



GARDENDALE MT. VERNON UMC

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Romans 15:13 : May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in HOPE.

Greetings GMV Church Family!

"I thank my God for every remembrance of you!" (Philippians 1:1). Thanksgiving and Christmas are now upon us in what has been, to say the least, a challenging year. COVID-19 cases are surging again. The good news is that Jesus is still Lord, and at least two major drug companies say we are close to an effective vaccine. Many schools and churches around us are finding it necessary to close for a while; I am thankful we have not had to do so again! Let's continue to try to keep one another healthy as we attempt, as safely as we are able, to bring a little bit of "normal" to life in the church. Let me remind you that I and the church steering team are asking you to focus on these three things:

- 1.) **ENVELOP**: Let's envelop (surround) one another and our world in prayer.
- 2.) After we pray, let's **ENGAGE** people for the sake of the gospel, and
- 3.) Let's **EMERGE** with a plan and a direction that is beautiful, encouraging, and transformative.

Please remember that Donna Jo and I love you very much, and we are praying that each and every one of you have a blessed and holy holiday season.

Jesus Loves You! I Love You, Too!

Grace and Peace

Pastor Steve

SAVE THE DATES

- *Casa Gifts due*
December 6
- *Christmas Poinsettia*
Orders Due Dec. 6
Call the Church Office
to order
- *Hope is Born*
December 13 at 5:00p
- *Candlelight Service*
December 24 at 3:00pm,
7:00pm & 10:00pm

Contributions
for 2020 must
be post
marked by
December 31st
or received in
the church
office by noon
on December
31st.

GMV STUDENTS

Registration for DNOW is open! There are paper sign ups available at the church but you can also fill out the Google DOC form at the link below:

Click [HERE](#)

From December 1-20 the General Registration price will be \$115. Due to the fact that we are having DNOW at Shocco Springs Retreat Center this year we will have to close Registration after December 20. The people at Shocco need our final count in advance and we will be unable to add to it after that.

As always, please come to Tyler Slaton with any questions at tslaton@gmvumc.org or (256) 724-2675.

Love y'all and Merry Christmas!

Tyler Slaton

MISSIONS UPDATE

Please remember our mission partners this Christmas season and in your year end giving. A lot of them are struggling financially during this time.



Hope is
BORN

A Service of Carols & Prayers

December 13 | 5P | Gym



Candlelight & Communion



Christmas
Eve

3pm

Pastor Mike Irons
Sanctuary

7pm

Rev. Judy Shepherd
Sanctuary

10pm

Pastor Steve Baccus
Sanctuary