



Meadowcreek

United Methodist Church

Newsletter

**December
2020**

Pastor:
Rev. Nathan Mattox

Administrative Council
Chair: Jeff Stumpff

Lay Leader:
David Hayes

Trustee Chairperson:
Ray Roberts

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Church Office Closed Friday



Christmas is coming
Help us plan and take the
Christmas Eve at Meadowcreek Survey



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This stunning nativity scene was made in 2019 where it was displayed in our beautiful sanctuary and we are blessed to use it again this year. It was made with love by Wilson Rubottom, Lynn Tyler, and Dan & Carolle King. We would like to thank each of them and all the "Fluffernutters" who comes together year after year to beautifully transform our church at Christmas.



Dear Church Family,

Like you, I'm tired of writing about how our faith life is being impacted by the Corona-virus. It just keeps getting worse and worse. I have been in discernment recently whether it is a good idea at all to be continuing to offer an in person service at all. We've been given advice by the Bishop that he is in support of churches who opt to take some time away from in person worship since the COVID records seem to continue being broken daily. After consulting with our leadership team, I hesitatingly tread forward, provided we are all vigilant about our masks, distance, and self-quarantining from church if we've been exposed or display symptoms. But, obviously, this year is different than any other, and our Christmas time plans will vary accordingly.

We have altered plans to our Joy of Christmas event, our Living Nativity has been canceled (no one signed up to help), and we are including a survey about your Christmas eve worship plans that we really need you to fill out (whether you plan to attend or not) so we can accurately plan for accommodation of social distance at a potentially "reserved seating" Christmas eve service (or services). All this isn't what I want, but it is how we must safely conduct ourselves in this unusual season.

Through this pandemic, God's people are rediscovering sacrifice, patience, and the privileging of the good of the community over individual wants or privileges.

Into all this, we continue to celebrate Emmanuel, "God WITH us." Much like a nativity is set with that manger empty of the Christ child until Christmas Eve, we are waiting and preparing for the reassurance that God comes in the most unexpected and sometimes vulnerable ways. It may not be anyone's ideal of a Christmas this year, but was it ideal for Mary and Joseph to have to travel to Bethlehem with a 9 month pregnant Mary making the 90 mile journey on the back of a donkey through difficult terrain only to find out there was no where to stay once they arrived? The LA Times included a great article in 1995 [that spells out just how hard a journey that would have been.](#) Perhaps it is a good year to re-adjust our perspective. Our savior was born into hardship—it is the point of the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus: God meets us where we are, even in the darkness. It is a good year to remember that.

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020



A bell was hung in memory of
Lester Alcorn who passed away
on March 9, 2020



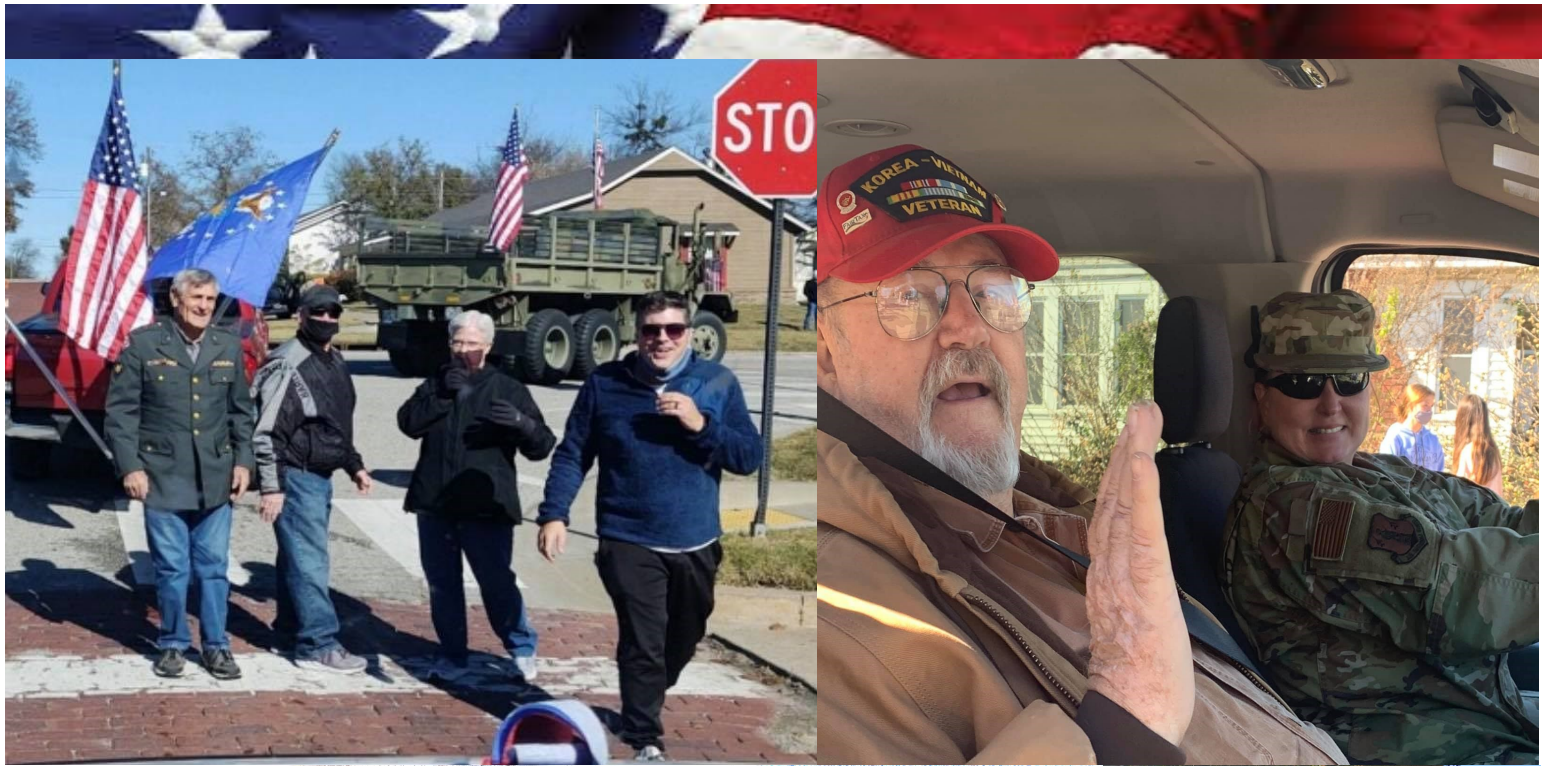
In remembrance of our loved ones
who have passed before us and
Jim Ablett who passed on
November 3, 2020



A bell was hung in memory of
Lee Clark who passed away
on September 8, 2020

Veterans Day Parade

Meadowcreek was once again part of Collinsville's Veterans Day Parade at 11:00 on November 11



★ HONORING OUR VETERANS ★
Thank You for Your Service!



Its time to place your order for a beautiful poinsettia.

Order forms are available at church, or if you're online, please call or email Marsha in the church office know if you would like to place an order. You may take home or pick up your plant(s) after our Christmas Eve service. Thank you for participating in yet another way to beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas season.



Meadowcreek's Joy of Christmas Giving Tree

will once again help brighten Christmas for children in our community who are in need of a Christmas blessing.

Joy of Christmas Giving Tree

Ornaments are still available in the Narthex.

Thank you for adopting an angel this year.

This year will be a drive-through gift distribution on December 19th, 9:00 am—Noon



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Advent Yard Signs

Pick up your sign this Sunday. If you will not be with us on Sunday, please pick one up during the week from the office.

We ask that you complete a sign up form when picking up your sign and also return the sign after Advent. We hope to be able to reuse these yard signs as we have reused our Lent yard signs.

Meadowcreek Children & Youth doin's

(by Darren Johnson)



Hi everyone!

Join our Youth Group on Sunday nights from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Contact Darren Johnson at darren.johnson.253@gmail.com or 918-695-7290.



**Collinsville Middle School
Congrats to November student
of the month Andrew Johnson**



The children and youth families in our church communicate thru an app called GroupMe. If you would like to be a part of this community, please let me know and I can get you signed up. You do not need the app to join the group; it will send you texts instead. May God continue to bless our children and our church.

Grace and Peace,
Darren Johnson
Children and Youth Ministries Director



YOUTH SUNDAY



Youth on the
First Sunday
of Advent
11/29/2020

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What an inspiring thing it is to give. Today, December 1, 2020 is giving Tuesday, and what a beautiful sight the pastor had on the way to church today. Our newly lit city tree is festooned with gifts of warmth for those in need in our community. We also give outside the walls of our congregation by supporting collective ministries that we engage in with other United Methodist Churches through our apportionment and connectional ministries. Just yesterday, the pastor made a check request from the children's offering for \$175 to be given to The United Methodist Circle of Care--which provides for foster care and adoption needs. Our children also provided for three angels from our angel tree, and bought a pig, a flock chicks, and a honeybee hive through Heifer International. (Their total collection of \$525 was split three ways) "Bee" like our children--give generously on this "Giving Tuesday." If you'd like to support our church's apportionment giving, follow the link to our giving portal below, then select "special offering" and mark "apportionments." We have a proud tradition of supporting our apportionments at 100%, and hope to in this year of need!

CHURCH CALENDAR



December 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 6:30 Cub Scouts | 2 | 3 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom in Fellowship Hall Will resume in Jan. | 4 | 5 |
| 6 —2nd Sunday of Advent • 9:00 AM Sunday School • 10:00 AM INSIDE Service With Holy Communion • Online Worship Service http://meadowcreekumc.org/ • 4:00 PM YOUTH | 7 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor Nathan Via ZOOM "Friendship with God: The Letter of James." | 8 6:30 Cub Scouts | 9 | 10 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom in Fellowship Hall Will resume in Jan. | 11 MUMC Living Nativity CANCELLED | 12 MUMC Living Nativity CANCELLED |
| 13 —3rd Sunday of Advent • 9:00 AM Sunday School • 10:00 AM INSIDE Service • Online Worship Service http://meadowcreekumc.org/ • 4:00 PM YOUTH • Joy of Christmas gifts due • 5-7pm Oologah UMC living nativity—5834 E. 410 Rd., Oologah, OK 74053 | 14 6:30 Boy Scouts | 15 6:30 Cub Scouts | 16 | 17 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom in Fellowship Hall Will resume in Jan. | 18 | 19 9:00 AM—Noon Joy of Christmas gift distribution |
| 20 — 4th Sunday of Advent • 9:00 AM Sunday School • 10:00 AM INSIDE Service • Online Worship Service http://meadowcreekumc.org/ • 4:00 PM YOUTH | 21 6:30 Boy Scouts | 22 6:30 Cub Scouts | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Service | 25 Christmas Day | 26 |
| 27 • 9:00 AM Sunday School • 10:00 AM INSIDE Service • Online Worship Service http://meadowcreekumc.org/ • 4:00 PM YOUTH | 28 6:30 Boy Scouts | 29 6:30 Cub Scouts | 30 | 31 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom in Fellowship Hall Will resume in Jan. | Jan. 1 New Years Day | Jan. 2 |

December



January

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| Debbie Phelps | 12/05 | Brooke Paul | 12/19 |
| Mike Rush | 12/09 | Gabe Houts | 12/20 |
| Madden Stites | 12/09 | Ryan Shoulders | 12/23 |
| Lori Harman | 12/10 | Danielle Johndrow | 12/26 |
| Richard Frazier | 12/13 | | |

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| Sharon Hall | 01/02 | Matt Houts | 01/17 |
| Lauren Stumpff | 01/05 | Diane Williams | 01/17 |
| Pat Chappell | 01/10 | Pat Williams | 01/17 |
| Cindy Johnson | 01/13 | Mike Dainty | 01/20 |
| Dana McBurney | 01/13 | William Thomas | 01/23 |
| Jeff Stumpff | 01/15 | Terry Williams | 01/31 |

If your birthday does not appear on this list of church members, please contact the church office, and we'll be sure to add you to the list for next year!