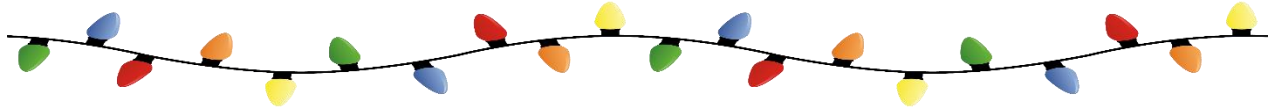


*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**December 10, 2023**



This Sunday, our Chancel Choir and friends will present a joyous Christmas Cantata at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. The Christmas Cantata, in its contemporary form, dates back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. The cantata combines choir, soloists, instruments and spoken dialogue to narrate the story of Christ's birth. It is a powerful medium for expressing the hope, peace, joy, and love surrounding the birth of Christ. Our Christmas Chancel Choir is excited to bring Pepper Choplin's *The Seven Noels* to our Wynnton Sanctuary. The centerpiece of this Cantata is a favorite Christmas hymn, *The First Noel*. Stylistically, the music ranges from prayerful ballads to joyful, rhythmic celebrations. One of the movements, *Never Been a Night*, has been described as a gospel Christmas party! The first six Noels are short musical narrations for soloists and ensembles that propel the story forward. The seventh Noel is a beautiful, lyrical song of praise which includes an opportunity for the congregation to sing a verse of the hymn *The First Noel*. This Sunday, we invite you to experience familiar carols and hymns and beautiful new melodies that blend together to illustrate the wonder and joy of the Christmas story. As we receive this joy, let us praise God and share the *Good News!*

Luke 2:10-11

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*

May God bless you and fill your heart with hope, peace, joy and love this Advent and Christmas season!  
Diana B.

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**CHILDREN'S LEADERSHIP  
TEAM MEETING  
MINISTRY CENTER**

December 11 at 5:30 p.m.  
December 18 at 5:30 p.m.

**LOVE OFFERING**

If you would like to contribute to a love offering as we farewell Meghan Gross, please send it to the church and earmark it, "Meghan Gross Love Offering." We wish Meghan blessings as she completes her seminary degree and pursues a career in ministry. We will present the gift to Meghan on Sunday, January 7.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Margie Buchanan** by Carol Hammock

In memory of **Larry Spell** by Shirley & John Richey

In memory of **Michael White** by Shirley & John Richey

In memory of **Doris Carr** by Shirley & John Richey



### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 17, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Join us in celebrating the holidays with our homebound by Christmas Caroling. We will be leaving at 3:00 p.m. on December 17<sup>th</sup> to see as many of our homebound members as possible. After caroling, we will be returning to the church to gather around the table with hot soup to warm back up from our singing. Please contact Will Walley or the church office if you would be interested in singing with us, and if you would be interested in volunteering to make a pot of soup or bring a small dessert for the fellowship time afterward.



### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

The unwrapped Christmas gifts for the students must be delivered to the school no later than December 13. Thank you for all you are doing.

Tissues and bandaids are needed all year for teachers to keep available for students in their classrooms. Place these items in the bin in the Ministry Center.

Call/text Shirley Richey @ 706-332-6890 if you have any questions.

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Joseph: December 10-16

Matthew 1:1-25



This week we will be reading about Joseph. Too often we overlook the importance of Joseph in the Christmas story, but he played an important role in the childhood of Jesus. Joseph was betrothed to Mary. That's when he found out that his soon-to-be wife was pregnant. Betrothal is different than the engagement we would think of; if he wanted to break his engagement, then it would be much closer to a divorce. So Joseph intended to quietly divorce Mary, to save her any embarrassment. That is when an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. Joseph decided to take the role of father for Jesus, and he decided to care for both Jesus and Mary. Joseph helped Mary raise the Christ child, so Jesus could save the world.

### IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend. We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week we are reading through Mark 4:21-34. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday the 10th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!



Help create coral reef décor for VBS!

#### Needed

Empty wrapping paper tubes

Paper towel tubes

Drop off in the VBS bin in the Ministry Center/Fellowship Hall

**\*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!**

- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus this week; we will meet Friday 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Youth Christmas Party is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. Please connect with us through our GroupMe App. AOC Basement
- Winter Retreat Final Meeting is Dec. 17th



**UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Rev. Michaela Walley  
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

**2023 END OF YEAR GIVING**

Please be sure to send your end of year contributions before December 31. Submissions postmarked after Dec. 31 cannot be counted for 2023. Also, gifts of stock and online payments must clear by Dec. 31. Thanks for helping us meet our budget needs!



**BACKPACKS OF GRACE**

Backpacks of Grace needs your help! We have a record number of children we are serving this year of 101 kids! Backpacks of Grace is one of our weekly ministry opportunities. Each Thursday during the school year, we pack bags of food to send to Wynnton Arts Academy to hand out to children who need weekend meals. Each bag includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a fruit cup, and a snack. Donations toward this ministry are greatly appreciated. Donations include: pudding cups, fruit cups, individual oatmeal or grits packets, individual boxed cereals, individual servings of goldfish crackers, Scooby snacks, or other snack items. Please, no peanut products. There is a donation bin in the Ministry Center. You can also give a monetary contribution through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Michaela Walley at [mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Sunday, December 24  
Sanctuary**



**Morning Service  
10:00 am**



**Candlelight Communion Services  
3:30 pm  
5:30 pm**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Our Finance Committee has designated our Christmas offering to go to Carpenter's Way. You may make your gift any time in December in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

**BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER**

**WE NEED YOU!** to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of December. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

**BLESSING NOTES**

We want to show families that we are actively praying over them with a tangible reminder. Help us write blessings over our preschool, VBS, and Sunday morning families! Check your Sunday school envelopes or contact Meghan Gross for more information about this service project and how you can participate.



*to: our families*  
*from: Wynnton*

**DECEMBER 10TH**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 11 Sue Rogers
- 12 Lee Andresen, Jeff Yates
- 13 Lawson Barnes, William Bray, Eliza Daffin, Eric Hubbard, Madison Vinyard
- 14 Jarrod Hart, Daniel Mudge, III
- 15 Rachel Plummer
- 16 Mike Forlines, Claren Hill, Marcia Therrien

**CHRISTMAS TREE ASSISTANCE**



If you would like help putting up and tearing down your Christmas tree, please contact Michaela Walley at [mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org](mailto:mwalley@wynntonmethodistchurch.org) or 304-439-4202.

If you would like to be a blessing to someone in the church by helping them set up and tear down their Christmas tree, contact Michaela.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**12-3-23**

General Fund .....	12,014.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	300.00
Endowment.....	75.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music .....	300.00
Christmas Offering .....	295.00
Other Contributions .....	50.00
Thanksgiving .....	100.00
Sunday School .....	44.10

**COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS**



**December 10, 2023**  
**Joyful Noise**

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**12-3-23**

8:30 Service .....	50
Modern Service.....	17
11:00 Service .....	119
Sunday School .....	92

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Robert Garrard
Michelle Foote	Mailyn McConnell
Kaye Hill	Sabrina Hart
Lynn Christenson	Frances Grell
Jarrold Hart	Reese Stallings
Vicki Ragan	Kay Hart
Virginia Bonner	Claren Hill
Susan Chriss	Bob Lowery
Jaleen Welch	Beverly McDaniel



We're looking for volunteers for the Modern Worship Service. If you play an instrument or sing, feel free to join us at our practices every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD December 10

**Team 6:** JT Taylor, Chuck McDaniel

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

Matthew 1:18-25  
Rev. Michaela Walley - 9:00 a.m.

### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies December 8-10  
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party - Basement
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Mark - Alpha Bldg.
- 7:30-9 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

### Monday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building
- 5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Leadership Meeting - Ministry Center

### Tuesday, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
- 10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center
- 6:00 p.m. Pathfinders Class Christmas Party - Home of Linda & Wallace Twiggs
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Class Christmas Party - Green Island Country Club

### Wednesday, December 13

- 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Christmas Luncheon - Home of Deanna Stevenson
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 14

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
- 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
- 11:30 a.m. New Seekers Class Party - Wynn House

### Friday, December 15

- 7:00-7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey Rd.
- 7:00 p.m. New Beginnings Class Christmas Party - Home of Penny & Jim Lamb

**Membership Card and Updates:**  
Please help us update our information by using this QR code or click the image. This is just another simple way to help us update your membership status. You can also pick up a card from the church office!

