



THE
OPEN DOOR
a newsletter of the
Memorial United Methodist Church



Little Blessings had fun touring the traveling art exhibit at the museum!

We will be performing our Christmas programs for our afternoon class on Monday, December 5th at 7:00PM. The morning class will perform their program on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00PM. Our programs will celebrate Jesus' birth which we have been learning about in class! We would like to invite you all to our Christmas Programs!

We will be raising funds for the preschool from December 1st to January 15th through the Schwan's fundraiser program.

We wish you great joy as you celebrate our Lord's birth!

There's a song in the musical West Side Story called "Something's Coming and It's Going to be Good!" That's a good statement of the Advent mood. Advent emphasizes the sense of expectant waiting for something good to happen -- waiting for Someone special to come from God. The people of Israel had heard God's promise that a Savior would come, and, as recorded in the Old Testament, waited through some of the darkest hours of their nation's history for the fulfillment of that promise. Christians know that God's promise was fulfilled by the coming of Jesus. We celebrate that fulfillment at Christmas, but Advent invites us to experience the sense of anticipation that precedes Christ's coming. Advent also has a personal aspect. Perhaps some of us have not had the Christmas experience of having Jesus born in the manger of our hearts. We are still in Advent, hoping something good will yet come, but fearing that it will not. Thus, Advent is a time to make our hearts ready to receive Christ. He's coming to us and that is GOOD! — Pastor Jeff Kelley

Greetings!

Another year is coming to an end and we are looking forward to our Saviors day. But, events and charity do not cease. A few upcoming events as we near the end of 2016 are the packing of college care packages on December 4th at 4.30 pm and bags for the shut-in's on the 11th from 2-4 pm. Another event to look forward to is our annual UMYF Christmas party. It will be held on the 18th at my residence, 105 East F street from 6pm-8 pm. Come join us for a time of fellowship, fun and caring.

I Wish All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pastor Arun

Special Advent Service

“Hanging of the Greens”

December 4th, 2016

@ 6:30PM

As Americans, we are the beneficiaries of Christmas customs and traditions from every part of the world. It is our heritage to assimilate, observe, enjoy, and celebrate these ancient practices. Come join us on this evening! Also, the Significant Light Band, our youth worship team, will be hosting a soup dinner before the start of service beginning at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall!

2016
Salvation Army
Bell Ringing
Campaign

December 9th &
December 10th

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We would like to thank the endowment committee for approving the purchase of the new piano light and the new Clavinova. The Clavinova was delivered on November 19. What a difference the light has made and we are looking forward to be using the Clavinova on many occasions. —Worship Committee

To schedule a bell ringing time the sign-up sheets will be located in the Friendship Room or call the office at 308-345-2445.

December 2016

SUNDAY
 8:15/10:30am. . .Service, S
 9:30am. . .Sunday School
 6:00pm. . .Significant Light Practice, S
 6:00pm. . .Jr. High
 7:00pm. . .Sr. High

TUESDAY
 9:45am...Little Blessings Chapel
 1:45pm...Little Blessings Chapel

WEDNESDAY
 6:30am. . .Men's Bible Study
 6:15pm. . .BL4Y (5th/6th/7th), YC
 6:15pm. . .FaithWeavers (PreK-4th), FH
 6:30pm. . .WORD(9th/10th)
 @ Dirk & Sandra Gray's
 @ 419 Seminole Drive
 7:00pm. . .Chancel Choir, S
 7:30pm. . .WORD(11th/12th)
 @Dirk & Sandra Gray's
 @419 Seminole Drive
 8:00pm. . .Master Ringers, S

THURSDAY
 5:30pm. . .Community Supper, FH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		
				1 6:30PM Trustees, L	2	3 6:00PM Singles		
4 4:30PM Youth packing for care packages	5 7:00PM Little Blessings Christmas Program (morning class)	6 7:00PM Little Blessings Christmas Program (afternoon class)	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 11:30AM UMW Christmas Party, FH	9	10		
5:30PM Sig Light Soup Supper	6:30PM Hanging of the Greens	11	12 1:30PM Care Team, L	13	14 10:00AM Brookdale 2:30PM Hillcrest 8:00PM AD Council, L	15	16	17 6:00PM Singles
18 8:15AM Those Guys & Sig Light Christmas special @ 8:15AM	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Services @ 5:00PM 7:00PM 11:00PM		
25 Christmas Day Church Service will be @ 10:00AM	26	27 2:30PM UMW Bingo at Hillcrest	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

**Sunday School
Announcement**

Last day of Sunday School
for this year will be on
December 18,2016.

Wednesday Night Programs

Last day of Wednesday night
activities for the year will be
on December 14th.

**Jr./Sr. High
Christmas Party**

The Jr./Sr. High Christmas
Party will be on
December 18th from
6:00PM-8:00PM at
Pastor Arun's house located
at 105 East F Street.

**Pantry
collection
item for
December**

Flour/Sugar



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Hello!
Your boxes were truly a God-send yesterday. For the first time in 9 months we were out of many things, and then your boxes arrived! The soap dishes were PERFECT! People have been asking for those. And the chocolate is being sniffed out from great distances away! After months of not being able to get such simple things, our hearts flow with gratitude. And we have soldiers coming from forward locations that are literally giddy with what they can take. Our shelves are stocked again, thanks to you and your team. Amazing!

See you soon!
Nathan. Chaplain



Dear Friends, Thank you so much for supporting my Adopt-a-Chaplain project. I appreciate your very generous support in donations, writing cards, items that was brought to my home and in the tub at church. Many of you helped pack the boxes that were sent. Blessings to you all.

- Ann Trail