



\*\*\* New or Noteworthy \*\*\*



ZooLights  
Hattiesburg  
December 18th  
gather 4:15 PM

A church van will depart from the rear parking lot promptly at 4:30 PM bound for an enchanted evening of holiday lights, train and carousel rides, hot cocoa, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and other holiday treats.

ZooLights festivities are 6 - 8 PM.

Ticket cost is \$10/per person. **Please purchase your tickets ahead of time** at [squareup.com/store/Hattiesburg-Zoo/](http://squareup.com/store/Hattiesburg-Zoo/) AND

let us know if you want to ride in a church van..at [katiemeador@att.net](mailto:katiemeador@att.net)

IF: Gathering 2017: MERIDIAN

"WE EXIST TO GATHER, EQUIP AND UNLEASH THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN TO LIVE OUT THEIR PURPOSE"

Join us FEBRUARY 3-4 at Northpark Church (Hwy 39)

Friday: 6:00 - 9:00 pm (plan to arrive 15 minutes before)  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (lunch break 12:00 - 2:00 pm)

\$5 - Register online @ <https://register.ifgathering.com/if-local>

Find out more online @ [ifgathering.com](http://ifgathering.com)

Gather with women from all 50 states and England-Germany-Czech Republic-Albania Uganda-Rwanda-Kenya-Ecuador-Costa Rica Peru-Laos-Okinawa-Australia-Canada.



The Giving Tree

Thanks so much to everyone who sponsored one or more of the 15 Foster Children that were on our Giving Tree. Your generosity and loving spirit have put gifts under the tree for children not able to be in their own home this Christmas morning.

Youth Unite Meridian - December 14

Youth meet to leave @ 5:30 PM from the rear parking lot for an Area-wide Youth Service at Life Church Meridian

Return @ 7:15 PM



Noteworthy for 2017

Children & Youth Activities:

Sundays 4 - 5 PM (starting January 8)  
Wednesdays 6 - 7 PM (starting January 18)

Church-wide Next Step Gathering:

Sunday, January 8

10:45 AM (NO Sunday School)

Come discover the vision of where we are going and the journey of change that will get us there.

## December Calendar

### Wed., December 14th

- 5:30 P.M. Youth meet to leave for **Unite Meridian**  
(area-wide youth service); return @ 7:15 pm  
6:30 P.M. **Broadmoor Connect Group/** Dickey's home

### Thurs., December 15th

- 6:00 P.M. Genesis Christmas Party/ Hales Home

### Sun., December 18th

- 8:45 A.M. NO Choir Practice; Praise Team Practice  
9:05 A.M. Sunday Grind (coffee & fellowship)  
9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. Sunday School  
4:30 P.M. ZooLights/ Hattiesburg/see details on front page  
5:30 P.M. Philos Christmas Party

### Wed., December 21st

- 10:30 A.M. **Prayer Van/** meet in office parking lot  
12:00 Noon **Lunch Bunch/** Church Conference Room/ brown bag lunch/  
a devotion and sharing of concerns  
5:30-7:30 P.M. **Youth Caroling and Cocoa/** meet in the rear parking lot

### Sat., December 24th

- 5:00 P.M. **Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service**

### Sun., December 25th

- 8:45 A.M. NO Choir Practice; NO Praise Team Practice  
9:30 A.M. **Christmas Day Worship/** snacks and fellowship afterwards

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

**DECEMBER 26 - 30**

### **Looking ahead into 2017:**

- January 1 - Choir Practice/ 8:45 A.M./ Choir Room  
- Reception honoring Senita Webb/ 10:45 A.M. / Gathering Area  
January 2 - Church Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday  
January 3 - Finance Committee Meeting/ 5:30 P.M. / Conference Room  
January 8 - Choir Practice/ Praise Team Practice/ 8:45 A.M.  
-Next Step Gathering/ 10:45 A.M. / Sanctuary  
- District Training @ PSDUMC/ 2-5 P.M.  
- Reading Helps Resumes/ 4:00 P.M.  
- Youth/ 4-5 P.M.  
- NO Cardio Class  
- Moms Support Group/ 5-6 P.M./ Banquet Room  
January 9 - Deborahs/ Parlor  
January 11 - Praise Team Practice  
NO Choir Practice

### **UPCOMING SERIES:**

**January 2017 - End with the Beginning in Mind: Revelation (5 weeks)**

**MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**

and

**Happy**  
**New Year**

Chuck Katie

Nancy Lori

Shelby Cindy

Robbie Senita

Jim Mark

Megan Carolyn

We thank you for your  
love and support  
throughout the year.  
God Bless You.



We are in need of a  
cook for Family Night  
Suppers. If you know  
anyone who would be  
interested, please let  
Nancy know.

## Worship Notes:

### Scripture Readers for Dec. & Jan.:

December 18: Jean Harrison  
December 25: Cindy Lang  
January 1: Amelia King  
January 8: Neldia White

### Communion Celebrants/ January 1st

Amy Floyd, Lindsay Meador, JL Young,  
Cathy Ellis

### Ushers for December

Jim Autry, Paul Carson, Irby Lang,  
Jeffrey Rhett  
Alternates: David Litton, Mike Crane

### Ushers for January

CB Hales, Butch Shannon, Mike Crane, Benny Egger  
Alternates: Eddie Crews, Mary Anne Catlett, Ron Burton

### Greeters for December/January:

	<u>Sanctuary</u>	<u>40th Street</u>	<u>Downstairs</u>
Dec. 18:	Mary Anne Catlett	Sandy Thomas	Fayne Walker
Dec. 25:	Cindy Lang	Janet Barham	Janete Weeks
Jan. 1:	Luci Wolvers	Sue Gerwert	Cathy Ellis
Jan. 8:	Martha Hudson	Linda Long	Dixie LaBruyere

To all who read, serve, usher and/or greet on Sunday mornings,  
thank you for of your willingness to serve.



**Christmas Eve Communion  
& Candlelight Service**

5 P.M.

Invite your family and friends.  
Come dressed as you are.

**Christmas Day**

9 am - Gather for snacks & fellowship  
9:30 Celebrate the Birth of Christ in Worship  
10:30 - Join in fellowship & games, bring  
a simple side dish and stay for lunch

### **From the office of the Financial Secretary:**

We are fast approaching the end of 2016!  
All monetary giving should be received by  
the church office no later than **Wednesday,  
December 28** in order for you to claim a  
deduction for income tax purposes in 2016.  
Anything received after then will be applied  
to next year's contributions. Thank you  
all for your support.

Reminder: Cindy Lang works at the church  
Tuesday - Thurs afternoons.

## Church Music Ministry

With much sadness we share that Senita Webb has decided that it is time for her to retire from the music ministry at Poplar Springs Drive UMC. She has served faithfully over the last sixteen years in a variety of ways, not just as accompanist. We are so very grateful that she shared with us her tremendous musical talent and that she has always offered it for God's glory not her own. The Choir is preparing a reception celebrating Senita, for Sunday, January 1st. We invite you to join in that celebration following worship and to share with her a card or gift as you feel lead. January 1st will be her final Sunday as part of the church staff so please be in prayer for the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Music Ministry as we discern the next step.

## Christmas Day at PSDUMC

I know that many of you will be out of town or busy celebrating with family on Christmas Day. However, there are some among us who would like to spend this day with their church family. You can gather with us at 9 am for snacks before worship. And following worship you are invited to join in fellowship and games. Your Sunday School Class can also choose to meet as well. Children can bring a toy or game to play with and even wear their pajamas if they like. You may also bring a simple side dish and stay for lunch. We simply want this to be an opportunity to be together as a family.



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**God, Thank you for:**

### **Monthly Financial Report for November 2016**

<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>517,679.41</b>
Needed each month (Budget/12 months)	43,139.95
Contributions for month	<u>47,997.55</u>
Difference for month	4,857.60
Budget Balance at end of month	17,776.53
<b><u>Miss Annual Conf. Mission Shares Budgeted</u></b>	<b>69,134.00</b>
Amount Paid to Date (32.41%)	22,406.00
<b><u>Meridian District Mission Shares Budgeted</u></b>	<b>8,517.00</b>
Amount Paid to Date (91.78%)	7,817.00
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>	
Note balance	517,557.53
Monthly note payment	6,381.03
Received in November	6,254.70
Building Fund Balance	29,606.60

**December 14, 2016**

*Poplar Springs Drive United Methodist Church*

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