



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

December 22, 2015

NEWS BRIEFS

Christmas Eve Service

Celebrate the birth of Christ on **Thursday, December 24** at 6:00 pm with candlelight and communion.

Holiday cancellations & closures

No Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts on **Monday, Dec. 28.**

No meal, adult study, youth, Scouts, or choir on

Wednesdays, Dec. 23 & 30.

Church office closed on

December 24 & 25, and

December 31 & January 1.

Church Council Save the Date

On **Saturday, January 9**, from **9:00 am until 1:00 pm**, our church officers will gather together for a day of visioning and planning.

"God's Creation" 2016 Calendars

Buy your 2016 "God's Creation" calendar to raise money for our youth. These monthly calendars have beautiful photographs of God's creation, along with scriptures for each month and each week. Calendars are \$8 each or \$20 for three, available in the church office.

ZOE Update

This past summer, several families in our church committed to give beyond their usual tithes to the church to support a ZOE Working Group in Kenya. Our Church received an end of the year update on our Tumaini "Hope" Micii Mikuru Working Group which shares,

"This first year has been filled with hard work and great progress. ZOE has guided the children down paths of discovery and they have learned: they possess strengths and talents that will enable them to overcome their disadvantages, that they are someone of value who can contribute to the community, that they do not have to face their challenges alone, and that God has not forgotten them. Already the children are becoming food secure and starting their first income generating activities."

During March, each member of the group planted maize provided by ZOE on their individual farms. Because the rains were very good, the harvest was good. Below, you can see the Working Group gathered together to help individuals weed their maize farms.

Please pray for good health, for their businesses to grow, and that they fulfill their personal and group visions.



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Pastor's Corner

The Advent season is nearly over. The waiting that seemed so challenging is nearly over. As a church family we have celebrated the blessed season with fellowship and fabulous music and generous giving. The last of the Angel Tree gifts are being delivered as I write this message to you. I hope that you have experienced that blessedness of waiting, of expecting something amazing to happen in our midst. I commented just a while ago how challenging it can be to "have Christmas" at different times. Yes, Christmas Eve is December 24 and Christmas Day follows, but I know several of you have already had your families in and others will happen later. I don't think our Lord minds too much about when we celebrate, just that we remember to put him in the center of whatever day it is. For Christians it is so much more than an ordinary day...read the story from Luke's Gospel and Matthew's Gospel, too. Share the stories of Christmases past and remember the precious gift that God gave us...a bouncing baby boy named Jesus, whose life would change the world and make it a place where hope, peace, joy and love are in charge! May the blessings of Christmas be with you through 2016.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Mark Dalhoff will soon be going on a mission trip with Grace Avenue UMC to Guatemala to work at a project called God's Child. Founded in 1991, the God's Child Project cares for and educates 5,000 orphaned, abandoned, and poverty-stricken boys and girls in addition to providing health and community - based services for 8,700 widowed, abandoned, and single mothers and their dependents in Guatemala, El Salvador, India, Malawi, and the United States. To learn more about the God's Child Project go to the web at <http://www.godschild.org/>

The mission team is attempting to raise \$8,722 to buy school supplies for the 350 children that attend school there. They are also trying to purchase two bunk beds (@\$220 each) for the two houses that they will build while they are there. If you would like to assist the team in raising the funds for each of these projects go to a web site for Grace Avenue which is <https://graceavenue.wufoo.com/forms/gfkkjc30tbryab/>. The last two items on the list- buying a brick (symbolic for building a house) or buying school supplies are for the God's Child Project.

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Jimmie Ruth Anderson Phillip McDaniel Edwin McDaniel
Mike Greer Max McCarley Aaron Capps Garcia family

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

Family of Ginny Ennis (*Gary Johnson's sister*)

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Gifts

Consistently this year, our expenses (although less than what we budgeted) have exceeded our contributions. Because of faithful giving in the past, we have reserves to draw from, in case of an emergency. Each **week**, we need **\$4,209.86** to meet our expenses. But our reality is:

Avg. weekly exp.	\$ 4,209.86
<u>Avg. weekly contr.</u>	<u>-3,482.04</u>
Avg. reserves	\$ 727.82
spent weekly	

Please consider helping Per-ritte end on a strong financial note this year! Remember that for tax purposes, donations can be included in your 2015 giving if received by the church on or before **December 31, 2015**.

Received 12/13/2015

Poinsettias	40.00
ZOE (not part of the budget)	110.00
Witness Committee	10.00
T-shirts	35.00
General Donations	<u>5,829.75</u>
Total Deposits	\$6,024.75

Received 12/20/2015

ZOE (not part of the budget)	90.00
Missions	28.00
Other Reimbursements	154.53
General Donations	<u>1,273.15</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,545.68

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 20 Stacy Hatchett
- 21 Aubrey Davis
- 23 Terry Russell
- 27 Evan Byars
- 30 Isaac "Terry" Anderson
*Phillip & Wendy McDaniel
- 31 Mary Thrash

January

- 2 *John & Betty Aiken
- 5 Lani Rousseau
- 7 Judy Allensworth
- 8 Alison Ishmael
- 9 Jack Mathews
- 11 Betty Aiken
Addison Lewis
- 13 Leanna Davis

Calendar

Wednesday, December 23

No Scheduled Events

Thursday, December 24

Church Office Closed

6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service,**
candlelight and communion

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

No Scheduled Events

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Prayer Partners— Pastor's Office
9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

No Youth

Monday-Wednesday, December 28-30

No Scheduled Events

Thursday, December 31

No Scheduled Events

Church Office Closed

Friday -Saturday, January 1-2

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, January 3

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
3:00 pm Worship at the Arbor

No Youth

Monday, January 4

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

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am Quilters

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
Hilltop Camp in Garrison
Girls' Flight March 17-20, 2016
Camp Takula in Chester

Contact Doug or Karen Swenson at 569-9934.

Worship's Coming

Thursday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Service

"Our Savior Is Born"

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-20

Liturgist Brooks Kennemer

Acolytes Marci Bridges and Jake Berry

Sunday, December 27:

"The Greatest Gift"

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist Chuck Lewis

Acolytes Landon and Braxton Anderson

Counters Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

Sunday, January 3:

"Don't Be Afraid; I Am with You"

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Liturgist Carol Wilson

Acolytes Violet Eason and Conner Hogan

Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

December Ushers: Legacy Class

January Ushers: Koinonia Class

January Covered Dish: Becomers Class

Sip & See with Marlee Lathan



Everyone please join us on **Saturday, January 9**, at **2:00 pm** to celebrate the birth of Marlee Raine Lathan on November 14 to Mark & Jennifer Lathan, joining siblings Isaac and Maya Jean.

Come enjoy food, fellowship, and seeing Marlee as we shower our newest Perritte baby with gifts! For more information, or to volunteer to help, call Melanie at 281.794.2960.

Feeding the Flock

Looking for stocking stuffers? Give the legacy of the tastes of Perritte by buying a cookbook for just \$10!



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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:

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

Messenger deadline is 10 am every other Monday. The next newsletter will go out on **January 5**
To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact
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