



Meadowcreek

United Methodist Church
Newsletter



**December
2021**

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Friday

*Come
Let Us
Adore
Him*

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Christmas **Eve** *Service*
Friday, December 24 at 5:30 pm



**You're Invited to an
Open House
At the Church Parsonage
Sunday, December 19th
1:00—3:00 pm
10520 E. 143rd Court North
Collinsville, OK 74021**



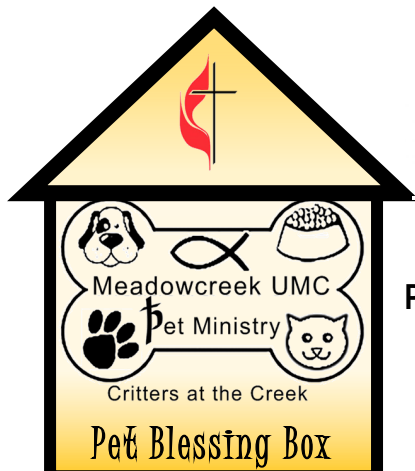
Dear friends,

The worship planning series I've been following from our General Board of Discipleship, "Come Home For Christmas," focuses our attention on the theme of "Home," and what it means to us in various ways. "Time to Come Home," "The Fear of Home," "The Joy of Home," and the "Blessing of Home" have all given different angles coordinated with the four Sundays of Advent. On 5:30 pm (right after the sun sets), we'll be celebrating Christmas Eve with the theme "Welcome Home," and the Sundays after Christmas we'll continue the theme with "Lost at Home" and "The Light of Home." The theme prompted me to share our own home with you with our first "Christmas Open House" at the parsonage on December 19 from 1-3 at 10520 E. 143rd. Ct. N. We've made some major changes at the parsonage with the addition of 220 square feet of back porch covered by a pergola. We'll have a fire going on out there, and some Christmas tunes on the turntable (and probably the Cowboys game on the TV :D) as is often the case at our home.

I remember when my parents moved into what they would call their "forever home," and marked the occasion with a house blessing. My dad had jotted down all the addresses he and my mom had called home in their lifetime and declared that this would be their last one. I have called 15 addresses in four states and two countries home in my lifetime. From Oxford, England to Los Angeles, California, "home" has meant something to me in various ways. Even though I wasn't born in Arkansas, and have lived in Oklahoma almost as many years as I lived there, I'll always consider it my "home state" because it's where I grew up. There's something important about those formative years. That's likely the way the people of Israel think of a land

that they've been "in and out of" for millennia as well. A formative experience happened in that place, and thus, even when the people of Israel were in Egypt, or Babylon, or Russia, or Spain, they knew and know that small place as "home" because that's where their people (perhaps even centuries before) had been "raised." Before Jesus was born, the Roman rulers decreed a census be taken, and so the Holy Family returned to Joseph's homeland to be counted among the people in the "City of David." Thinking about this today, it occurred to me that if it had not been for something fairly worldly and even negative—an occupying power demanding their subjects travel to their homeland in order to be counted for the purpose of being taxed, the Holy Family (according to Luke, anyway) would not have been in the city identified by the prophets as being the place where the Messiah was to be born) in order for that to happen. As we've seen in our "Come Home for Christmas" series, home is a place of respite and warmth, but for some of us it is also a place of shame, judgment, and pain. The scriptures say, "God works through all things to bring about good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes" (Romans 8:28). Certainly, Jesus was the ultimate one called according to his purposes, but this word is for all of us. Through whatever positive or negative experiences that are part of our story of home, God is working for our good when we keep our love of God at the forefront of our lives and seek God's purpose in all we do. At a time of year when so many songs, images, and customs point our attention to "home," we seek meaning in that deeper sense of home: "where the heart is."

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan



Pet Food Donations are needed for our new Pet Blessing Box in our parking lot.

We are asking for donations of dog and cat food, and treats to be put in the tub inside church and we will fill the Pet Blessing Box as needed.

Thank you, Pet Ministry



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Ministry in a Minute

11/10/2021

In October, the United Methodist church in Meadowcreek dedicated a new blessing box: Critters at the Creek.

Crittters at the Creek is a creation of the Meadowcreek UMC Pet Ministry. The box contains food for dogs and cats, toys, leashes, collars, and other pet needs.

Church member Frank Short built the pet box. The church sponsors it as well as a more traditional blessing box filled with groceries and other items.

The blessing box at Meadowcreek was the first one sponsored in their community, according to church member Linda Wilson. Their original blessing box was created by Oklahoma Blessing Boxes. The organization has built blessing boxes for several United Methodist congregations in the state.

Photo and story submitted by Linda Wilson.



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Our **Frazier Freeze Ministry** accepts donations of purchased pre-packaged frozen food.

We continue to keep our freezer filled with items for those in need of an individual or family meal. ***You may add your food contributions directly to the freezer.*** You can make a monetary contribution by designating your monetary donation to “**Evangeliism**”. Your donation will be a much needed blessing to someone.

If you know of an individual or family in need, please take a casserole to them.

***Take what you need. Leave what you can.
Always be blessed.***

If you look up the definition of “blessing”, you find that it means the act of someone who blesses. Some people think that “blessing” is a noun; however, the definition also shows that it is a verb—an action. Take action! Be a blessing to someone today! Below are two ways you can be a blessing to an individual or to a family.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Blessing Box. We are continuously taking donations from those who wish to add items. You can also make a monetary contribution by designating your monetary donation to “**Evangeliism**”.

With the rise in cases of the Delta Variant of COVID, many individuals cannot get to the grocery store. You might take someone with the virus an item from the Blessing Box.

Our Blessing Box was constructed by the Oklahoma Blessing Boxes organization. Their mission is to *spread God’s love by providing emergency hunger relief with non-perishable food to bridge the gap for people with food insecurity in Oklahoma.* Our Meadowcreek Blessing Box honors their mission. We are grateful to sponsor this Blessing Box to provide food and other needs to those who are food insecure in the Collinsville community and our area.



Girls Day Out



GDO (Girls' Day Out) News

Girls' Day Out gathered for a Thankful Tea. We had great food, great friends, and a wonderful devotion focused on Thankfulness.

We do not have a planned activity for December, but I promise we will make up for that with fun things in 2022. Sisters In Christ's Love, Dolly Kirk

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18.



Catholic Charities Afghanistan refugee program

Thank you for your amazing donations to the Catholic Charities Afghanistan refugee program. You were very generous with your giving and I know many will benefit from your generosity.

My daughter, Kelly who oversees the volunteer programs at Catholic Charities, thanks you also. She was amazed and touched at how much we accumulated for them. Our church is awesome!

Lynn Tyler 



In case you missed it....



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Published by Nathan Mattox · November 30 at 9:28 AM ·



As soon as Santa hits the trail in his stage coach, these loving gifts of warmth appear the first night the tree is lit 😊 The pastor saw some elves at Dollar General getting clothes pins for this very reason last night after our church council meeting. Praise God from whom all blessings flow

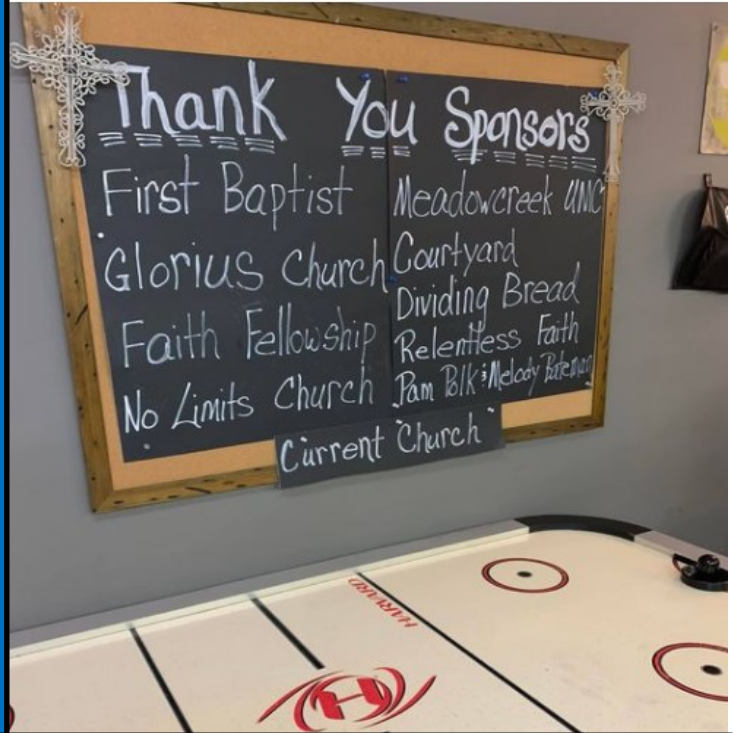


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Published by Nathan Mattox · November 18 at 6:18 PM ·



83 kids at the Refuge today, church! What a great thing we're doing here. The directors will be with us on Dec. 12 to tell you the story! We're about to start "Real Talk" with over 20 kids who remain for dinner and a discussion about bullying.



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Published by Nathan Mattox · November 17 at 10:38 AM ·



Ministerial alliance pastors and I are about to unloaded 80 turkeys from Bixby to go along with the 20 donated from JB's. 🙌 Here's the staging ground for our community Thanksgiving distribution. That's a block of 100 boxes of potatoes from Meadowcreek in the foreground. Good job Church!



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Dick and Pat's lion and the lamb float was awesome!



Collinsville's first night Christmas parade was a huge success.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to decorate our vehicles.

Thanks to all who were part of the Meadowcreek group in the parade.

We appreciate Dick and Pat Williams and Connie and Harold Goad for including their vehicles in the parade. We appreciate Darren Johnson for driving the church van and Cindy serving as co-pilot. Meadowcreek was the only church represented in the parade this year and our entry was fantastic! ❤️ Linda Wilson



Welcome New Members:

- Russ & Jeane Hinkle 11/07/2021**
- Shelly Guthrie 11/28/2021**



CHURCH CALENDAR



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study	2 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom	3	4 9-4 Craft & Quilt Show
5 -2nd Sunday of Advent ▪ 8:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship ▪ 9:00 AM Sunday School ▪ 10:00 AM IN-PERSON Service ▪ 10:00 AM Live Online Service https://www.facebook.com/meadowcreekumc.org ▪ 4:00—6:00 PM YOUTH	6 6-8pm pm Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	7	8 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm Charge Conference	9 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom	10	11 9-noon Pet Photos with Santa Noon—Youth Party 4pm Decorate Float 6pm Collinsville Christmas Parade
12 -3rd Sunday of Advent ▪ 9:00 AM Sunday School ▪ 10:00 AM IN-PERSON Service ▪ 10:00 AM Live Online Service https://www.facebook.com/meadowcreekumc.org ▪ 11am Attending Angels Mtg ▪ 4:00—6:00 PM YOUTH	13 6-8pm pm Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	14	15 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study	16 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom	17	18 The Joy of Christmas will once again help brighten Christmas for children in our community who are in need of a Christmas blessing. Gift Distribution will be Saturday, December 18th, 9-noon
19 -4th Sunday of Advent ▪ 9:00 AM Sunday School ▪ 10:00 AM IN-PERSON Service ▪ 10:00 AM Live Online Service https://www.facebook.com/meadowcreekumc.org • 1-3pm Parsonage Open House ▪ 4:00-6:00PM YOUTH will be back Jan. 2nd	20 6-8pm pm Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	21	22 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study will be back January 5	23 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom	24 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas
26 ▪ 9:00 AM Sunday School ▪ 10:00 AM IN-PERSON Service ▪ 10:00 AM Live Online Service https://www.facebook.com/meadowcreekumc.org ▪ 4:00-6:00PM YOUTH will be back Jan. 2nd	27 6-8pm pm Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	28	29 9:30 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study will be back January 5	30 9:30 am Bible Study with Mary Odom	31	Jan. 1 2022 Happy New Year's

December



January

Debbie Phelps 12/05
Mike Rush 12/09
Madden Stites 12/09
Lori Harman 12/10
Richard Frazier 12/13
Gabe Houts 12/20
Marsha Munson 12/22

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
Jeff Stumpff	01/15	William Thomas	01/23
		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!