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January 2023

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From the Pastor

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; ⁷ he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. ⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Psalm 107:1-8 NRSV

Dear ones,

As I write this, it's just past mid-December, early on a Sunday evening. Christmas is but 7 days away and a new year will follow quickly thereafter. Pretty soon we will be inundated with TV ads for gyms, weight loss programs, and cosmetic procedures designed to make us look younger. The people who create these advertising campaigns know that our minds will have turned to thoughts of how we might make 2023 better than 2022. I have thoughts for my own life. Most notably, I'd like to start the year off by not being hit by an intoxicated driver.

You may find yourself thinking about what you might do to improve yourself, your life, or the lives of others. The well-being of your loved ones may weigh on your minds. All of these may generate in you a desire to commit to new practices that might turn things for the better; New Year's resolutions, they will be called.

Right after Emory Callen Burns was baptized, I walked him among you and said something that I later realized would make a tremendous New Year's resolution. It could save a life. I reminded you that the writer of Psalm 107 charged the people of God with these words:

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...

What is it that the redeemed are supposed to say? I think the easiest answer is to quote verse 1 from the psalm as you see it in the box above. God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever. Certainly, we who have faith in Christ, who have been redeemed from slavery to Sin and Death, might have something to say about the goodness of God who has given God's only Son that we might have eternal life. Are we not those who should carry out the instructions in verse 8? (Read verse 8 again) The Christmas season's lessons and promises need not fade from our minds until next Advent rolls around.

Could we not resolve to let the message of Christmas be on our lips at least once in a while during 2023? Could we not resolve to tell our friends and our enemies that God is with us? (Emmanuel) Could we not resolve to speak of Christ who came to give us life? Could we not resolve to be people who tell others about of the hope and joy that are within us? (1 Peter 3:15) Could we not resolve to be people who "say so;" **say** that God is good, to anyone who will listen. **Say** that God's love is beyond comprehension and limit. **Say** that we have seen the changes that letting our lives be filled with God's love can make. Afterall, God's love is certainly more powerful than a Botox wrinkle shot.

Will you join me in considering a resolution to "thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works" for us, by saying so? Perhaps, out of our willingness to witness to the love of God, someone whose soul is fainting within them might cry out for help and be "delivered from their distress."

Under Christ's mercy,



Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Benson Atkinson	Alice Dupont	Nick Meistrell
Mary Ashley Barbot	Bill Flynt	Henry McFadden
Bill & Jane Bowers	Lindsay Furse	Randy Repak
Isabelle Brown	Susan Hayne & Will Furse	Linda Rogers
Branson Bruce	Ken Holladay	Tim Russ
Steve Brunson	Mike Horan	Renee Russell
Chuck Buddin	Spencer Jordan	Dot Stewart
Gail & Gary Burris	Lamar Kennedy	Bill Vanscoy
Paul Butler	Family of Rocky Kirven	Wayne Vincent
Ann Cutter	John Lesemann	Tim Weaver
Matthew David	Judy Masters	Karen Wood

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

Don & Nancy Andrews	Bettye Johnson
Joyce Bowers	Kay Kirkpatrick
Deedee Clark	Margaret Lee
Rosella Daniels	Wilson Lepp
June Davis	Neal Mahoney
Nita & Liz Denny	Joan Odom
Jared Dube`	Jean Schmelzle
William Gamble	Cliff Toner
Anne Haley	Cona & Sam Tyson
Woody Haynes	

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Dec. 4th Cantata	9:30 am Sunday School—48 Worship 10:30 am — 149	Views 199
Dec. 11th	9:30 am Sunday School—78 Worship 10:30 am — 170	Views 236
Dec. 18th	9:30 am Sunday School— 66 Worship 10:30 am — 141	Views 176
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve	Worship 6:30 am — 156	Views 231
Dec. 25th Christmas Day	No Sunday School Worship 10:30 am — 100	Views 142

2022		Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,829.85		
	Received Weekly		
Dec. 4	\$ 21,307.00		
Dec. 11	\$ 11,717.31		
Dec. 18	\$ 11,047.57		
Dec. 24	Special Offering Council on Aging	\$ 936.00	
Dec. 25	\$ 18,545.38		
Total Received	\$ 62,617.26		
Needed Year to Date			\$ 518,952.08
Total Received YTD			\$ 452,715.72
Overage or (Deficit)			(\$ 66,236.36)



2023 Flower Calendar

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements.

If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

Month	1	8	15	22	29
January					
February	5	12	19	26	
March	5	12	19	26	
April	2	9	16	23	30
May	7	14	21	28	
June	4	11	18	25	
July	2	9	16	23	30
August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

January 2023

Happy Birthday!!

1/1 Jean Gamble
 1/3 Jean Prothro
 1/4 Nathan Downer
 1/5 Margaret Lee;
 Rebecca Gardner; Reid Norris
 1/9 Anne Haley
 1/10 Ann Cutter; Adelaide Ard
 1/13 McKenzie Prothro
 1/15 Rita Lamothe; Dawn Still
 1/16 Terrie Mishoe; Anna Lee, Rita Thomas,
 John William Gainey
 1/18 Terry Gamble; Kay Kirkpatrick;
 Winston Hodge; Jane Powell
 1/20 Tad Graham
 1/21 Kathryn Ard
 1/25 John Land
 1/26 Caroline Norris Nash
 1/30 Kathy Ward; Ross Russell;
 Sarah Russell
 1/31 Bateman Brunson;
 Cagney Brunson, III

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Epiphany Sunday Happy New Year!!! 10:30 am Worship	2 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Revelation Book Study w/Shirley Miller	3 8-12 MUMC Day School 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	4 8-12 MUMC Day School	5 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:30 Pilot Club (UR) 6:00 pm Choir 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	6 8-12 MUMC Day School	7 9 am-12 LMA Gym
8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Administrative Board 5:30 pm UMYF	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball 6:30 pm United Meth. Men Supper 7:00 pm Revelation Book Study	10 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	11 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Trustees	12 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	13 8-12 MUMC Day School	14 9 am-12 LMA Gym
15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 8-12 No MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball 7:00 pm Revelation Book Study	17 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	18 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Finance	19 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	20 8-12 MUMC Day School	21 9 am-12 LMA Gym
22 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	23 8-12 MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball 7:00 pm Revelation Book Study	24 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	25 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Bible Study	26 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	27 8-12 MUMC Day School	Revolution Youth 27-29
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	30 8-12 MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	31 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 pm CIA 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	Happy Anniversary!! 1/08 Marshall & Betty Black 1/19 Ray & Kathy Ward			

REVELATION

Bible Study led by Shirley Miller

Begins Monday January 2, 2023 6:30 MUMC Library

The Book of Revelation Completes the Gospel of Salvation

'Book of Revelation' and 'End Times and the Secret of the Mahdi' will be taught

Books will be given at first class....bring your favorite Bible
Please Contact Shirley Miller and/or sign clipboard on table in hall
Bring family and friends...anyone interested welcomed

"Christmas at Epworth" From Epworth Children's Home

Our residents, foster families and foster children have been busy with Christmas parties, visiting the Lights at the Zoo, a shopping trip followed by a pizza party with the USC football team, and our second annual Christmas Tree lighting that was made even more special with cookies and hot chocolate. We have enjoyed this special season! Here are some photos of all of the fun we are having.

Christmas is a busy time of year for everyone, including the staff and residents at Epworth. Our "Christmas with Epworth" drop-off was a huge success thanks to you, LCR's local churches, businesses, and individuals.

We are thankful for the gifts that have come in for our children and families. Because of you, each of our children and families will have an exciting Christmas morning filled with all of their wishes.

Thanks to Manning UMC for making Christmas "Merry and Bright" for Epworth Children's Home.

The Administrative Board will meet on January 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM

to review and approve the *2023 Church Budget* and the *Abuse Prevention Policy*.

Members are:

Ken Sexton (Chairperson)
John Lesemann (Vice Chairperson)
Charlie Gavin (Lay Leader)
Vann Page (Ch. SPRC)
Louis Griffith (Ch. Finance)
Jake Buddin (Ch. Trustees)
Don Ellis (Treasurer)
Carolyn Coffey (Lay Member to Annual Conference)
Rock Ouzts (President of United Methodist Men)
Helene Ellis (President of United Women in Faith)
Ansley Elmore (Youth Representative)
Kass Varn (Ch. Council on Ministries)
Joan Barber (Recording Secretary)
Rev. David McManus (Pastor)

Members at Large:

Gene Barber, Jim Black, Bo Bozard, Mickey Brewer, Billy Coffey, Travis Brown, Kathy Bryce, G. G. Cutter, JoAnn Eaddy, Robby Elmore, Sue Jordan, Hal Lowder, Gary Martin, Len Mathis, Ellen McFadden, Scott Wannamaker, Julien Weinberg

Memorial Gifts:

Debbie Lee Tucker

Given By:
Jim Black
Artie & Beverly Felder
Johnny & Ruthie Odom
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Eddie & Frances Barrett
Jo Gamble
Bubba & Sara Wells
Garson Taylor
Ron & Alice Jordan

Ricky Drose

Given By:
Garson Taylor
Julien & Pam Weinburg
Ron & Alice Jordan

Buddy Gamble

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Laura Perez

Given By:
Bubba & Sara Wells
Garson Taylor

April Harrison

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Michael & Lisa Burns
Garson Taylor
Ron & Alice Jordan

Doug Nelson

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Taylor Flowers

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

David Kidwell

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

Mutt & Lynn Bozard

Given By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

W.E. & Pauline Horton

Given By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

Dalton Page

Given By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

Judy Morris

Given By:
Bubba & Sara Wells

Jewel Brown

Given By:
Bubba & Sara Wells

Ollen Rose

Given By:
Bubba & Sara Wells
Robby & Susan Elmore

John Milton Odom

Given By:
Jim Black
Lamar & Cathy Kennedy
Sharon Cramer
Carolyn Coffey
Cynthia Cardarella
Margaret Jones Gamble Class
Ernie & Brenda Mathis
Billy & Frankie Geddings
Ashley & Lou Holladay
Lucian & Mary Jo McCutchen
Artie & Beverly Felder
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Eddie & Frances Barrett
John Mathis
Julie Wood
Jean Prothro
Stan & Lu Nickell
Jo Gamble
Carole & Wayne Utley
Ann Alderman
Steve & Cindy Brunson
Bubba & Sara Wells
John Mathis,
Gene & Cindy Phillips
Kass Varn
Garson Taylor
Sena Gibson
Ron & Alice Jordan

Wallace Hodge

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Ron & Alice Jordan

Donnie McCord

Given By:
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse
Bubba & Sara Wells
Garson Taylor
Ron & Alice Jordan

Jessie McCabe

Given By:
Garson Taylor
Ron & Alice Jordan

Pam McCabe

Given By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

Drew Taylor

Given By:
Billy & Betty Coffey

Jimmy Taylor

Given By:
Garson Taylor
Mitch & Cathy Gardner
Bo & Amy Bozard

Helen Owen

Given By:
Johnny & Ruthie Odom

Tripp Lowder

Given By:
Donnie & Neal Mahoney
Garson Taylor

Linda McDaniel

Given By:
Artie & Beverly Felder
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Greg Spigner

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Jim Davis

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Ken Ackerman

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Betty Brewer

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Melissa Ridgeway

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Cheri Lyn Brown

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Rodney Richburg

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Tommy Gales

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

John Landon Black

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Linda McDaniel

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Susie McLeod

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Violet Moody

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Billy & Lora Jordan

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Carlyle & Erline Gamble

Given By:
Ron & Alice Jordan
Carl & Judy Gamble

Bucky Mock

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Margie Tyson

Given By:
Sam & Cona Tyson

Dottie Richburg

Given By:
Garson Taylor
Ron & Alice Jordan

Bonnie Bass

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Chip Tayag

Given By:
Garson Taylor

Honorarium Gifts:

Ann Cutter

Given By:
Julien & Pam Weinberg

Bob & Sylvia Clark

Given By:
Julien & Pam Weinberg

George William Boney

Given By:
Julien & Pam Weinberg

Christian & Hanna Montgomery

Given By:
Julien & Pam Weinberg

Ellen & George Boney

Given By:
Julien & Pam Weinberg

Don Ellis

Given By:
Sam & Cona Tyson

Millicent & Arlan Nealy

Given By:
Sam & Cona Tyson

Cindy McInnis

Lisa & Michael Burns
Annette Browder

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davis

Given By:
Annette Browder

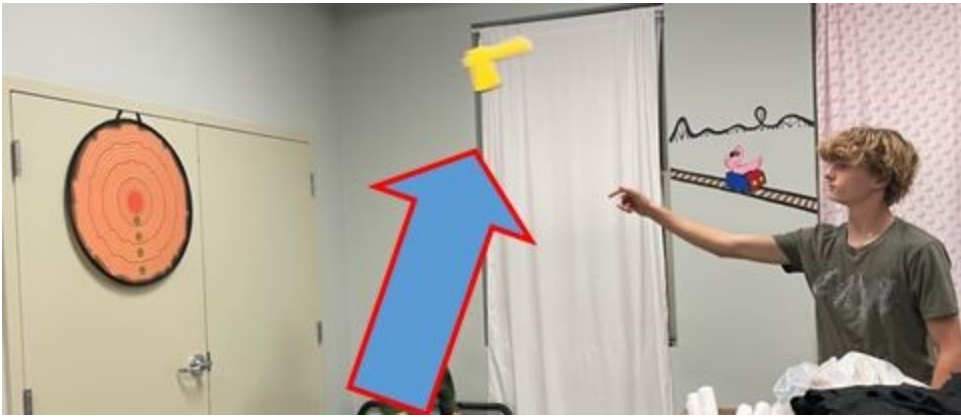
Eddie & Frances Barrett

Given By:
Jane & Tommy Benton

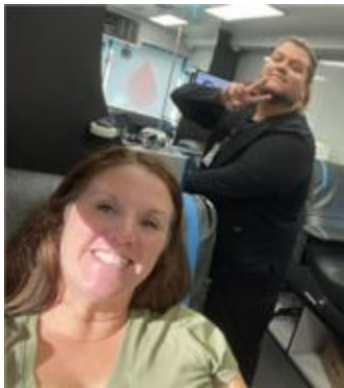
Happy Birthday
Wells Wallace, McRae Wallace

**Sydney Gaylord
& Betty Coffey**
Given By: Mitch & Cathy Gardner

The Back Page December 2022



Trying out our rubber ax throwing game



Thank you to all who
donated blood at our
blood drive!



Merry Christmas from the
MUMC Youth

