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METHODIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR



Last month, we remembered our saints and loved ones, we honored our veterans, and we explored our Communion liturgy through the worship of our amazing God who has a bigger Table and Banquet for God's people than we could ever imagine. Remember? Jesus throws a party to fill the WHOLE house! (Luke 14:15-24)

When we encounter "home," we encounter belonging. God's home is with us. It is in us and among us. All we have to do is look around us at God's splendor in the people and creation around us--God belongs and so do we, all together. How do you experience belonging in God's home?

This Advent, we will imagine together Jesus' childhood home. What were the family stories? Who were his ancestors? How did his family tree shape him in his humanity? In other words, what were Jesus' roots? Through the Advent Worship series, "Rooted," we will explore Jesus' family tree, specifically the stories of the five women lifted up. They have messy stories (as do the men in the tree). What does it mean that they have a Messiah in the family tree?

We can relate to the people in Jesus' family tree. We have messy lives. Relationships are complex and nuanced, not as black and white and structured as we would like. Nobody and nothing are perfect. We are messy people--we are only human. So, what does it mean that we, all of us, are a part of Jesus' family?

I can think of nothing more special than the birth of a baby to bring a family together. Our family, people we see all the time, people we only see a couple times a year, and people we haven't yet met, will be coming together this Christmas. And God invites us again, this Advent, to wait and see the abundance that God promises.

Prayers and blessings be upon you and yours this Advent and Christmas season!

+Pastor Melissa

December Birthdays

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| 01: Nita Kinsgbury | 10: Dale Olson | 17: Sherri Hash |
| 01: Chyanne Robinson | 11: Gerry Allen | 17: Mary Jo Turner |
| 02: John Peters | 11: Nita Richard | 18: Lauren Sullivan |
| 03: Dean Reed | 12: Sue Gerry | 19: Henry Harrington |
| 04: Burt Todd | 13: La Rae Keopke | 26: Robert Maes |
| 06: Mark Dahl | 13: Norma Pangburn | 26: Carol Orr |
| 06: Roberta Dobb | 13: Becca Schwartzmiller | 28: Bill Rhoads |
| 09: Hoot Gibson | 14: Marylyn Shovlin | 31: Andi McCaughey |
| | 16: Sophia Engel | |

Anniversaries

- 14: Ted & Bea Cline
21: Brad & Terri Belke

Looking for someone to take over Vacation Bible School Director.

Contact Sylvia @ 494-3680 If interested.
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After the Thanksgiving holiday, you will see the **Christmas Giving Tree** on the table at the back of our church. On the tree are paper ornaments each with the name and residence of a person shut in and without family members to help them enjoy Christmas.

We are asking members of our congregation to open their hearts to fill the void in one of these person's lives **by selecting one of these ornaments and purchasing a gift for the person you have selected.** On the back of the ornament, you will find information such as size and any dietary or allergy restrictions to help in your selection of an appropriate gift.

Please wrap the gift and place the paper ornament on the gift as a name tag and return it to the church **by Sunday, December 16th** so the 4th Day Men's Group may deliver the gifts and bring Christmas joy to the recipients.

God Bless you for the lonely!

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The UMW met on November 1 at Christina's La Cocina for our annual "non bazaar" fund raiser. This is a no host social meeting. We just had a nice lunch and visited. Initially this was an all day event and women brought things they had made for sale. Since our group is so much smaller now a few bring something for sale and the rest donate what they may have spent on materials for crafts. But no non bazaar would be complete without Linda McElroys wonderful pumpkin bars.

Our next meeting will be at Linda's' on Dec 6th at noon. Shirley O'Neil will present the program.

Susannahs will meet at Annies at 11:30 on November 30 and again on December 18th.

Respectfully submitted Louise Flynn VP

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For the past 7 years I have been able to share my Family's Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner with my Church Family. I have been honored and blessed to be able to do this, and have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and time shared. I am sad to announce that I have to discontinue this annual meal. My body will no longer tolerate the time spent and manual labor involved in spearheading this event. Thank you all for your participation, and especially for the extra help this year!! God Bless.

Vicki Kestle

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Mission Share givings (formerly known as Apportionments) have fallen off substantially the last 5 months of this year. As we stand, we are \$4,014.00 behind in meeting our annual mission shares to reach 100% for this year. I am sending out a plea as the Church treasurer for a miracle. We really need to meet this obligation. Bless you! Vicki Kestle

Reminders

Because of scheduling conflicts, it's really important to check with the church office if you have to schedule a meeting or event, so it can be added to the calendar.



**Christmas Eve
Interactive Family Service
will be at 3:30 PM**

**Followed by a Candlelight
Service at 5:00 PM**

**Aldersgate UMC
December 24th**



The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for December are in memory of Ted Cline from Bea Cline.

We wish to thank everyone for all of the prayers, good wishes, food and visits during Nita's surgery and recovery.

Bob & Nita Kingsbury

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated salads & cookies to the recent Charge Conference Dinner. Your effort was truly appreciated.

The Hospitality Committee



It's time to order poinsettias, which will be used to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to give one in honor of someone or as a memorial, please include the information with you check.

December's Trumpet Call

In Memory of:

Ted Cline

From Bea Cline

Jim & Florence Street
From their Family

In Honor of:

John & Becky Rolich
(my wonderful children)