

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 Ann Noble in memory of her husband, A.S. Noble, III, and in honor of her four sons and her many friends.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

The Confirmation Meeting that was scheduled for this afternoon has been CANCELLED. Parents and mentors of confirmands will be contacted about the confirmation process.

TONIGHT	Kids' Caroling and Christmas Party - 5:00-7:00 pm, <i>meet here at 4:45!</i> Youth - TBD
Monday	Crafty Christians - 1:00-2:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	Learning Tree gifts MUST be in the church office by 1 pm!
Wednesday	NO LAMP or Youth tonight - they will resume Jan. 9, 2019!

TONIGHT: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The children will hold their annual Christmas caroling event **tonight**, weather-permitting. Plan to be at the church by **4:45 pm**. The kids will go caroling from 5:00-6:00 pm, then return to the church for dinner and a little Christmas party. They should be done by about 7:00 pm.

LEARNING TREE GIFTS - Due Tuesday

Those who signed up to purchase Christmas gifts for students of The Learning Tree should have their unwrapped gifts packaged together in a labeled box or bag in the office by **this Tuesday, December 18, no later than 1 pm**. A representative from The Learning Tree will be coming to collect the gifts that afternoon! Thank you to everyone who is helping to make a Learning Tree student's Christmas brighter this year!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will have a candlelight Christmas Eve communion service on December 24 at 5:00 pm. Come with your family or friends and share a few moments' reflection on the great love given to us through the birth of a tiny child.

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!

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 call the church office.

FROM THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

There are still a few gift cards left available for purchase--perfect for last-minute Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers! Please contact patsylockwood@aol.com or Stuart (334-303-5194) to find out what's available. You can also consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation towards the Ecuador Mission Trip!

WHITE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Only two Sundays left to contribute to our annual "White Christmas" special collection, supporting the United Methodist Children's Home. Donations can be given to FUMC (indicate "White Christmas") or UMCH.

PRAYER LIST

Amelia Barton, Nell Mann, Betty Segrest, Keith Holt, the Clark and Bearden families, McCartha family, Kay Evans, Karen Cunningham, the Eckstein family, Bill and Charles Phillips, Ann & Andy Owen, Carl & Mary Ballard, Jerry & Sandra Pendergrass, Sebastian Dykes, Tom Jackson, Jeanette Boles, unspoken, Melissa Jenkins, Fred & Cherry Wilkins, unspoken, unspoken, our church & leadership, family of David Bentley, Kenzie Ray, Gary Moore, Rodney Aldridge, unspoken, Tommy Causey, Sam Webster, Carol McDaniel, Jean & Ron Roessner, Tammy Rich

STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 9 - 15

Sunday School - 99		Worship Attendance - 217
Wkly Budgeted Income 7,976	Mthly Budgeted Income 34,855	YTD Budgeted Income 399,160
Wkly Actual Income 6,224	Mthly Actual Income 21,974	YTD Actual Income 409,327
Wkly Budg. Expense 8,997	Mthly Budg. Expense 38,989	YTD Budg. Expense 449,850
Wkly Act. Expense 12,559	Mthly Act. Expense 24,212	YTD Act. Expense 422,455

The Endowment Committee would like to thank those who contributed to the Endowment Fund this past week in memory of Joby Gauntt.