



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

December 6, 2016

News Briefs

Cantata Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal for "Christmas Carol Celebration" will be on **Saturday, December 10**, from **10:00 am** until noon.

Board of Stewards

Board of Stewards will meet immediately after church on **Sunday, December 11**, this month.

Koinonia Christmas Party

The Koinonia Christmas party will be this **Sunday, December 11**, at **4:00 pm** at the Stoner's home. For more information, contact Susan at 564-4741.

Fun and Fellowship

The Fun and Fellowship Christmas Party will be at **11:30 am** on **Tuesday, December 13**.

Children's Christmas Program

The children of Perritte will be practicing during Sunday school and Children's Church for their Christmas program on **Sunday, December 18**. Questions? Call Alison Ishmael at 552-4390.

Church-wide Caroling

Meet at the church on **Sunday, Dec. 18**, at **3:00 pm**, to caravan to local shut-ins and nursing homes to spread Christmas cheer! Afterwards, we will all go to the McCarley's for food and fellowship—please bring a snack to share. Questions? Contact Cindi at 715-8122 about the party. Contact Nicole at 214.236.6844 about caroling.

Angel Tree

Our annual "Angel Tree" is set up in Memorial Hall with angels representing four families (21 children!) from Nettie Marshall Academy of Dual Language who need clothing and toys for Christmas. The generosity of our congregation in this ministry has blessed the families who receive the gifts more than we may ever know.

In order to take advantage of this great opportunity to share Christ's love with some of His little children, just take an angel tag from the tree (yes, you may take more than one!), purchase the gift(s) indicated by the tag(s), wrap the gift(s), tape the angel tag(s) to the bottom of the package(s), and bring them to the church No later than Sunday, December 18.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of our Lord once more, and thank God for providing us with this opportunity to touch the lives of others with his love!

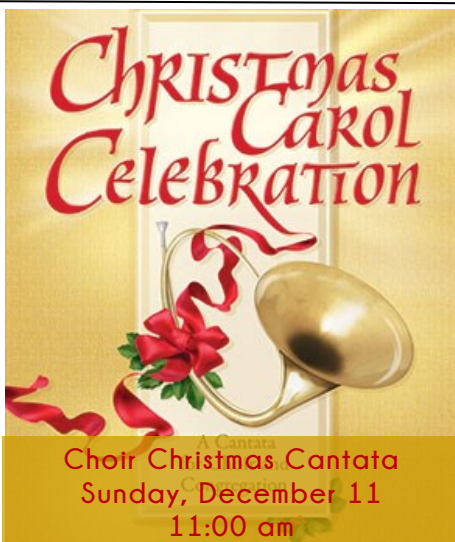
Thank you

From the family of Billy Garrett:

"To all our friends at Perritte, Thank you for the lovely food you brought to us! It was delivered with the good wishes of many of you. We enjoyed the food and the friendship. May God bless each one of you."

From Becky Byars, Bazaar Chair:

I would like to thank everyone for the hard work and prayers that made this year's bazaar such a success. At last count, we have raised \$14,542.75. I appreciate your commitment and support. The bazaar would not happen if not for each and every one of our church family. It was such a pleasure working with everyone. Thank you again and God Bless!



Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts

Open House

Come preview the new after school program at Perritte on **Monday, Dec. 12, 5:00-7 pm**. Potential students, families, and donors will have an opportunity to meet the teachers, see the instruments, and enjoy some refreshments!

2017 Calendars

Buy your 2017 "God's Creation" calendar to raise money for missions. Calendars are \$8 each or \$20 for three.



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Pastor's Corner

Each Sunday in our Advent-Christmas season series pursues a key theme identified in the gospel reading for each week. The themes, in order, are *Watch, Turn, See, Dream, Peace, Word*.

Watch: The series begins where Advent begins, with the call of Jesus to his disciples to stay on watch for the fulfillment of all things.

Turn: Becoming aware of the end of the universe as we know it that Christ will bring about, we are invited to repent, to turn from our attachments to the powers of death and destruction in this age, and live out of the Spirit-led mission of the coming reign of God.

See: Once we have turned toward the fulfillment God intends, we begin to be able to see the world and treat others in it in a new way.

Dream: Even as we begin to see God's way of compassion and mercy, we also—like Joseph—come to acknowledge our reliance on God communicating with us and transforming us, not just in our waking, conscious lives, but in our sleeping, unconscious lives as well.

Peace: Whether in dreams or visions of angels, we see and hear and join the chorus of the heavenly host announcing the birth of Jesus as a sign of peace to all people of good will.

Word: In a Service of the Word today, we contemplate the mystery of the Word made flesh and dwelling among us.

Let us walk in the light of God, so says the prophet Isaiah. With darkness descending in the Northern hemisphere and fears of darkness politically and globally, these words are good counsel. The dark night—whether in terms of weather or the social order—challenges us to embrace God's enlightened paths. Open to the light, we can see growth within darkness.

Advent is a time for hopes and dreams, for possibilities that take us beyond the world as we know it to the world as it could be—and should be—a place of healing, restoration, justice, and Shalom. Advent joins the personal and the political. The spirit of Advent invites us to examine our values and lifestyle: How shall we experience peace in the onslaught of the Christmas season? How shall our Advent be holy? What behaviors do we need to change to be part of the peaceful world Isaiah visualizes? So stay awake. Walk in the light. Open to your role in the divine adventure. Salvation is here, Christ's coming is now. Rejoice in the glorious and challenging splendor of this wondrous holy moment.

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Rev. Lani Rousseau	Floyd (HaHa) Tillis, Jr.	Pete Dailey
Janice McDaniel	Don Williams	Keith Lumpkins
Breanna White	Edwin McDaniel	Marci Bridges

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Lorraine Hensley	Dale & Morris Ward	Forrest Garrett
Steve Stovall	Helen Walker	Rebecca Yarbrough

Those who are grieving

Family of Jerry Mathews

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Gifts and Presence

November General Donations

11/6/16	5,654.99
11/13/16	1,870.00
11/20/16	2,247.00
11/27/16	<u>5,574.00</u>
Nov. General Donations	\$15,345.99

November Worship Attendance

11/6/16	103
11/13/16	79
11/20/16	84
11/27/16	<u>104</u>
Avg. Nov. Worship Attendance	93

Budget Comparison on 11/30/16

General Fund Budget	\$222,873.25
Needed to Date	205,729.44
Received to Date	171,666.01
Over/Under Budget	(\$34,063.40)

YTD Avg. Worship Attendance **92**

Las Posadas

Bonita United Methodist Church
10303 US Hwy. 259, 560-2028
[next the Central Heights schools]

On **Tuesday, December 13**, at **5:30 pm**, celebrate a Hispanic re-enactment of Mary & Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem. A piñata made and decorated by children will be broken as part of the celebration. Traditional food will be served.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 1 Ray Stoner
- 3 *Floyd & Wonda Jopling
- 7 Beatrice Clack
Judy Allensworth
- 13 Sandy Tillis
- 18 John Ball
- 20 Stacy Jacobs Hatchett
- 23 Terry Russell
- 30 Isaac "Terry" Anderson
*Phillip & Wendy McDaniel

Calendar

Weekly Events:

Sundays

- 9:00 am Prayer Partners
9:45 am Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Mondays

No Pie Crust until 2017

- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #107

Wednesdays

- 2:00 pm Men's and Women's 42 Groups
5:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday supper
Hosts: 12/7: UMW 12/14: Scouts
6:00 pm Adult Study
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #107
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Changes to Weekly Events:

Saturday, December 10

- 10:00 am Cantata Rehearsal, until noon
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Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
11:00 am Choir Cantata
12:15 pm Board of Stewards
4:00 pm Koinonia class Christmas party
Questions? Call Susan Stoner at 564-4741

Monday, December 12

- 8:30 am Pie Crust Crew Breakfast, Kinfolks
5:00 pm Open House for Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts

Tuesday, December 13

- 11:30 am Fun and Fellowship Christmas Party
5:30 pm Las Posadas, Bonita UMC, 10131 US Hwy. 259
(next to Central Heights Schools)

Friday, December 16

- TBA Children's Program Rehearsal, afternoon
Questions? Call Alison Ishmael at 552-4390

Saturday, December 17

- Trip to Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center
Questions? Call Mark Dalhoff at 560-6663
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Sunday, December 18

- Angel Tree Gifts Due
11:00 am Children's Program
3:00 pm Church-wide Caroling (meet at Perritte,) then
Christmas Party at Max & Cindi McCarley's home
Questions? Call Cindi at 715-8122

Saturday, December 24

- 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
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Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

- 10:00 am Christmas Caroling in Memorial Hall,
in place of all Sunday school classes
11:00 am Worship

Holiday Cancellations & Closures

- No Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts on
Mondays, December 19 & 26.
No meal, adult study, Scouts, or choir on
Wednesdays, December 21 & 28.
Church office closed on **Monday-Thursday,**
December 26-29, and Monday, January 2.

Sunday's Coming

Sunday, December 11, Choir Cantata:

"See"

- Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10, Matthew 11:2-11
Acolytes Marci Bridges and Patricia Laird
Advent Wreath James Teekell and Matthew Smith
Counters Brandi Dalhoff and Chuck Lewis

Sunday, December 18, Children's Program:

"Dream"

- Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25
Liturgist Jamie Bouldin
Acolytes Violet Eason and Connor Hogan
Advent Wreath James Teekell and Matthew Smith
Counters Gary Johnson and Kaye Monzingo

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

"Peace"

- Scripture Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14
Liturgist Gary Johnson
Acolytes Caleb and Braxton Anderson
Advent Wreath James Teekell and Matthew Smith

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:

"Word"

- Scripture Isaiah 52:7-10, John 1:1-14
Liturgist Chuck Lewis
Acolytes James Teekell and Marci Bridges
Counters Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

Sunday, January 1, Epiphany:

"Reveal"

- Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12
Liturgist Karen Swenson
Acolytes Violet Eason and Connor Hogan
Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

December Ushers: Legacy Class

January Covered Dish: Becomers Class

January Ushers: Koinonia Class

Spring Emmaus Walks

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity.

Women's Walk February 16-19

Men's Walk March 23-26

Contact Doug or Karen Swenson at 569-9934 to learn about this spiritual growth retreat.

Wednesday Cook at Wesley

The SFA Wesley Foundation is looking for a Wednesday night cook for 35 to 40 students, starting on January 18. The job pays \$60 per week. For more information contact Joan at 564-7257 or email joan.sfawesley@gmail.com.



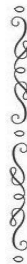
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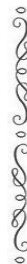
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All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:

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

Messenger deadline is 10 am on the day before the first Tuesday of the month.

The next newsletter will go out on **January 3**

To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact
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