



Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

January 10, 2017

News Briefs

MLK Annual Service

The Nacogdoches Ministerial Alliance will hold their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. service on **Sunday, January 15**, at **6 pm** at Iron Wheel Baptist Church (820 1st St.) Join in the community celebration honoring the life and spirit of Dr. King.

Perritte Planning Meeting

Board of Stewards, committee chairs, and all interested church goers will meet immediately after church on **Sunday, January 22**, to discuss the direction Perritte will take in 2017 and plan events to take us there.

War on Debt

Lucy Richardson will lead a class called "War of Debt" from **9:00 am** until noon on **Saturday, January 28**.

Leadership Training

"Inside Out" will be held on **Saturday, January 28**, beginning at **9:30 am**, at FUMC Lufkin. See article for more information.

CHAIRished Blessings

This fundraiser, dinner, and silent auction for Love INC will be **Friday, February 10, 6:00-10:00 pm**, at the Nacogdoches County Civic Center. See inside for more information.

Women's Walk to Emmaus

Call Karen Swenson at 569-9934 for information about this retreat on **February 16-19**.

PushPay

I am pleased to announce that Perritte Memorial UMC has joined the 21st century! We are now able to accept tithes, offerings, and payments via computer and/or smartphone. Our new church-giving program is called Pushpay and Susan Lewis, Susan Teekell, and I have had training on setting up and using the program. I would have to say that due to the fact that I, Chuck Lewis, was able to follow the directions and pull up the program on my phone in a matter of seconds attests to the ease of use of Pushpay. We will be explaining all about this new program during our January 15th worship service. In the mean time, if you would like information on giving via your own phone or computer, just give me a call at 936-554-0297, and I will be happy to help.

-Chuck Lewis, Chair of Finance

"Inside Out"

We invite all those who would like to help Perritte's ministries reach those outside our doors to "Inside Out."

"Inside Out,"

the East District's Leadership Training Event, will be at FUMC Lufkin (805 E Denman Ave., Lufkin) on **Saturday, January 28**, from **9:30 am** until 2:00 pm. FREE childcare is available, and lunch is provided for \$10.

While you can register at the door, please register online to be sure of getting the classes you want, as class size is limited. The link to register is: <http://bit.ly/2017LeadershipTraining>.

Ten classes are being offered:

- Children's Ministries-Sally Frasier
- Empower Your Leaders- Rev. Steve Woody
- Finance-Rev. Mark Woodward
- How to Reach the Unchurched-Rev. Drew Weber
- Intro to Social Media for Church-Rev. Tom Teekell & Rachel Pipkin
- Putting Together a Creative Worship Team-Rev. Laura Campbell
- Reaching a Broken World- Rev. David Briggs
- Spiritual Gifts-Rev. Keefe Cropper
- Staff Parish Relations Committee-Rev. Tony Vinson
- Youth Ministries- Alain Leistikow

Most classes will be offered twice-morning and afternoon. Questions? Call Vonnie at 936.899.7383 or email her at johnsonvonnie@gmail.com



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Pastor's Corner

We are now in the Season after Epiphany. The Season of Epiphany is "bookended" by two Sundays: the Baptism of the Lord (January 8) and Transfiguration (March 2).

Front and center is the baptism of Jesus as told in Matthew's gospel. Matthew's account is in two parts: John's objection and the baptism itself. Each is important. Matthew is the only gospel writer to record reticence by John to baptize Jesus. Matthew's is also the only gospel that includes Jesus' reply to John's objection. "Let that go, now. This is the way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Let what go? John's objection was that Jesus ought to be baptizing him rather than the other way around. Jesus was the One, after all, and John but a messenger, a forerunner. Jesus insists not only that John should baptize him, but that he should let go of his objection, his vision of how things "should be," and that such letting go was how **both** of them could "fulfill all righteousness." In God's kingdom, the least are blessed above all. The least or lesser thereby become the primary channel to bless all others.

How about you? How are you living out of your baptism? Are you a channel of blessing to others? I invite you to spend a few minutes with the Lord remembering your baptism and reflecting on what God might be calling you to do to "live out of" your baptism this week and into the future of this year. Each year when we renew our baptismal vows, we reaffirm our covenant to

"faithfully participate in the ministries of the church through

our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness."

Being a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ is not easy. Belonging to a faith community with other disciples gives us both an opportunity to study and grow in the faith, in service, and in witness.

Each morning of his life, Martin Luther would awaken and then wash his face. As the water splashed down his cheeks, he would say aloud,

"Martin, you are baptized, you are Mine and you are loved."

Try it this month and see if starting your day reminds you that you are claimed, named, and called as God's own child... and that you will continue the day living and loving as one of His.

In God's peace, Rev. Barbara

We Remember in Prayer

Those who need healing

Rev. Lani Rousseau	Floyd Tillis, Jr.	Pete Dailey	Dennis Carpenter
Janice McDaniel	Don Williams	Keith Lumpkins	Sandra York
Breanna White	Edwin McDaniel	Bryon Williams	
PeggyJane Barfield-Cook	Rhonda Radley	Max Radley	

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

Those serving in the Armed Forces and their families

Our Presence

December Worship Attendance

12/4/16	95
12/11/16	98
12/18/16	94
12/25/16	<u>23</u>

Avg. Dec. Worship Attendance 78

2016 Avg. Worship Attendance 91

Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts

Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts opened at Perritte on Monday, January 9, to nine students! It's not too late for Nacogdoches 3rd-5th graders to sign up to take affordable classes in piano, ukulele, and visual arts on Monday afternoons, from 4:00-5:30 pm! Email Nicole Stewart at perritefinearts@gmail.com for more information.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
- *Nick & Nicole Stewart
- 15 Xoe Berry
- 22 Matthew Smith
- 23 Jamie Bouldin, Tim Monzingo
- 24 Melanie Wilson
- 25 Esther Jones
- 30 James Teekell

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

8:00 am Pie Crust, resumes January 16
 3:30 pm Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts
 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: 1/4: UMW 1/11: Scouts
 1/18: Missions 1/25: Chuck
 6:00 pm Adult Study
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #107
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Changes to Weekly Events:

Tuesday, January 10

6:30 pm **Essential Oils 101**, Lucy Richardson

Sunday, January 15

6:00 pm **MLK Annual Service**, Rev. Jeff McDonald preaching
Iron Wheel Baptist Church (820 1st St.)

Sunday, January 22

12:15 pm **Church-wide Planning Meeting**

Saturday, January 28

9:00 am **War on Debt**, Lucy Richardson, until noon
 9:30 am **East District Training Event**, FUMC Lufkin, until 2

Thursday, February 2

6:30 pm **Round Table Scouts**

CHAIRished Blessings

2nd Annual fundraiser for Love INC
 Fundraiser • Dinner • Silent Auction
 Friday, February 10, 6:00-10:00 pm
 Nacogdoches County Civic Center

Make reservations now for an evening of fun with family and friends! Your ticket reserves one seated buffet dinner and the opportunity to bid on CHAIR-ished Blessings Design Competition items which range from jewelry and accessories to household items and furniture.

Perritte has purchased a table, so instead of buying your ticket directly from Love INC for \$35, you can reserve a spot at our table for \$31.25.

Several church

members are working on a "room" display to enter in the contest. Remember that last year they won "Best of Show!" Join us to see the results of their artistic labors this year!



Sunday's Coming

Theme for Epiphany:
"The Great Invitation"

Sunday, January 15:
"Come and See"

Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42
 Liturgist Kay Teekell
 Acolytes Marci Bridges and Patricia Laird
 Counters Gary Johnson and Kaye Monzingo

Sunday, January 22:
"Follow Me"

Scripture Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23
 Liturgist Jamie Bouldin
 Acolytes Violet Eason and Connor Hogan
 Counters Max McCarley and Karen Swenson

Saturday, January 29:
"#Blessed"

Scripture Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12
 Liturgist Chuck Lewis
 Acolytes Caleb and Braxton Anderson
 Counters Max McCarley and Kaye Monzingo

Sunday, February 5:

"Salt and Light and Righteousness Abounding"
 Scripture Isaiah 58:1-9a, Matthew 5:13-20
 Liturgist Carol Wilson
 Acolytes James Teekell and Matthew Smith
 Counters Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles

January Ushers: *Koinonia Class*
 February Covered Dish: *Legacy Class*
 February Ushers: *Becomers 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. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Women's Walk
 Men's Walk

February 16-19
 March 23-26

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



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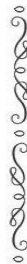
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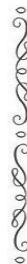
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All members of the church are ministers of the Gospel,
equipped for sharing the grace of God with the assistance of:

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 **February 7**

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