



# Perritte Memorial Messenger

## United Methodist Church

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

December 04, 2018

### News Briefs



#### New Year's Resolutions

As you reflect on 2018 and look forward to 2019, you may find yourself looking for a new way to serve your church. If you are interested in:

- joining a group of ushers, call Becky at 564-7571;
- serving as an offering counter after worship, call Brandi at 560-6663;
- serving as a liturgist in worship (reading prayers and scripture,) call Susan at 564-8427; or
- singing in the choir, show up at practice on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** in the choir room.

Let's resolve to serve Perritte in new ways in 2019!

#### Koinonia Class Christmas Party

The Koinonia Sunday School Class will celebrate Christmas with a party **Sunday, December 9, at 5:30 pm** at 245 CR 2222. Questions? Call Susan: 564-4741.

#### Crescendo Recital

Perritte invites you to the Crescendo Academy of Fine Arts Recital on **Sunday, December 16, at 2:00 pm**. Our Fall 2018 students are looking forward to showing off all they've learned in piano, ukulele, art, and steel drums!

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your generosity - this year we packed 176 boxes. Your boxes packed with hygiene items, toys, notes, love, and prayers will impact a minimum of 176 children; often affecting other children, families and sometimes whole communities! Thank you to all the many people who helped in addition to packing boxes - donation of food, helping in the kitchen, and donations of items. Your boxes will be added to the 13 million expected to be raised to tell of the love of Jesus Christ! -Mark Dalhoff



### Let's Get Ready for Christmas!

#### *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*

Daily devotionals for the month of December

Pastor Carol leads discussion on

**Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 6:00 pm**

Book available in Memorial Hall for \$11 each

#### Children's Program

**Sunday, December 16, at 11:00 am**

Children will rehearse during Children's Church on Sunday mornings

Contact Karen Swenson at 615-1982

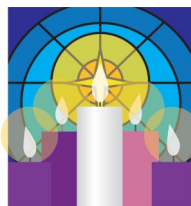


#### Churchwide Caroling and Party

**Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 pm**

Meet at Perritte to ride the church bus to sing to the homebound (Caroling Contact: Gary at 936.552.6700)

Party at 353 CR 2131 afterward, please bring a snack to share (Party Contact: Cindi at 936.715.8122)



#### Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Communion Service  
**Monday, December 24, at 6:00 pm**



## Pastor's Corner

Welcome to the Advent/Christmas season! This is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beloved Christmas carol "Silent Night." Our Advent worship series will be celebrating the beautiful messages contained within its lyrics. I hope you will invite family and friends to join us during this season of sharing the love of Christ with one another and the world.

The holidays can be filled with stress, multiple errands, Christmas parties, open houses, concerts, shopping, Christmas cards to send and mail, caroling, gifts to wrap and bag, driving family members to activities, shopping (intentionally repeated), baking, entertaining, etc. At the top of the list – Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit; The Triune God. Is he at the top of your list during the Advent/Christmas list?

Advent is a time of waiting. We always think that we are the ones doing the waiting... have you ever considered that perhaps God is doing the waiting? Perhaps God is waiting for us to seek him each day; to make time for him; to have a close, intimate relationship with him. This Advent/Christmas season, I am encouraging you to seek God first throughout each day. I am asking you to let me know if your Christmas season is different this year. Let each of us discover and appreciate more moments of peace, joy, hope and love as we seek our heavenly Father.

Bill and I have several Christian DVDs that we really enjoy during this season that we would like to recommend: "The Nativity Story", Max Lucado's "The Christmas Candle," "Christmas with a Capital C" and "The Star of Bethlehem". Please share some of your favorites on our Facebook page and Group Facebook page, or contact the office with your favorites.

Bill, Tobi and I pray that God will bless you and your family during this Christmas season and that he will protect you during your holiday travels.

–Pastor Carol

## We Remember in Prayer

### *Those who need healing*

Jimmy Ruth Anderson	Cindi McCarley	Steve Stovall
Billie Tillis	Wonda Jopling	Barbara Norris
Midge Ormand	Izzy Berry	Oleta Brown
Mike Brumbaugh	Carol Smith	Jared Putnam

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

Helen Walker	Forrest Garrett	Charles Holbrook
Lorraine Hensley	Rebecca Yarbrough	Amelia Fleniken

### *Those who are grieving*

Family and friends of Laura Mathews Deater, sister of Jack Mathews

***Those serving in the Armed Forces, First Responders, and their families***

## Our Gifts & Presence

### November Worship Attendance

11/04/18	83
11/11/18	84
11/18/18	68
11/25/18	<u>71</u>
<b>Avg. Nov. Worship Attendance</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Avg. YTD Worship Attendance</b>	<b>75</b>

### Received November 2018

ZOE	75.00
HOPE	17.00
Missions	8.00
Crescendo	160.00
Memorials	810.00
Special Donations	2,838.10
General Donations	<u>18,252.00</u>
<b>Total November Donations</b>	<b>\$22,160.10</b>

### Financial Report for November 2018

Monthly Budget	\$17,409.83
November Deposit	18,252.00
November Expenses	total pending

### January-November Financial Report

Budget	\$190,754.74
General Donations	147,768.67
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-42,986.07</b>
Pulled from savings	16,000.00
<b>Difference Remaining</b>	<b>-26,986.07</b>

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December

- 1 Ray Stoner
- 2 \*Floyd & Wonda Jopling
- 13 Sandi Tillis
- 17 \*Patrick & Brianna Lewis
- 18 John Ball
- 20 Stacy Jacobs Hatchett
- 30 Isaac (Terry) Anderson  
Patricia Laird  
\*Phillip & Wendy McDaniel

### January

- 2 \*John & Betty Aiken
- 7 Judy Allensworth
- 8 Alison Ishmael
- 9 Jack Mathews
- 11 Betty Aiken  
Addison Lewis
- 13 Leanna Davis  
\*Nick & Nicole Stewart

## 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

- 3:30 pm Crescendo Monday Rotations, *until 5:30 pm*
- 5:45 pm Crescendo Steel Drum Group, *until 6:45 pm*
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #107

#### Wednesdays

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Prayer Room
- 5:30 pm Snack Supper (*1st-UMW, 2nd-Scouts, 3rd-NHS Culinary, 4th-Chuck, 5th-Board*)
- 6:00 pm Activities for children, youth, and adults
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #107
- 7:00 pm Choir

### Additions and Changes to Weekly Events:

#### Sunday, December 9

- 8:00 am **UMM Breakfast**
- 5:30 pm **Koinonia Class Christmas Party**

#### Monday, December 10

- 8:30 am **Pie Crust Crew Breakfast**, Kinfolks, 4817 NW Stallings Dr

#### Tuesday, December 11

- 11:30 am **Fun & Fellowship**
- 5:30 pm **Nacogdoches Learning League, until 8:00 pm**

#### Wednesday, December 12

- 11:45 am **Healthy Holiday Cooking**, Lucy Richardson  
\$5/person covers lunch & cooking

#### Sunday, December 16

- 11:00 am **Children's Program**
- 2:00 pm **Crescendo Recital**
- 3:00 pm **Church-wide Caroling**

#### Monday, December 17

- 6:00 pm **Girl Scout Troop #1025**

#### Thursday, December 20

- 6:30 pm **Girl Scout Troop #102158**

#### Monday, December 24

*\*No Crescendo\**

- 6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**

#### Monday—Tuesday, December 24-25

*\*Church Office Closed\**

#### Wednesday, December 26

*\*No Wednesday Activities\**

#### Monday-Tuesday, December 31-January 1

*\*Church Office Closed\**

*\*No Crescendo\**

#### Wednesday, January 2

*\*No Wednesday Activities\**

#### Sunday, January 6

- 12:00 pm **Covered Dish (Host: Becomers Class)**
- 3:00 pm **The Arbor Service, 3002 Westward Dr**

## Sunday's Coming

### Advent Theme: Calm and Bright

#### Sunday, December 9:

##### *Joy*

- Scripture* Psalm 86:9-11; Luke 2:8-20
- Prayer Partners* Jamie Bouldin
- Liturgist* Karen Swenson
- Acolytes* Caleb Anderson and William Bouldin
- Counters* Becky Byars and Chuck Lewis
- Ushers* Becomers Class
- Advent Wreath* Eason family

#### Sunday, December 16:

##### *Love*

- Scripture* John 1:1-18; Romans 3:23-24
- Prayer Partners* Vonnie Johnson and Maggie Ball
- Liturgist* Melanie Wilson
- Acolytes* Matthew Smith and Colin Wilson
- Counters* Gary Johnson and Mike Gandy
- Ushers* Youth
- Advent Wreath* Mary Ann Miles and Barbara Norris

#### Sunday, December 23:

##### *Hope*

- Scripture* Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 2:1-12
- Prayer Partners* Mary Lou Mackey
- Liturgist* Brooks Kennemer
- Acolytes* Caleb Anderson and William Bouldin
- Counters* Max McCarley and Karen Swenson
- Ushers* Legacy Class
- Advent Wreath* Allensworth family

### Christmas Eve,

#### Monday, December 24, at 6 pm:

##### *Calm and Bright*

- Scripture* Luke 2:1-20
- Liturgist* Chuck Lewis
- Acolytes* Peyton and Addison Lewis
- Advent Wreath* Swenson family
- Ushers* TBA

#### Sunday, December 30:

##### *Is Born*

- Scripture* Revelation 21:1-6
- Prayer Partners* 5th Sunday—all able
- Liturgist* Carol Wilson
- Acolytes* Violet Eason and Connor Hogan
- Counters* Max McCarley
- Ushers* UMM

#### Sunday, January 6:

- Prayer Partners* Karen Swenson
- Liturgist* TBA
- Acolytes* TBA
- Counters* Mark Dalhoff and Mary Ann Miles
- Ushers* Koinonia Class

January Covered Dish: *Becomers Class*



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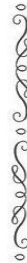
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## Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church

Perritte is located at  
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**9 am - 1 pm**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
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979.599.2308 (pastor cell)

**Our Mission**  
is to Make Disciples  
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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>Youth Director</b>	Zach Allensworth
<b>Pastor</b>	Carol Khoury

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

The next newsletter will go out on **Tuesday, January 8.**

To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact  
Susan Teekell at 564-8427 or [info@perritteumc.org](mailto:info@perritteumc.org)