



First United Methodist Church

Methodist Outreach

"We're Saving a Seat for You!"

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This year for the Christmas season, I will be preaching a series of sermons focused on the Angels who appeared during the Advent story. The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point – their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid. As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds along with the reactions each had, we will contemplate what message we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove to the world.

It is important, especially this time of year, to remember that the miracle of Jesus birth is for the whole world, not just us. We often talk about the troubles that are plaguing our society. The answer for the ills of the world is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the grace He offers. We need to look for ways to share more hope, peace, joy, and love with a world that is sorely lacking in all of these. This is more than just putting money in the red bucket in front of the stores where we are shopping. That is important also, but we should be looking for the personal ways to share the *Living Water* that will change people's lives forever.

Most of all, I encourage each member of this family of faith to enjoy this season. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends, giving and receiving gifts, and eating all the special foods. Enjoy the music that brings so many memories of Christmas's past and the worship services that touch you now. Smile brightly while you think about the miracle that is the birth of Jesus. Whenever people ask why you seem so happy, just tell them you are full of the hope, peace, joy, and love of the risen Savior who is born on Christmas day. Say Merry Christmas and be proud of the faith we share. Invite someone to join you at church and tell them we're saving a seat for them. Merry Christmas to you all!

Pastor John

December Worship Calendar

December 2

Luke 1:5-13, 18-20

"#morehope"

December 9

Luke 1:26-56

"#morepeace"

December 16

Matthew 1:18-25

"#morejoy"

December 23

Luke 2:1-20

"#morelove"

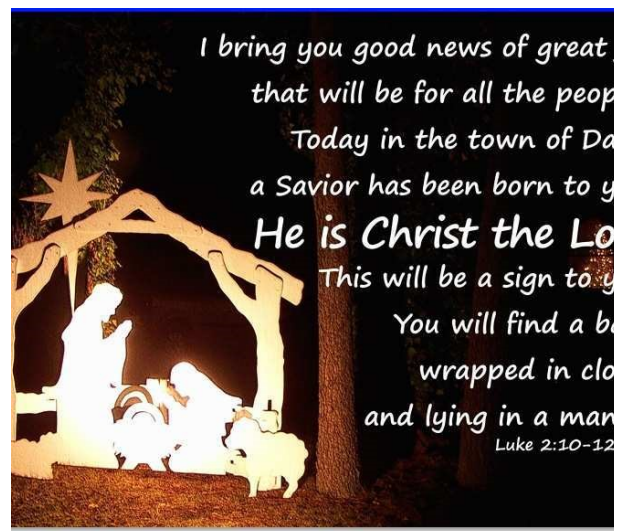
December 30

Matthew 2:1-23

"#morelove"

IT'S A NEW MONTH

Be sure to continue your visits with your neighbors this month and pick up their pledged canned goods for CARD/Grace Center. Let Pastor John know if you have any questions.



December

2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

30	31					1 Men's breakfast 8:00 am
2 9:45 Sun School 10:45 Worship	3 6:30 WOW (Women of the Word)	4	5 Chime Choir practice 5:30-6:15 6pm Gathering Meal 7pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Potluck 12:45 Church Council	10 6:30 WOW (Women of the Word)	11	12 Chime Choir practice 5:30-6:15 6pm Gathering Meal 7pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Grace Notes Chime Choir Holiday Lunch	17 6:30 WOW (Women of the Word)	18	19 Chime Choir practice 5:30-6:15 6pm Gathering Meal 7pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	24 Communion Service 5:30 pm 11:00 pm	25	26 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES	27	28	29



December 9 - Potluck luncheon & Church Council Meeting

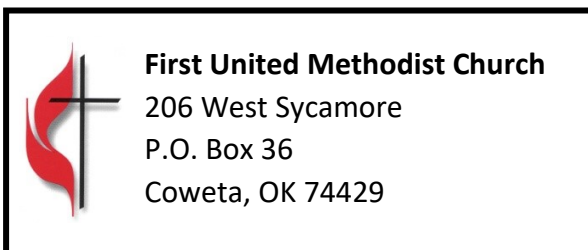
December 16 - Holiday lunch after church

December 25 - 5:30 pm and 11:00 pm communion service

December 26 - NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

The church office is updating the directory with current info. Please take one of the "Coweta First United Methodist Church Member Information" sheets and fill it out for all members of the family, We have several congregation members/attenders who have not filled out a form. We appreciate your help with this matter.



Sunday Service Times:

Sunday School *(for all ages)* – 9:45

Worship – 10:45

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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