 1/4 inches, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. Congratulations to Mark, Jennifer, Isaac, & Maya Jean!**
- 15 Isaac Lathan  
16 Mary Louise Fleniken, David Richardson  
18 David Welch  
22 Trey Anderson  
25 Brandi Dalhoff  
27 Becky Byars  
29 Miles Wilson  
30 Bertha McGraw

### December

- 1 Ray Stoner  
2 \*Floyd & Wonda Jopling  
7 Beatrice Clack  
Judy Allensworth  
13 Sandy Tillis

## Calendar

### Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27

No Scheduled Events & Church Office Closed

### Saturday, November 28

1:00 pm **Essential Oil make-and-take, \$15**

### Sunday, November 29

9:00 am Prayer Partners— Pastor's Office  
9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm **No Youth**

### Monday, November 30

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Troop #1025  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 107

### Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Quilters

### Wednesday, December 2

5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday (host: UMW)  
6:00 pm *Prayer Changes Things* adult study  
6:00 pm Youth  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 107  
7:00 pm Choir

### Thursday, December 3

7:00pm Roundtable Scouts

### Friday-Saturday, December 4-5

6:00 pm **An Evening in Old Bethlehem  
Henderson Expo Center, Lufkin**

### Sunday, December 6

9:00 am Prayer Partners  
9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Covered Dish (*Host: Koinonia Class*)  
2:30 pm **Youth—attend Worship at The Arbor**  
3:00 pm Worship at The Arbor

### Monday, December 7

7:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 107

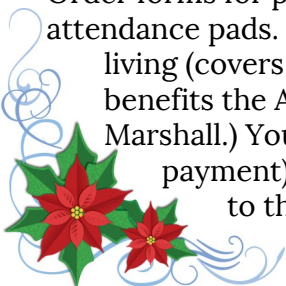
### Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am Quilters  
11:30 am Fun and Fellowship

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Christmas will be here before we know it, and we're already looking forward to decorating our sanctuary.

Order forms for poinsettias are inside the attendance pads. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each for living (covers the cost) or artificial (money benefits the Angel Tree Mission for Nettie Marshall.) You may put your form (with payment) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Orders are due by **Sunday, December 6.**



## Sunday's Coming

### **November 29:**

*"The Hope of Waiting"*

*Scripture* Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Luke 21:25-36

*Liturgist* Carol Wilson

*Acolytes* Landon & Braxton Anderson

*Counters* Max McCarley and Dawn Welch

### **December 6:**

*"The Peace of Listening"*

*Scripture* Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 3:1-6

*Liturgist* Chuck Lewis

*Acolytes* James Teekell and Violet Eason

*Counters* Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

*November Ushers: Becomers Class*

*December Ushers: Legacy Class*

*December Covered Dish: Koinonia Class*

### **Upcoming Chrysalis Flights**

A Chrysalis Flight is a retreat for youth (freshmen in high school through freshmen in college) who are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus. This 3-day retreat applies the analogy of a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly to our spiritual walk with Jesus.

Upcoming Flights are:

Boys' Flight Jan. 15-18, 2016

Girls' Flight March 17-20, 2016

Contact Doug or Karen Swenson at 569-9934 to register for this retreat.

### **Advent Worship Helpers**

We are looking for **children** to help lead worship during Advent by coming forward to read and light the candles on the Advent wreath.

We need volunteers for

**December 13, December 20, and  
December 24.**

If your **child** would like to assist worship in this way, please let Pastor Lani know.

AN EVENING IN  
**OLD BETHLEHEM**  
"OUR GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY"  
SINCE 1985  
LUFKIN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FIRST  
lufkinfirst.com  
**HENDERSON EXPO CENTER**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY OF DECEMBER  
AbundantLife MINISTRIES



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**9 am - 1 pm**  
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*All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,  
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:*

<b>Music Director</b>	Nicole Stewart
<b>Accompanist</b>	Jim Faucett
<b>Nursery Supervisor</b>	Amanda Tillis
<b>Secretary</b>	Susan Teekell
<b>Custodian</b>	Betty White
<b>Pastor</b>	Lani Rousseau

Messenger deadline is 10 am every other Monday. The next newsletter will go out on **December 8**  
To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact  
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