



TULLAHOMA
FIRST
METHODIST
 CHURCH

The season of Advent is a time of expectant waiting for the Christ child to arrive. It has always been one of my family's favorite times of the year. We always look forward to traveling Baby Jesus, the music ministry's annual Christmas program, as well as the Children's ministry program, and especially our Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Advent is special because it affords us the opportunity to slow down our pace and notice the things we don't typically notice. Take a look around and see how God has blessed your life. See how God made a plan of salvation through the birth of a baby in a manger long ago. See that through his life, death, and resurrection, He is making all things new. I encourage you to slow down this year. Spend some time in the word or begin a gratitude journal. Maybe spend a little less on gifts and give a little more to those who are in need.

As we enter this season, I pray that you and your family are looking forward to this beautiful season. I hope that you will start inviting friends and family to join you in worship and if you haven't seen someone in church in a while, give them a call and let them know how much you miss them! We will begin Advent with a new sermon series called Best Gift Ever, which will focus on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each week we will feature special music, children's moments, all church activities, and more. May we as a church move into this season with hearts ready for worship as we await our coming King! Amen.

Best Gift Ever

December 3rd | Message: Hope Rises

December 10th | Message: Prince of Peace

December 17th | Message: Joy Overflowing

December 24th | Message: Love is Born

Love you all!

Pastor Kris



Ongoing Activities

Tuesdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Instrumental Ensemble, 5:15-6:15pm; Basement

Wednesdays

- Noon Prayer, 12-1pm; Sanctuary
- Wonderful Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm, Dossett Chapel
- Choir Ensemble, 5:30-6:30pm; Basement

- Handbells, 6:30-7:30pm; Basement

Thursdays

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance, 12-2pm
- Henry Center Clothes Closet, 12-2pm

Sunday Mornings

Nursery available from 8am-12noon

8am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary

9am First Light Modern Service, Family Activity Center (*streamed live on Facebook*)

10am Sunday School for all ages; various locations

10:30am Dossett Chapel Sunday School

11am Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary (*streamed live on Facebook*)

DECEMBER

What's Happening In December

December 3rd First Sunday of Advent/ "The Chosen Christmas" Viewing, 10:00-10:45am; FAC Gym

December 5th Golden Circle, 11:30am-1:00pm Davidson Hall

December 9th Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9:00am; Davidson Hall

December 10th Christmas Concert, 6:00-7:00pm; Sanctuary

December 13th Service of Hope & Remembrance, 6:30-7:30pm; Chapel

December 14th Tables of Christmas, 5:30-7:30pm; Davidson Hall

December 17th Unified Service for Children's Christmas Program, 10:00-11:00am; Sanctuary

December 24th Candlelight service, 6:00-7:00pm; Sanctuary

December 25th & 26th *Front Office Closed in observance of Christmas*



First Methodist Women in 2024

Join us Thursday, Jan 4th, at 11:30am in Davidson Hall for the installation of officers. Kris Roberts will join us. Lunch will be Brown Bag.

The November Bake Sale netted \$912.00 (baked goods only). The sales figure from the Pecan Sale is not yet complete.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

-Ann Hand

Mark 10:14-1

“Jesus said, ‘Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’”



Sunday Mornings

Nursery Hours
8 a.m. - 12 noon
Sunday School
10 a.m.; 2nd floor,
main building

**Jesus
IS THE
Reason
FOR THE
Season**



Baby Jesus will be traveling to homes beginning Sunday, December 3rd and ending Sunday, December 24th. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the finance office. This is open to all ages of households within the

congregation and all are encouraged to participate. He will spend 24 hours with you before traveling to the next home. A journal will be provided for you to write about your day's experience and feelings of spending time with the Christ.

If you have any questions please contact **Kate Brotherton**
(850) 428-6165.

We come to adore you, little one.
On bended knee,
with hopeful heart,
and eyes stretched wide with wonder and awe.
The gentleness of your gaze
draws us into the mystery of all that lies beyond,
and in that place of falling into joy
we yield all that we are to you.

And we pray,
For those who are broken,
Those who seek,
The trembling and the rumbling tummies,
The haggard spirits and the ragged lives.
For those who cling to the last best thing,
and those whose hearts pine for love.

Bless us, O Lord, whom we adore,
and turn our faces ever toward you.
For peace,
for mercy,
for the sake of all that is holy.
We come to adore you, O Christ.

~ written by Anne Fraley, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in South Windsor, CT.

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FOR
unto us a
Child^{is born,}
unto us a Son
is given; and the government
will be upon His shoulder. And
His name will be called
Wonderful
MIGHTY HIGH GOD
Counselor,
Everlasting Father
PRINCE OF PEACE
PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH
9:6

December

3	Traveling Baby Jesus Begins		
3	Advent Craft	10am	meet in Davidson Hall
10	Tour Nativity/Games	10am	meet in SOUL Lounge
17	Christmas Program	10am	Main Sanctuary
17	Happy Birthday, Jesus Party	11am	FAC
24	Choir sings	6pm	Main Sanctuary

Dossett Chapel Update for 2023

- Wonderful Wednesdays:
 - Our participation has exploded from 6-8 kids to 28 – 35 kids!
 - We've changed to a short prayer, short devotional, (kindergarten level), then PLAY!
 - ✦ Christmas decorations'
 - ✦ Christmas party
 - ✦ Tullahoma West Nazarene Church is giving Dossett 12 Food packages every week, plus 32 kid treat packages each Wednesday.
 - ✦ Planning on Road Trips in 2024
 - ✦ Painted House
 - ✦ TUA
 - ✦ Hands on Science Center
 - Sunday School
 - Our participation has exploded from 0-5 kids 15-27 kids per Sunday!
 - We have a great group of 10 teachers, led by Katie McNabb.
 - Teen Training, (used to be "Community Service", but everyone thought that meant "Free"!).
 - Our participation has grown from 2 in 2019 to 10 teenagers now, with several others coming sporadically.
 - We've fixed 9 riding mowers, several push mowers, 3 trucks, 4 cars, countless yards, some painting of gutters and garages, plumbing, electrical, etc.
 - My objective is to:
 - ✦ Get them off their porches and start working.
 - Keeps them out of trouble.
 - Save their money for a goal.
 - Teach them skills they'll use throughout their lives.
- BREAK GENERATIONAL POVERTY.**

The Clothes Closet is in needs of some items! Please look through your houses and see if you have any of these items and bring them down on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am at the Clothes Closet or M-T from 8am-4pm and drop them off in the back of the chapel.

- ◆ comforters
- ◆ sheets
- ◆ toys
- ◆ towels
- ◆ cookware





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Youth Bible Study | 10 a.m. Youth Room

High School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

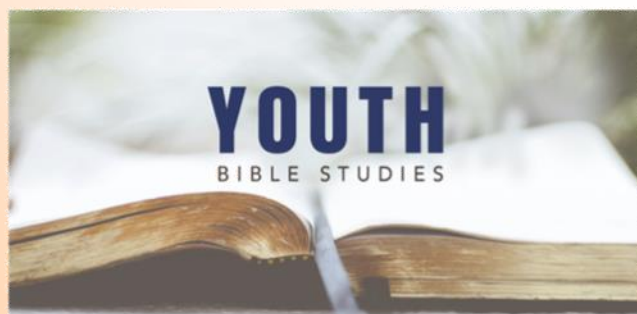
WEDNESDAY

Middle School Tribe | 6-7:30 p.m.

Disciple Bible Study | 6-8 p.m.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Youth Christmas Party & Progressive Dinner | Sunday, Dec. 17



SUNDAYS @ 10AM

DECEMBER

ADVENT:

THE COMING OF JESUS



Thank you for supporting our youth at the recent soup and salad luncheon! We raised over \$1400 for special trips, spiritual retreats, and missions!



The theme of our December series will focus on the impact the first Christmas had on the people who were there. Most pictures and nativity scenes dress up the reality of the event, so we'd like to give a more realistic image of what the involved people went through leading up to the first Christmas. All youth invited to join us each week for Tribe!

Day of Service Pictures

Sunday, November 12th

Our day of service took us to Morning Pointe and Brookdale Assisted Living Centers. We took the accessible van to show residents what's available for them in 2024 if they are interested in coming to church for worship or other activities. We also offered help to anyone needing to re-arrange their closet for the winter. Unfortunately, no one needed our services this day, but we enjoyed the visit!



Joy Cox with Jeff Ellison and Beverly Lindsay at Morning Pointe.

December 3: Movie: Chosen Christmas

December 5: Golden Circle

December 10: TFMC Christmas Concert

December 14: Tables of Christmas

December 16: Living Christmas Tree Trip

December 17: Unified Worship Service

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

December 25: Office Closed

December 26: Office Closed



Paul Barnes, Martha Carden, Grace Caps, Ruth & Bill Rymer at Morning Pointe



Residents of Brookdale looking over our Accessible van

As we approach the New Year, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve the congregation and community of Tullahoma First Methodist Church. I am prayerful that God is at work in our Senior Adult Ministry. There is room for so many of you to get involved.

Praising God, lifting up Jesus Christ, caring for one another, being in tune with our Lord is what this journey is all about. Why not join us in 2024? We have some exciting plans! Circle 9 is in need of another visitation team.



God, we are as confounded as Joseph and Mary, as busy as the innkeeper, as lonely as the shepherds, as frightened as Herod, as wayfaring as the Magi.

Turn us again to the place where, with quietness, you wrap up your truth and promise, your love and salvation in the Child born in a rude stable. Bring us to Bethlehem, to the place where He was homeless but where we are truly at home.

-Donald J. Shelby

TULLAHOMA FIRST METHODIST SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

December Birthdays

- Janis Giaimo, December 2
- Marquita Masuda, December 10
- Lynn Hutcheson, December 12
- Kathy Jensen, December 13
- Coleen Saunders, December 15
- Barbara Poston, December 17
- Carl Ledbetter, December 21
- Amanda Kaupp, December 27
- Mary Jackson, December 30
- Joanne Roberson, December 30
- Brac Thoma, December 30
- Cathy Diller, December 31



At our November meeting, we discussed the plans for the Tables of Christmas. This month we will expand on these plans. Come join us and don't forget to bring your favorite "Pot Luck" dish. We meet in Davidson Hall at 11:30am, December 5th.



The Hometowners will be a part of our Tables of Christmas Entertainment. These spirit filled women have been singing the praises of our Lord for many years. As the name implies, they grew up here in Tullahoma. Also on program will be Ken Davis. You may remember him from the All Church Cookout at the Farm. Last but not least Danai Chinoda a new found friend.

The evening should be powerful!



VISIT SENIOR ADULT BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Tullahoma First Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

MAIN BUILDING

Seekers | Chapel

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Journey | Room 209 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Book studies / Books of the Bible

Hope | Room 211 Balcony

Couples; Bible based / Current event discussions

Questers | Room 213 Balcony

Singles and Couples; Traditional Bible curriculum

Married Folk | Room 112

Couples; Devotionals and Discussion

Children | SOUL Lounge (Children's Dept)

Pre-K-5th Grades; New Testament Studies

FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER

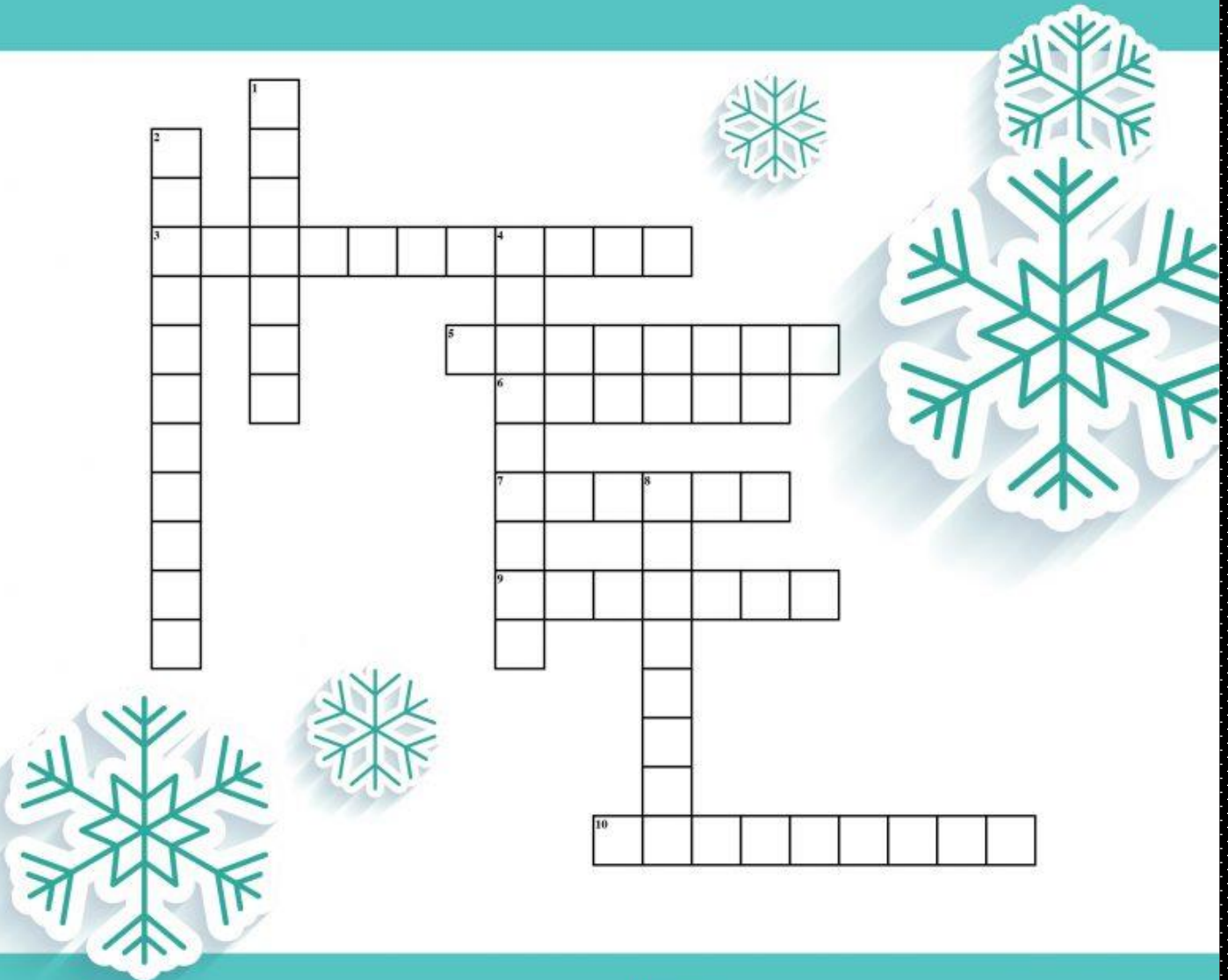
Strangely Warmed | B2

Singles and Couple; Traditional Bible Curriculum

Youth | 6th-12th Youth Room

Youth Bible Study | Old & New Testaments

December Crossword



Across

- 3 The Day Before A New Year (3 words)
- 5 When The Sun Reaches Its Highest Or Lowest Point In The Sky At Noon, Marked By The Longest And Shortest Days Of The Year.
- 6 Season starting December 21st
- 7 Bright Bulbs Hung On A House
- 9 An African American Holiday
- 10 A Christian Holiday

Down

- 1 Man Made of Snow
- 2 A Cake Made With Molasses And Flavored With Ginger.
- 4 A Feathery Ice Crystal
- 8 A Jewish Holiday





Check out some pictures from last month's Turkey Dinner!



Keeping In Prayers

Forrest & Amanda McCullough
(Friends of Kelton Garner)
 Ryan Bond
 Katie Jo Bailey
 Ann Cunningham
 David Hess
 Janie Townes
 Larry Dickerson

Barbara Prater
 Ken Davis
 Sonny Elliot *(friend of John Cook)*
 Jim Mares
 Madison Quick *(Niece of Julie & Kevin Uehlein)*
 Haylee Hulsey *(Niece of Paul*

Brotherton)
 DeSha Miller
 Mary Floyd *(friend of Karen Douglas)*
 Cindy Stoker
 David Hunter *(brother of Lynn Van Patten)*

If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 455-5434 or fumc@lighttube.net. Also, if you have updates about your loved one currently on the prayer list, please contact the office with that information. It is important for us to have the most accurate information so that we may provide the appropriate congregational care.

Finance October 2023

Revenue

YTD Budget \$715,140
 Received \$599,717

Expenditures

YTD Budget \$715,140
 Disbursed \$620,593

Attendance

Average Attendance 2023

8:00 a.m. Worship	47
First Light Worship	117
11:00 a.m. Worship	84
Total	248
Sunday School	64



Memorials

Jim Mitchell
from
Susan & Glen Braghetta

Ann Miller
from
Barbara Poston
Amanda & Harry Kaupp
Jean Baker



Linda Thomas
from
Bobby Phipps
Becky & Bill Mahler

Marge Batchelor
from
Charlotte Hatheway

Connect

Senior Pastor
 Administrative Assistant
 Worship & Communications
 Missions
 Children & Fellowship
 Senior Adults & Congregational Care
 Dossett Chapel
 Traditional Music Ministry
 Organist and Accompanist
 First Light Music Ministry
 Finance Assistant
 Facilitator

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To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop

about everything that is going on, just text the word **church** to 931-452-4747 and click on the response. You may also sign up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Children's Ministry, text **children**; for our Senior Adults ministry, text **fumcsam**. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.



Our main Facebook page is First Methodist Church. We also have a **Youth** page - FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry; and a **Children's** page - Children's Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma.

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