

# Perritte Memorial Messenger

United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

**December 4, 2019** 

## **News Briefs**

## Coming Soon: A new look For the Newsletter

#### **Mental Health First Aid**

We are hosting a mental health seminar on Saturday, December 7th from 8 am—5 pm in Memorial Hall given by the Burke Center. It will teach us how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Lunch will be provided. Class size is limited to 30 attendees, so call the office to sign up, 936-564-8427.

#### **Christmas Cantata**

The Perritte Choir will present "Joy has Dawned" as a worship service of Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 8th at 11 am. We will NOT have Children's Church that Sunday! The children will have an in-seat activity so they can join with their families and teachers to enjoy the musical message of the Cantata.

## **Blue Christmas Gathering**

During the Holidays are you feeling: lonely—sad— alienated—not joyful? Are you in mourning—apart from family celebrations? Your invited to join us for our Blue Christmas Gathering on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:15 pm, a Service of Remembrance! Join us for encouragement and support during this holiday season. We will be having a light supper at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall before the service.

## **Caroling Party**

Max and Cindi McCarley will host an after caroling party on Sunday, December 8th. We will meet at the church at 3:00pm go caroling as a group and enjoy snacks afterwards in their home at 353 C.R. 2131. Please call Cindi @ 936-712-8122 for questions.

#### An Advent to Share

On December 1st, 8th, and 15th, we will ALL come together as an intergenerational family and gather around in Memorial Hall for Christmas treats, sing some carols, and hear a short devotion. Afterwards, on the 1st, the Pals class will lead us in the making of a simple craft. There will be other surprises as well that morning.

On the 8th of December, Koinonia class will be leading us. We are planning a cookie plate delivery in our neighborhood and for our shut-ins. You might be asked to bring a dozen or so cookies for this project. This will be the day of the Cantata, so why not first start it off with us in Memorial Hall?

Becomers will be our leaders on the 15th of December. Again, sweets will be shared and carols sung as we sign Christmas cards and hear about some old Christmas legends. These cards will be sent to our members who just aren't able to be with us for one reason or the other.

Please make plans to be at Perritte these three Sundays of Advent. It won't be the same without you.



## **Pastor's Corner**

#### Pastor's Corner December 2019

Welcome to the Advent/Christmas season! This is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beloved Christmas carol "Joy to the World". 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 want to thank you so very much for the continued love and support you continue to offer us as Bill continues his recovery. As Bill's caregiver and your pastor, I appreciate all your willingness to help me however you are able and the encouragement you have offered both of us with your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls. THANK YOU!

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.

Merry Christmas! Pastor Carol

## We Remember in Prayer

#### Those who need healing

Jackson Allensworth Bill Khoury Wonda Joplin Billie Tillis Mike Trawick Earline Jacobs Earline Shipley Robert Callaway Pat Randall Tamara Delarosa

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

Helen Walker Forrest Garrett Charles Holbrook Lorraine Hensley Rebecca Yarbrough Peggy Barfield

Those who are grieving

## Our Gifts & Presence

November Worship Attendance	
11/03/19	57
11/10/19	55
11/17/19	60
11/24/19	56
Avg. Nov. Worship Attendance	<b>57</b>
Avg. YTD Worship Attendance	62

#### **November General Donations**

НОРЕ	\$ 900
Youth Fund	64.00
O.C.C.	656.00
Crescendo	200.00
Special	250.00
Bazaar	130.00
Trunk or Treat	25.00
Oct. General Donations	8,979.00
Total Donation for Oct.	\$10,276.47

#### Financial Report Jan—Nov 2019

Income budgeted	\$156,024.92
Actual income	\$143,606.98
Expense budgeted	\$156,025.39
Actual Expenses	\$142,898.35

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### December

- 1 Ray Stoner, Amy Hall
- 2 \* Floyd & Wonda Joplin
- 7 Beatrice Clack
- 13 Sandy Tillis
- 18 John Ball
- 20 Stacy Jacobs
- 27 Evan Byers
- 30 Terry Anderson
  - \* Phillip & Wendy McDaniel

#### **January**

- 7 Judy Allensworth
- 8 Alison Ishmael
- 9 Jack Mathews

## Calendar

## Weekly Events:

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<u>Sundays</u>	
9:00 am	Prayer Partners
9:45 am	Morning Fellowship—Memorial Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
<b>Mondays</b>	
3:30 pm	Crescendo,
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts

#### See enclosed Calendar

Wonderful Wednesday Advent Study

Places of Advent

During the Wonderful Wednesdays of Advent, we will take a look at the locations important in the Advent story: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Egypt. We'll look at what happened in each place, what they looked like, and how they were important to the story. Not just for what happened there, but for the emotions and feelings experienced there. Many times we experience similar feelings. Maybe we can take a new look and relate to what happened at these places. Ray Stoner

## Honoring Kaye Monzingo



## Sunday's Coming

Wednesday, December 4: "Elusive Joy: A Blue Christmas"

John 19: 25b-27

Sunday, December 8th:

"Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy" Mathew 3: 1-12

Sunday, December 15th:

"Make the Blessings Known: Unabashed Joy" Luke 1: 46b –55

Sunday, December 22th:

"Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy"
Matthew 1: 18-25

Tuesday, December 24th:

The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy"
Luke 2: 1-20

Sunday, December 29th:

"Wonders of His Love: Compassionate Joy" Matthew 2: 13-23

#### Baptism Samuel Benson Lewis - 11/24/19



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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
Accompanist
Nursery Supervisor
Secretary
Custodian
Pastor

Nicole Stewart
Aimee Pecina
Dorothy Hahn
Betty White
Carol Khoury

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

The next newsletter will go out on **January 7.** 

To submit articles or if you have additions, deletions, or changes to the church calendar contact Dorothy Hahn at 564-8427 or info@perritteumc.org