



**Seminole
First United
Methodist
Church**

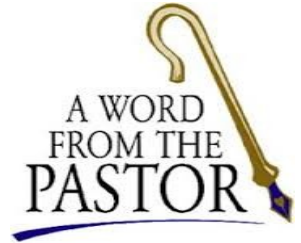
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Mustard Seeds

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"Opening Christmas"



When you were growing up, did your parents let you open a Christmas gift early? On Christmas Eve or even earlier? Every year my sister and I would beg our parents to open at least one gift on Christmas Eve. Every year the answer was no. We had to wait until Christmas morning.

The word Advent was taken from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." Jesus is coming and we can see His coming in three different ways" His birth in Bethlehem in the past; His future coming when Jesus returns; and His present coming through grace into the hearts and souls of His people.

Jesus is our Christmas gift and each Sunday of Advent we are going to open the gift of Jesus. Jesus is hope, peace, joy, and love.

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope" (1 Tim. 1, NRSV).

"For he [Christ Jesus] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us" (Eph. 2:14, NRSV).

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11, NRSV).

[That grace of joy which is implanted in the soul, by the Spirit of God in regeneration, and arises from, and is increased by discoveries of the person, grace, blood, righteousness, and sacrifice of Christ.]

"So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (1 John 4:16, NRSV).

Shalom, Pastor Cook

**Second Sunday of Advent,
December 5, 2021**

PEACE

**Third Sunday of Advent,
December 12, 2021**

JOY

**Church Christmas Program
Beginning at 10:45am**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

LOVE

**Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24th
Beginning at 6:30pm**

CHRIST



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.

...
I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

...
*Luke 2:10
(NIV)*



Grief Share

Ten people participated in the recent
Surviving the Holiday's

We will begin a new Grief Share study
for thirteen weeks starting

Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:00pm



Gordon Melson Library Plaque Presentation and Reception



Trunk or Treat

At the end of
October many
adults and
children
dressed up
for a fun
evening and
a treat.

There were 282
sacks of candy



Church Thanksgiving Dinner



Church Council will not be
meeting again until
January 2022

DECEMBER, 2021

Daisy Troup will meet on
Tuesday's Bi-weekly
5:15 pm -7:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Meal 5:30 pm SMASH 6 pm Ensemble 6: pm JoyBells 6:15 pm	2	3	4
5 Communion Sunday Second Sunday of Advent _ PEACE	6	7 UMW Meeting 6:00pm Guest Speaker Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Meal 5:30 pm SMASH 6 pm Ensemble 6: pm JoyBells 6:15 pm	9 Reserved Fellowship Hall Daisy Troup Christmas Party 5:00pm-7:30pm	10	11 OKC Chorus Performance (this is the group Sandy Peters sings with)
12 Third Sunday of Advent _JOY Church Christmas Program 10:45am	13	14	15 Church Wide Caroling to Shut-ins & Seminole Care Rehab Center.	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent _ LOVE	20 JoyBells will be playing at Snowman Wonderland	21	22 Meal 5:30 pm SMASH 6 pm Ensemble 6: pm JoyBells 6:15 pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service 6:30pm	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29 Meal 5:30 pm SMASH 6 pm Ensemble 6: pm JoyBells 6:15 pm	30	31 New Years Eve	

December Birthday's

04 - Nicole Little	17 - Alex Spencer
05 - Katie Jacomo	20 - Gordon Melson
05 - Marilyn Davis	23 - Randal Hallum
06 - Emma Gates	29 - Zane Gillespie
11 - Fred Basler	31 - Andrew Coates
11 - Mike Kiesel	31 - Julianne Zehren

Children & Youth

SMASH

*Wednesday's at 6:00pm
(Meal at 5:30pm)*

December Anniversaries

16 - Gary & Jane Ballou
21 - Fred & Jerry Basler

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children
come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to
such as these.’ ”

Matthew 19:14



Missions: Bread For Kenya

Bethel United Methodist Church

Reverend Moses Kariuki is the
District Superintendant for the
United Methodist Church
from Kenya.

You can follow Be-
thel Church on
Face Book
By searching
Bethel United
Methodist Church
Getumo -Kissi
Kenya



open HEARTS, open MINDS, open DOORS

If you are looking for a place to volunteer and serve,
please consider one of the following:

Interfaith Social Ministries
813 N. Main Street,
Seminole, OK 74868
M-F 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Pastor Cook 405-641-5524

Meals on Wheels
Tuesdays & Fridays (deliver meals)
Contact: Charlotte Gillespie 405-380-2424

Mobile Market (Seminole County)
Tuesdays & Thursdays
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Claudia Willis 405-380-7300

United Methodist Women

Meeting: 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 7, 2021

**Guest Speaker from the
Family Resource Center
Laticha Collins**

Then the disciples went out and preached
everywhere, and the Lord worked with
them and confirmed his word by the signs
that accompanied it. (Mark 16:20 NIV).



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Sunday

Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 10:45am

Wednesday:

Youth & Children: Meal: 5:30pm
Youth & Children: 6:00pm

CHURCH STAFF

Bishop — Dr. Jimmy Nunn

Heartland D.S. — Dr. Victor McCullough

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Lamarla Cook

Minister.....All the Congregation

Children's Director..... Debbie Hallum

Custodian.....Roxie Auld

Liturgical Colors.....Charlotte Horton

Music Director.....Sandy Peters

Office Secretary.....Peggy Edgell

Organist.....David Larson

Sunday School Supt.....Lola Davisson

Treasurer..... Mark Schell

Youth Director.....Linda Swearingen

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant
song with music... Psalm 98:4*

Ensemble



Wednesday's at 5:30 pm

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Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

JOYBells



Wednesday's at 6:15 pm

*Newsletters will be sent via e-mail, postal mail upon request and are available
on the FUMC web site. Hard copies will be available in the church Narthex.*





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