

# Newsletter

December 2018

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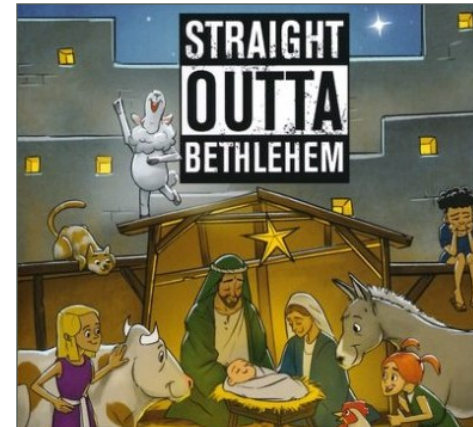


## Men's Community Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 5  
6:00 AM

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
903 East 2nd St., DeWitt  
Phone: 946-2312

## Festival Choir



Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 pm

Christmas Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, December 9  
5:30 pm

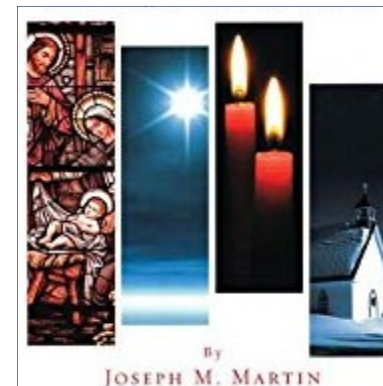
Hosted by the December Committee  
Meat & bread provided  
Please bring a side, salad, or dessert

## Carol Choir



Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 am

## The Chancel Choir presents "Season of Wonders"



Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 pm

### Social Activity Committee

**CHAIRS:** Joe & Carla O'Dell and Carla Walton;  
Robin Pattillo, Haley Boyd, Jimmy & Sherry Boyd,  
Matt & Hannah Stubblefield, Wade & Shelia Currie

**OUR PRAYERS:** Dixie Alter, Corita Boyd, Mason Boyd, David Bussey, Sammy Cotner, Sam DeBerry, E.K. Dillion, Carla Dotson, George & Greg Dulin, Bytha Dulin, Mavis Ferguson, family of Hazel Gray, Clarence & Dottie Gunnell, JD, Paige, Linleigh & Ruth Gunnell, Mark Jones, Paula Keffer, Lakelann Kimbrell, Bill Knoll, Jana Knoll, Michael Leyva, Steve Martin, Larry Martineau, Mike Merritt, Kay Mitchell, Gary Morris, Jeff Moyer, Carol Ann Nolley, Ken Norwood, Johnny Purdy, Donna Rasco, Sonya Rieves, Glenn & Barbara Stroh, Larry Thompson, Caroline Turner, Janet Vanderford, B. T. Wallace, Jack Williams

**OUR PRESENCE:** Sun, Dec 2:   Worship: 111  
  Sunday School: 49

### Christmas Cards Needed

The Evangelism Committee will be collecting Christmas cards for Shut-Ins. Please bring 9 signed cards, bundled together, to the church by December 16th.

Thank you to the UMY for the snack bags that they made for all of the church staff and helpers. It was such a nice surprise!

During the month of December, there will be a Christmas shop at the church. This will give the children of our church an opportunity to buy gifts for their family members. Our "little shoppers" can buy these gifts for \$1.00. The Christmas shop allows them to give to their loved ones in an independent manner.

We are taking donations of new or gently used items for the shop. Be creative with your donations! The little shoppers will need gifts for all age groups. This will be a fun and educational experience for them.

Volunteers are needed to work in the shop. It will be set up on the second-floor of the church on December :

- 9: during the Sunday School hour
- 9: after the Children's Choir production and Potluck
- 12: after the Children's Choir Party

Donations of gift sacks, tissue paper and gift tags are also appreciated. We will wrap and label the gifts for our shoppers at the time of purchase.

Place your donations in the blue tub. Make sure the items are in a sack and **please** keep the lids on the tubs! Children are permitted one shopping trip only. All proceeds will go to VBS.

Thank you all in advance for helping to make this a wonderful experience for the children of our church. If you have any questions, contact Belvia Rodgers at 870-830-0874 or Sheila Patterson at 870-830-2050.

### Birthdays

Tripp Rodgers (1), Mamie Whitmore (3), Suzanne Turner (4), Tory Rodgers, Park Eldridge (6), Harlyn Padgett (7), McKenzie Stroh, John Currie, Carla Walton (8), Jennifer Bussey (9), Cason Rodgers (12), Scott Bullock (13) Jason Rieves (17), Joyce Allen (14), Barbara Gunnell, Carla O'Dell, Dottie Gunnell (19), Tabatha Rodgers, Linda Shackelford (20), Brittany Briggs (22), Barbara Rodgers (26), Barbara Hill (27) Cheryl Hornbeck (30)

*Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring  
Courtney Carson & Bud Bisswanger*

Saturday, January 5  
10:30 - 12:00 pm

First United Methodist Church  
DeWitt, Arkansas



The bride and groom are registered at:  
Dean's  
The Registry  
New Leaf Florist  
Bed, Bath, and Beyond

The Loma Essex ministry is collecting Christmas card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch. There is a collection basket in the foyer by the office. Cards will be mailed on January 31. And as always, thank you for your continued support of the Loma Essex ministry.

*"St. Jude's Ranch for Children is currently revamping its card program, but it is still accepting cards .*

*Due to licensing issues, St. Jude's cannot accept Hallmark, American Greetings or Disney cards. St. Jude's also accepts monetary donations to help the kids who are at the Ranch."*



Allison Lynne Briggs baptism November 11



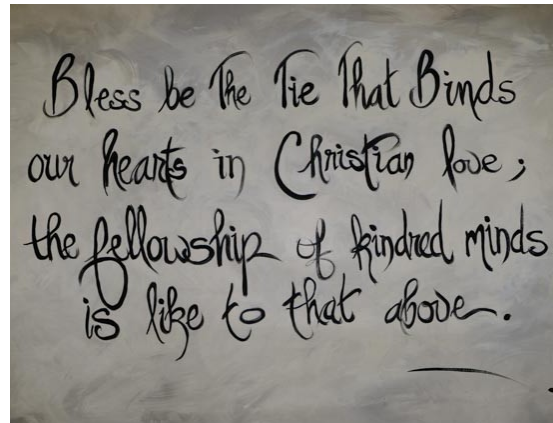
New member Courtney Carson



### 150th Anniversary Celebration







# POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias for the church sanctuary can be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Please complete the form below and return it with a check in the offering plate or to the church office. Poinsettias may be picked up Christmas Eve after the Candlelight Service.

Cost: \$23.50 each

Please make checks payable to

First United Methodist Church

(extra forms are available at the church office)

## Poinsettia Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ @ (\$23.50)

Payment enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ (poinsettias)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**CHURCH STAFF**

**Bishop**

*Rev. Gary E. Mueller*

**Southeast District Superintendent**

*Rev. Mark K. Norman*

**Minister**

*Rev. Tony Hill*

**Choir Director & Organist**

*Mrs. Marjorie M. Jenkins*

**Pianist**

*Mrs. Debbie M. Briggs*

**Church Secretary**

*Mrs. Sarah J. Storey*

**Treasurer**

*Mrs. Gena M. Jennings*

**Buildings & Property**

*Mr. Duane Long*

**Webmaster & Photographer**

*Mr. Jimmy Fly*

**Childcare Attendant**

*Ms. Leslie Rone*

**Custodians**

*Ms. Diane Fisher*

*Mr. Will Storey*

**Prayer Requests:**

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**Fellowship Calendar**

**Sun, Dec. 2:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
**Tues, Dec. 4:** 3:15 pm Carol Choir rehearsal  
**Wed, Dec. 5:** 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3:15 pm Festival Choir rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
**Thurs, Dec 6:** 3:15 pm Festival Choir rehearsal  
**Fri, Dec. 7:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm Lion's Club Pancake Supper  
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm Christmas Parade  
**Sun, Dec. 9:** 9:30 am Sunday School &  
The Children's Christmas Shop  
10:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Festival Choir Production  
"Straight Outta Bethlehem"  
5:30 pm Christmas Potluck  
6:00 pm The Children's Christmas Shop

**Wed, Dec. 12:** 3:15 pm Festival Choir party  
4:00 pm The Children's Christmas Shop  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal  
**Sun, Dec. 16:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship & Carol Choir production  
"Share the Good News"  
5:00 pm Chancel Choir Cantata  
"Season of Wonder"  
**Sun, Dec. 23:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
**Mon, Dec 24:** Church Office closed  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
**Tues, Dec 25:** Merry Christmas!  
**Sun, Dec 30:** 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship  
**Mon, Dec 31:** Church Office closed



*Christmas Eve Service*  
*Monday, December 24*  
*5:00 pm—6:00 pm*



*Carols, Candlelight, & Communion*



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**Our Mission:**

Jesus said, "Go, and make disciples of all nations..."

**Matthew 28: 18-20.**

**Founded 1868**