

### WELCOME GUESTS

*We hope that you feel warmly welcomed, and even more important that you experience the power and presence of God as we praise God's name, pray for God's world, and listen to God's voice together. Please let us know if there is anything we as a church can do for you! A Nursery is provided downstairs for infants. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Charles & Ida McCartha, to the glory of God and in honor of Christ's birth.

### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

TONIGHT	<b>"Child of Light" Christmas Program</b> - 4:00 pm <i>and</i> 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
Wednesday	<b>Youth and Alpha Bells Christmas Party</b> - 4:30-6:00 pm
	<b>WOW Kids, LAMP, Youth</b> - 6:00 - 7:15 pm, <i>supper provided</i>
NEXT Sunday	<b>Confirmation Meeting</b> - 4:15 pm, Fellowship Hall
	<b>Kids' Caroling and Christmas Party</b> - 5:00-7:00 pm, <i>meet at the church</i>
	<b>last Youth Sunday night of 2018</b>

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "Child of Light" - TONIGHT!

Join us tonight for our meaningful and memorable "Child of Light" Christmas program! The evening will include Scripture readings, celebratory seasonal music from a variety of choirs and ensembles, and the story of Christ's birth enacted through shadow theatre. Invite your family and friends to one of our two performances **tonight, December 9, at 4:00 pm or 6:30 pm**. Free tickets are available in the choir room.

### MANDATORY CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a *mandatory* meeting for all confirmands, their parents, and their mentors **next Sunday, December 16 at 4:15 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. Confirmation is for all sixth graders who attend our church and are interested in growing in their faith and learning more about what it means to be a United Methodist. Please make plans to attend this meeting!

### HAND-DECORATED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Purchase a hand-decorated, personalized Christmas ornament in honor or memory of someone special! They're being offered for sale just before and after the Encounter service, in the Fellowship Hall. There is no set price: make a donation of your choice to benefit the Ecuador Mission Trip!

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING - NEXT SUNDAY

The children will hold their annual Christmas caroling event next Sunday, December 16, weather-permitting. Plan to be at the church no later than 5:00 pm. The kids will return around 6:15 pm for dinner and a little Christmas party.

### NEED SOME HOLIDAY HELP?

Need some help decorating for the holidays? Need someone to watch the kids while you finish up some Christmas shopping? The Youth who are going skiing are raising money by helping anyone who needs help around the house this holiday season with decorating, wrapping gifts, light yard work, babysitting, etc., please email [coryeckstein@gmail.com](mailto:coryeckstein@gmail.com) or call the church office.

### FROM THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

We are continuing to sell a variety of gift cards (\$50 cards for Honey Baked Ham and \$25 cards for Bone Fish Grill, O'Charley's, Zaxby's and Chili's). These make great Christmas Gifts and stocking stuffers. Please contact [patsylockwood@aol.com](mailto:patsylockwood@aol.com) or Stuart (334-303-5194) to pre-order your card for pickup on Sunday morning or in the church office.

### WHITE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Over the four weeks of Advent, we are taking up our annual "White Christmas" collection to support the United Methodist Children's Home. This organization seeks to help abandoned, orphaned, abused, and neglected children within the geographical area of our Conference. Donations can be given to FUMC (indicate "White Christmas") or UMCH.

### PRAYER LIST

Amelia Barton, Kay Evans, Keith Holt, Steve Segrest, Amy McBroom, Alan & Marie Milam, Betty Segrest, Ann & Andy Owen, Carmen Kinder, Sal Rodas, Carl & Mary Ballard, Sebastian Dykes, Jerry & Sandra Pendergrass, Burton & Mary Gail Gauntt, Tom Jackson, Jeanette Boles, Rev. Ben & Lily Sawada, Melissa Jenkins, Eugene Knowles, Jeffrey Young, Carol Williams, relationships, Carol McMillian, Tony Mann, Joey Miller, Jimmy Speake, David Bentley, Rodney Aldridge, Kenzie Ray, Gary Moore, unspoken, all those dealing with cancer and their families, Tommy Causey, Sam Webster, unspoken, Wendy Hathcock, unspoken, Burchell family, Patti Ragan, Ruth Miller, our church and leadership, unspoken, Jean & Ron Roessner, Tammy Rich

*This prayer list was created by prayer requests written down on the attendance pads and inserts during Sunday morning's worship services.*