

A Look At Our Faithfulness

Attendance Offering
11/27 Worship: 256 General Fund: \$5,492.00

Happy Birthday & Anniversary!

5 Lois Russell 5 Mickey Hudson 7 Frank Brock
9 David Soule 10 Jim Westgate
8 Ellis & Paddy Coleman

IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers: Ann Brock / Brenda Nicolaison (Dec.)
10AM Greeters: John & Joyce Poehlein (Dec.)
10AM Ushers: Bill Hall / Bud Martin (Dec.)
Outreach: Pat Leffard (Dec.)

TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Counters: Ed Kish	Carole Williams
Roy Oleson	Joan Schuck



LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE
Drop your Christmas greeting cards off to people **in your church family at our "Post Office" set up** in the foyer of the Fellowship Building. Be sure to check often for greetings from others.

GOOD GRIEF GROUP MEETINGS
AT LUMC ON DECEMBER 13TH AT 10:30am
Meetings will be held thereafter on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month.

United Methodist Women Meeting
December 5 , 9:30AM- Fellowship 10AM - Meeting

Help Show Our Pastor & Staff a Merry Christmas
Dear Fellow Church Members,
Can you believe it?! It is time for Christmas bonuses for our staff. The SPRC would like to encourage everyone to be as generous as possible so that we can show our pastor and staff how much we appreciate all they do. We will need to receive contributions by Dec.11th so they can be distributed that week. Envelopes will be provided (Opportunity Table) or you can earmark your check. Thank You, Nelson Beech, SPRC Chairman



MRS. SANTA'S SWEET SHOP

December 11th, 7:45-11:45

It is that time of the year again! Drag out those recipes and warm up those ovens!! Put your best "goodies" out there and bring to the church on Dec. 10th from 10-1 to be priced and set out for purchase. Any questions call: Gail Keigley, 251-961-1740.

ANGEL TREE

The deadline for those of you Angels to bring your **child's gifts to the church is next Sunday.** If you need help, please see Dick or Betty Erwin.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Wednesday, December 14th, depart LUMC at 4PM
Everyone is invited to participate in caroling for homebound residents in the Lillian area. Contact Betty Erwin with any questions.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, December 15th
Enjoy lunch at The Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley.
Carpool from LUMC at 10:30AM.
RSVP to Judith Wittig, 850-492-5654.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Gather at 12:30PM, Eat at 1
Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunity Table and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so that adequate portions can be prepared. The church will provide ham, drinks and tableware. You are asked to bring a side dish that will serve at least eight people.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

LUMC traditionally gives the congregation an opportunity to order poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by December 13th. Cost: \$10.20

In honor or memory (circle one) of

Name _____

By _____

Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near**"
³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"
⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.
⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.
⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.
⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.
¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH HYMNAL Pg. 881
THE APOSTLES CREED

* **HYMN # 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

COMMUNION LITURGY pg. 12

CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY SPECIAL Blake Riley, Minister of Music

*Doxology #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.

"God Bless America"

God Bless America, Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her Thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans, white with foam. God bless America, My home sweet home.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-12
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN # 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Children up to first grade dismiss to Children's Church at this time.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON Wishing You a Merry Repentance

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Pg. 13-15

* **HYMN # 218 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

Anyone desiring to become a member of the church and/or receive Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to come forward at this time! Please bring the "Wish to Join" card found in the pew with complete information.

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

* MUSICAL BENEDICTION

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

* *Please Stand if able.*

Welcome to Worship!

We pray you feel the warmth and love of Christ and sense **God's presence today. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know.** We are grateful you are here and hope you will consider coming again. If you desire to join the church, please complete the card found in the pew and place in the offering plate or give to the pastor so he can meet with you at your convenience.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Joe & Claudia Keller in the loss of Claudia's mother

Jim Smith Bill Cassidy Bob Arnold
Please continue to pray for all those listed on the reverse side of the December newsletter.



Nursery Available

from 8AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .

Children's Church - 10AM Service.

Children 4yrs - 1st grade dismiss from sanctuary worship to Children's Church.

Cry room located in back on sanctuary. Worship Activity Bags available for children ages 5-7 on the Opportunity Table.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. 12/04	Worship Services, 8AM & 10AM Sunday School for All Ages, 9AM Choir Practice, 9:15AM Emmaus "Reunion" Group Meeting, 2PM
Mon. 12/05	UMW Meeting, 9:30AM
Tues. 12/06	Men's Prayer Group, 7AM Good Grief Group, 10:30AM Zumba, 6PM AA, Al-Anon, 7PM
Wed. 12/07	Weight Watchers, 4:30PM Choir Practice, 5:30PM
Thurs. 12/08	"Roots" Bible Study, 9:30AM AA, 12 noon Zumba, 6PM
Fri. 12/09	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10AM
Sat. 12/10	AA, 7PM
Sun. 12/11	Worship Services, 8AM & 10AM Sunday School for All Ages, 9AM Choir Practice, 9:15AM Mrs. Santa's Sweet Shop, 7:45-11:45 Emmaus "Reunion" Group Meeting, 2PM

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Pensacola Civic Center
APRIL 21st (7AM-10PM) & 22nd (8:30AM-4PM)
Tickets to the conference will be available through LUMC at a discounted cost of \$61.50 for a limited time. The cost includes lunch on Saturday. If you would like to join the group of ladies that are excited to be going please call the church office.