

*Happy
New Year*

*May God bless you
with a new year
of peace and happiness.*

THE CHIMES

January 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

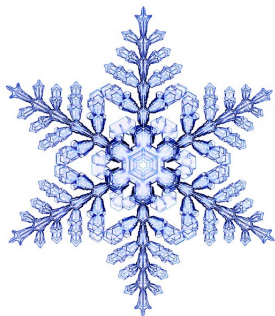


I can't think of more appropriate words to start the New Year than the first four words in the Bible, "In the beginning God..."

I find almost nothing in the Bible about a New Year, but there are plenty of things written about a new life. I am glad that you don't have to wait until New Year's Day to start over again. Each day is a new day with the Lord. "If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

As I begin to write in my new calendar, I write every plan in erasable pencil. The reason is that I don't forget that when it comes to the days ahead: "we don't know what they will be." Proverbs 27:1 says "Do not boast about tomorrow because YOU DO NOT KNOW what a day brings."

I have found great comfort in the words of a gospel song: "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand - But I know who holds tomorrow - And I know who holds my hand." That's good enough for me.



Grace and Peace

Rev Ray & Pat



January Mission of the Month



The mission of Huschka House is to provide homeless young adults in Northeast Tennessee with a safe living environment, affordable housing, and supportive services in order to ensure lifelong stability and success. Huschka House promotes equality and acceptance for all young adults.

The goal of our Transitional Living Program is to assist young adults who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and help them get back on their feet. In this program, they will learn and develop the necessary skills to successfully live independently.

Did You Know?

- 500 +/- kids age out of foster care each year in Tennessee
- 16-27% of them are homeless within the first two years
- Youth who have experienced chronic trauma may lack basic life and decision making skills
- 40% of young adults move back home even if it had been abusive or unhealthy.
- Researchers agree that brain development continues through age 25.
- There is a cyclical, generational affect of trauma which can derail a youth's ability to live independently.

They help them with:

- Affordable housing
- Life Skills
- Case management
- Counseling services

They help themselves by:

- Identifying personal and professional goals
- Working and saving money to transition to fully independent living
- Going to school
- Learning to live cooperatively in an unsupervised setting
- Learning life skills
- Attending weekly house meetings



Offering Counters

January 4th	Dona Dvorak
January 10th	Jean Madgett
January 18th	Susan Heaton
January 24th	Jobelle Hood



Budget funds needed as of 12/22/21
\$456,028.23

Budget funds received through 12/22/21
\$440,386.41

Mission of the Month (Area Resource Ministries)
received as of 12/22/21: \$1,555.00

1st Gayle Hood, Karter Milhorn, Katie Geagley
Nathan Freeman, Bill Heaton, Forrest Whitener

4th Ryan Jones

5th Nancy Fleming, Trudy Tait

7th David Hale, David McNeely III

8th Austin Canter, Sharon Robbins, Ann West, Tom Witherspoon

10th Jennifer Stroupe, Jennine Lovette, Tommy Horton,
Joy McCray

12th Gordon "Lynn" Carroll

14th Austin Lee

15th DeAnndra Bordies

18th Joseph Kechter, Jim White

19th Stan Bentley

20th Charles LaPorte Jr., Myong Powers, Lori Roark

21st Wesley Bradley

22nd Diane Walter

23rd Robin Hollowell

30th Joanne Ames, Jerry Johnson, Jason Light



***Please notify the Church Office of additions or corrections**



On Sunday, **December 30th** we
will receive a special
"Fifth Sunday Offering" for
Holston Home for Children in
Greeneville.

Please notate ***"Holston Home"***
on the memo line of your check

**The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday,
January 20th at 6:00 PM In the Fellowship Hall.**



**The Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday,
January 25th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall.**

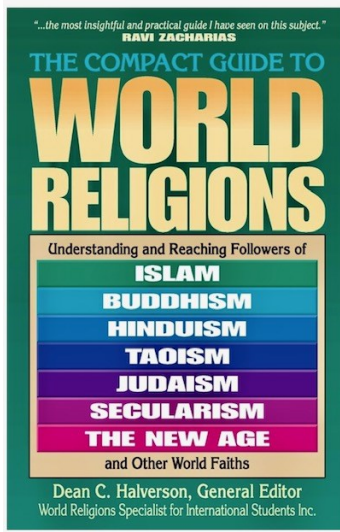


The United Methodist Women met on December 9th for their annual Christmas Dinner. The group was blessed by the music of David Arney and Deborah Knapp. The next meeting will be on January 13th at 1:00 PM. All the ladies of the church are welcome!



Pre school Christmas Program





Winter Bible Study with Terri Parker Beginning January 18, 2022

Tuesdays 10:00-12:00 Noon (Fellowship Hall)
And 6:00—8:00 PM via Zoom

Our Winter Bible Session will be a continuation of the series on World Religious Traditions.

If you did not attend in the fall you can still come because each session stands on its own.

In All Things Give Thanks!

I want to thank everyone for every act of kindness, prayers, and love gifts given to me this past year. I thank God for leading me to this church nine years ago. I love this church and all that are in it. May God richly bless you all! Happy New Year!

Thank you,
David Arney

"I thank God for every remembrance of you!"



Casserole Brigade

Casserole Brigade Dates Changed

Our Casserole Brigade will continue but will be a new day of the month: We will be doing casseroles on the 4th Thursday of Each Month. River's Edge Loaves and Fishes Feeding Program is not doing a Saturday meal anymore so we changed our day to continue helping this wonderful food ministry for our community. Bring your casserole either to River's Edge or the Church parking lot by 4:00 on our Thursday, just like always. I will be reminding everyone at the first of our week. I will also be giving everyone a typed schedule as well. Thank You So Much! This is very much appreciated by them!

New Casserole Brigade Dates: 4th Thursday of Each Month

January 27	April 28	July 28	October 27
February 24	May 26	August 25	November—Not Serving
March 24	June 23	September 22	December 22

As always, a million thanks and much appreciation for this very worthwhile community mission to feed those in need in our area.

Much Love and Appreciation,

Susan Hathaway
423-895-2683





The UMM will meet on Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All of the men of the church are welcome! Coffee will be provided.

In December our very own Susan Heaton was asked to participate with a group of very elite and outstanding area musicians. The concert was titled, "Four Pianos in Praise" under the direction of Tony Martin, Worship Pastor at Central Baptist church in Johnson City.

We are very proud of Susan and blessed to have her in our church family.



Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for "Life Lessons" with Rev. Ray



JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Nights at 6:00

With Rev. Ray in the Fellowship Hall

Join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study with Rev. Ray



Advent Memorials

Contingency Fund

Dave Forinash

by: Jean Forinash

Thomas Dale Archer

Joe & Bernice Shipley

Jerri Stevens

Sarita Archer

Dave Forinash

by: Sam & Vickie Shipley

Diane Horton

by: Meg & Gary Brown

Jeanette & Don Peifer

Bill & Dorothy Dvorak

W.T. Dvorak

by: Dona Dvorak

Richard Armel

Roy & Kathleen Witherspoon

by: Tom & Pam Witherspoon

Ed & Ruth Alexander

Sam & Betty Barker

By: Joe & Debbie Alexander

Tony Ramsey

By: Boo & Phyllis Hankins

Tom Huntington

Tim Kuhl

By: Sue Huntington

Charles Tittle

By: Mabe Brown

Charles Tittle

By: Matt & Carol McKinney

Dude LaPorte by: Darlene LaPorte

Diane Horton

By: Tommy Horton

Joyce & Carroll Broome

Jim Odom

Howard & Marie Matherly

Austin Frazier

by: Jim & Jama Frazier

Bob Madgett

Clarence & Helen Raulston

Charles & Pearle Madgett

by Jean Madgett

Jessica Cash

by: David & Teresa Pinckard

Ruby & Weldon Powers

By: Andrea Jones

Richard Bradley

Dude LaPorte

Dr. John Crockett

Dave Forinash

By: Linda & Troy Brown





Advent Honorariums

Contingency Fund

Rev Ray & Pat Amos
Paul & Myong Powers
Jean Forinash
Our Church Family
Gayle & Jobelle Hood
Travis & Allison O'Dell
by: Sam & Vickie Shipley

Tommy Horton
by: Meg & Gary Brown

Jean Forinash
Sam & Vickie Shipley
Rev Ray & Pat Amos
by: Paul & Myong Powers

Myong Powers
by: Paul Powers

Officers & Crew of the USS Tulsa
by: Dona Dvorak

Rev. Ray & Pat Amos
by: Sue Huntington

Meg & Gary Brown
by: Tommy Horton

Ruth Ann Cullop
Rev. Ray & Pat Amos
by: Jim & Jama Frazier

Rev. Ray & Pat Amos
by: David & Teresa Pinckard

Paul & Myong Powers
by: Andrea Jones

Rev. Ray & Pat Amos
Our Church Family
by: Linda & Troy Brown

Connie Armel
by: Tom & Pam Witherspoon





First United Methodist church collected 40 filled shoeboxes, which were delivered by eighteen faithful volunteers on December 14th. They worked with other groups and processed over 18,000 shoeboxes to deliver to South Africa.



Susan Hathaway delivered 70 blessing bags and 12 blessing baskets, which were donated by our FUMC faithful servants.

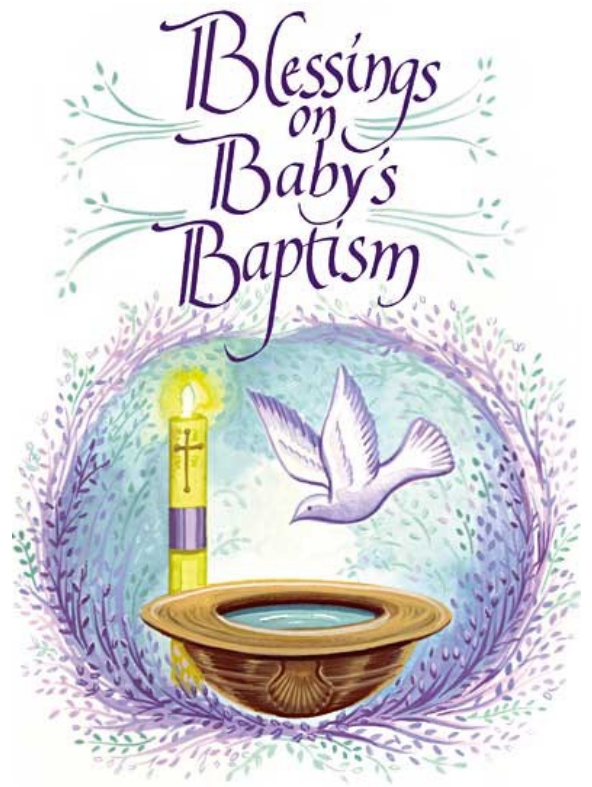


November 28th Blessing
Bags/Baskets dedication and
prayer with the FUMC
children



Bosco the Elf held a special cantata for the Coolagers





Eleanor Roan James was baptized on Sunday November 28, 2021 by Rev. Ray Amos Sr.
She is the daughter of Mike & Rochelle James.
Her big sister is Sophia James.





Mike, Rochelle, Sophia & Roan James
November 28, 2021
The Candle of Hope



John & Kathy Connors
December 5, 2021
The Candle of Peace



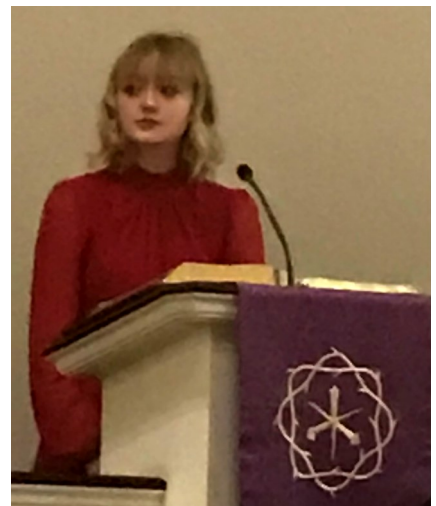
Jim & Jama Frazier
December 12, 2021
The Candle of Joy



Uncle Wes Bradley with Ryan Jay, Jewell and Eriabella
Weatherford
December 19, 2021
The Candle of Love



Christmas
REFLECTIONS





In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:



Claudette Howerton

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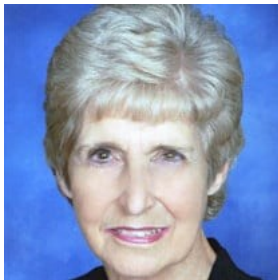
Mabe Brown (General Memorial)

Tyler Fleming

David Arney & Jennifer Stroupe (Music Ministry)
John & Anna Marie Walton (Music Ministry)
Tom & Lynn Little (Children's Music Ministry)
Jerry & Mary Hooper (Music Ministry)
Jean Forinash (Music Ministry)
Scotty & Catherine Bunton (Music Ministry)



Tyler Fleming



Ann Hampton

Ann Hampton

Jean Madgett (Loaves & Fishes Ministry)
Sam & Vickie Shipley (Worship Fund)
Richard & Norma Tetrick (Music Ministry)

Norma "Jean" Wortman

Richard & Norma Tetrick (Music Ministry)
Sam & Vickie Shipley (Music Ministry)
Scotty & Catherine Bunton (Music Ministry)
Maryetta Elliott (General Memorial)



Jean Wortman

Betty Lou Hathaway Day

By: Millard, Dicky Lou & Chris
(Christmas Décor—Chrismons Fund)

In Memory

Donations to the church have been received in Memory of:

Dr. John Crockett

Dr. John Crockett Mission Memorial Fund



Dr. John Crockett

Grace Fleenor

Mabe Brown

John & Anna Marie Walton

Tom & Lynn Little

David Arney & Jennifer Stroupe

Jim & Shirley Hardin

Ronnie & Joan Payne

Troy & Linda Brown

Patsy Austin & Family

Joel & Jean Conger

Phyllis Meece

Jean Forinash

Victoria Cole

Stephen & Brenda Neas

JCMC Medical Staff

Jonathan & Jill Bremer

Scotty & Catherine Bunton

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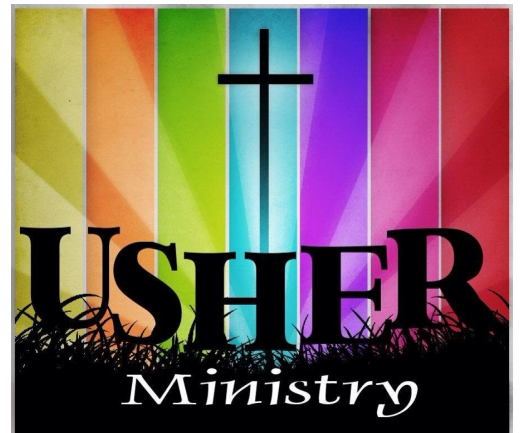
Dr. William & Kathy Linebarger

And

Jerry & Mary Hooper (2nd Harvest Food Pantry)

January Usher Schedule

January 2nd	Team 7 (Scotty Bunton-Captain)
January 9th	Team 1 (Stan Bentley-Captain)
January 16th	Team 2 (Greg Bowers-Captain)
January 23rd	Team 3 (Kelly Geagley-Captain)
January 30th	Team 4 (Paul Powers-Captain)





HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.
PHIL 4:4

December Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	11:20 AM
Sunday Night Bible Study	6:00 PM
Sunday Night 4:12 Jr. & Sr. High	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday Life Lessons	6:00 PM
Wednesday Coolagers	6:00 PM
Wednesday Choir Practice	7:00 PM

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	3 Church offices closed New Year's Holiday	4	5 Ivy Hall 2:30 PM <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	6	7	8 UMM Meeting 8:00 AM
9 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	10 Card Ministry 10:00 AM	11	12 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	13 UMW Meeting 1:00 PM	14	15
16 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	17 Church offices closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	18	19 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	20 Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	21	22
23 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	24 Card Ministry 10:00 AM	25 Administrative Council Meeting 6:00 PM	26 <i>Life Lessons</i> 6:00 PM	27 Casserole Brigade 4:00 PM	28	29
30 Worship 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM	31					

Acolyte Ministry

January 2nd: Piper Kate & Sophie

Acolyte Parent: Bennett

January 9th: Millie & Jewell

Acolyte Parent: Digby

January 16th: Caroline & Kate

Acolyte Parent: Bentley

January 23rd: Bentley & Lilly

Acolyte Parent: Bunton

January 30th: Jack & Taylor

Acolyte Parent: Blevins



Free Little Pantry Donations can be placed in the red tub beside the Memory Garden entrance of the first floor. Donation suggestions: small bottled water, drink pouches/boxes, nuts, nutrition bars, fruit cups, travel size toiletries, etc.

Thank you for your support!



Worship With Us

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Sunday mornings at 10:00



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