



# MONTHLY

December 2021

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## From the Pastor

Dear ones,

Hurry makes me feel stressed. I like to get things done on time, but I also like to do things in my time. I work well under pressure, but I don't like outside pressures dictating my schedule. What about you?

As you think about the Holy-day season that is approaching, do you feel a sense of hurry coming on? Have the Hallmark movies created a deep need to get ready? Are you concerned that supply-chain problems and rising prices might keep you from expressing your love for parents, children, grandchildren with gifts? Are you dreading the rush of shopping as hurry turns our thoughts from "perfect gift" to "aw, heck, this will do."? Is hurry not the complete opposite of the peace we feel when we light candles and sing "Silent Night" together? Would it not be a shame for hurry to cause us to be unwilling to stop and worship; or unable to enjoy celebrating the birth of Jesus with those we love? Afterall, it is hard to feel at peace when we are hurried.

One of my favorite verses of Scripture is Proverbs 4:23. In the NIV version, It reads: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

How might we guard our hearts against the cynicism, the anger, the feeling of not being appreciated, and the various other frustrations that come from feeling hurried when what we want is to be at peace?

I have a suggestion. When you find yourself on the edge of giving in to the hurry, remember the "why" of the season. We celebrate Christmas to remind us that God came to us, as one of us. My favorite reflection on the incarnation ( a word used to describe the eternal Son of God, the Word, becoming flesh and dwelling among us ) is a by Saint Athanasius who died in 373 AD. It is entitled "On the Incarnation." I want to share a quote from it that stuck with me and gave me a new appreciation for Christmas. Athanasius writes:

...it was our sorry case that caused the Word to come down, our transgression that called out His love for us, so that He made haste to help us and to appear among us. It is we who were the cause of His taking human form, and for our salvation that in his great love He was both born and manifested in a human body.

When you feel the onset of hurry as you prepare for Christmas, guard your heart by remembering the why of the season, the one thing necessary to be at peace...

## Remember Christ!

*Pastor Davis*

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Oct. 31st	9:30 am Sunday School—57 Worship 10:30 am — 113	Views 134
Nov. 7th All Saints	9:30 am Sunday School—65 Worship 10:30 am — 145	Views 201
Nov. 14th	9:30 am Sunday School— 44 Worship 10:30 am — 81	Views 120
Nov. 21st	9:30 am Sunday School— 57 Worship 10:30 am — 93	Views 84


2021		Tithes & Offering	
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,137.95		
	Received Weekly		
October 31st	\$ 18,059.45		
November 7th All Saints	\$ 12,897.67		
November 14th	\$ 10,050.01		
November 21st	\$ 6,521.75		
Total Received	\$ 47,528.88		

### Sunday School



Pumpkin Slime = Fun Time




 **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.

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nancy Andrews         | Bill Flynt                   | Martha Morris              |
| Mary Ashley Barbot    | Lindsay Furse                | Family of Yvonne Porter    |
| Betty & Thomas Brewer | Jack Horton                  | Townes & Maggie Richardson |
| Connor Brooks         | Sharon Huntsinger            | Family of Stephen Sims     |
| Ronnie Brown          | Colleen Kennedy              | Clarence Snyder            |
| Michelle Butler       | John Lesemann                | Joanna Taylor              |
| Paul Butler           | Laura Coker Llana            | McKenzie Tolomea           |
| Miguel Calicdan       | Harriet Locklair             | Jan Toner                  |
| Rev. Jim Clark        | Tripp Lowder                 | Jean Turner                |
| Jim & June Davis      | Alona (Maila) Acosta Marquez | Rebecca Whitehead          |

The Flower Calendar for 2022 is out on the table outside the church office. 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.

Dec. 5 Betsy Wallace  
Dec. 12 Poinsettias  
Dec. 19 Poinsettias  
Dec. 26 Janie Ard

### 2022 Flower Calendar

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

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

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Joyce Bowers     | Betty Wellock   |
| Kevin Cribb      | Anne Haley      |
| Rosellas Daniels | Woody Haynes    |
| Nita & Liz Denny | Kay Kirkpatrick |
| William Dodge    | Margaret Lee    |
| Jared Dube       | Wilson Lepp     |
| Riccardo Gaskin  | Neal Mahoney    |
| David Glaser     | Sandy McCord    |
|                  | Sam Tyson       |

Memorial Gifts:

**Erline Gamble**

Give By:

Ann & G.G. Cutter  
Billy & Betty Coffey  
Jim Black

Jake & Elaine Buddin  
Annette Browder

Johnny & Ruthie Odom  
Rachel & Will Gainey  
Prothro Chevrolet

Robby & Susan Elmore  
Genie & Winston Hodge

Fuzzy & Lauri Furse  
Sandra Brewer

Buck & Dianne Sprott  
Mary Jo Gamble

Gene & Joan Barber  
Tommy & Jane Benton

Artie & Beverly Felder  
Janice Reynolds

Billy & Frankie Geddings  
Jean Prothro

Charlie & Carol Gavin  
Phyllis Eadon

Michael & Lisa Burns  
Cindy McInnis

Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Clarendon Cty. Magistrate Office  
Carolyn Coffey

Hermione Munn, Sallie & Margaret  
Harvin & Mary Brock

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Betty Daniels**

Give By:

Billy & Betty Coffey  
Rose Daniels

John Mathis

Buck & Dianne Sprott  
Julie Nowak

Tommy & Jane Benton  
Sandra Brewer

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Ollie Mae Snyder**

Give By:

Jim Black

Jake & Elaine Buddin  
Buck & Dianne Sprott

Mary Jo Gamble

Gene & Joan Barber  
Buck & Dianne Sprott

Mary Jo Gamble

Gene & Joan Barber  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Mrs. Wilton Mitchum**

Give By:

Ann & G.G. Cutter

**Yvonne Porter**

Given By:

Billy & Betty Coffey  
Artie & Beverly Felder  
Lloyd & Nancy Roberson  
Sharon Cramer

**Bernie & Evelyn Blascak**

Given By:

Gene & Joan Barber  
Rock & Vicki Ouzts  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Ruth Hohnecker**

Given By:

Sandra Brewer  
Ann & G.G. Cutter

**Ryan Fischer**

Give By:

Fuzzy & Lauri Furse  
Sandra Brewer  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Dalton Page**

Give By:

**John Mathis**

**Peggy Gardner**

Give By:

Fuzzy & Lauri Furse

**Paul Floyd**

Give By:

John Mathis

**Betty Cribb**

Give By:

Sandra Brewer

**Kerrie Cribb**

Given By:

Stan & Lu Nickell

**Harvey "Tap" Tapley**

Given By:

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Traci Black Badura**

Given By:

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Brian Hipp**

Given By:

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Ben Brewer**

Given By:

Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Maurice Kirkpatrick**

Given By:

Stan & Lu Nickell



**All Saints Sunday**



Honorarium Gifts:

**Sharon Cramer, Stan & Lu Nickell** Given By: Pat Terry

**THANK YOU:** Our family would like to thank you for all of the love shown to us over the past few months. The prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers, memorials and many other ways you have shown that we are in your thoughts have been an absolute comfort to us. There are no words to completely express how grateful and blessed we are to live in such a wonderful and supportive community. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as they have truly helped carry us through all of this and we know will continue to be a source of comfort and strength. Love, the family of Eddy Osteen, Stacy, Carol Lee and Anna- Romans 15:13

**THANK YOU:** MUMC for all the prayer, posts, and encouraging words for Stephen Sims. Words can not express how much my Manning family means to me. I love you all. Love, Kay Young Fox

**IN NEED:** Youth group is in need of a second adult to cover intermittently from January-April and Volunteers are needed December 11 from 12:30-3 for our Christmas Festival. Please see Kelly for details.

**CRECHE FESTIVAL TRIP :** Monday, November 29th Creche Festival Trip Bus departs at 9:30 am Lunch at Gilligan's Sign Up outside the church office. Limited availablely.

**CCLC IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS:** The Clarendon Christian Learning Center is in need of volunteers to help during school hours in all grade levels. If you are interested please email [cclcoffice@ftc-i.net](mailto:cclcoffice@ftc-i.net)

**EPWORTH MOMENT:** Being an " EPWORTH SANTA " will bring JOY to you! Christmas is right around the corner. Epworth's volunteer coordinator, Beth Robinson, has been busy getting Christmas wish lists from the residents. "Christmas with Epworth" is the annual drive for community members to fill the Christmas wishes of children at Epworth. If any Sunday School Class, Circle, or Individual would like to be an " Epworth Santa " please put your money in an envelope and mark it EPWORTH SANTA. There will be green Epworth envelopes in the pew racks. Just mark your gifts for Epworth Santa. Any gift amount will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be in touch with Beth Robinson, the coordinator, she can be reached at [brobinson@epworthsc.org](mailto:brobinson@epworthsc.org) or 803-681-0304.

**CHILDREN'S CHURH INTEREST MEETING:** December 7 at 7:00 PM

As we continue to return to in-person worship, some have expressed a desire to see Children's Church resume. If you would be willing to serve as a leader, or if you are a parent who is interested in seeing us renew this ministry, please plan to attend.

## **Need Help Wrapping Gifts?**

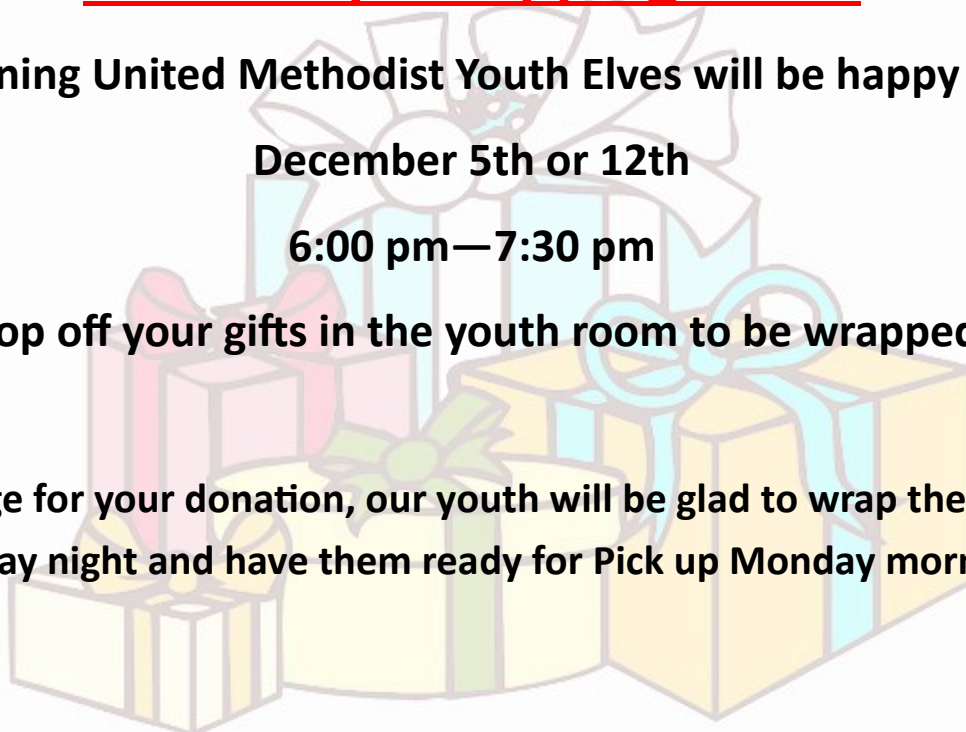
**The Manning United Methodist Youth Elves will be happy to help!**

**December 5th or 12th**

**6:00 pm—7:30 pm**

**Drop off your gifts in the youth room to be wrapped!**

**In exchange for your donation, our youth will be glad to wrap them on any Sunday night and have them ready for Pick up Monday morning**



# DECEMBER

December Anniversaries  
 12/02-Jody and Amanda Taylor  
 12/12 Rock and Vicki Ouzts  
 12/30- Joe and Katherine Coffey



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	2 8-12 MUMC Day School	3 8-12 MUMC Day School	4
5 <b>2nd Advent Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	6 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00 am Prayer Team	7 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Bible Study	8 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Bible Study 3:00 pm CIA w/ Kass Varn <b>6pm-Trustee Meeting (L)</b> 6:00 pm Choir	9 8-12 MUMC Day School	10 8-12 MUMC Day School	11 Christmas Festival 1 pm—3 pm in the Gym Fellowship Hall Reserved
12 <b>3rd Advent Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship <b>Christmas Cantata</b> 5:30 pm UMYF	13 8-12 MUMC Day School 11:00 am Prayer Team 6:00 pm Myrtle Strange Circle 6:30 pm United Methodist Men's Supper	14 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Bible Study	15 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:00 am Bible Study 3:00 pm CIA Mission Project <b>6pm Finance Com.</b> 6pm Choir	16 8-12 MUMC Day School	17 8-12 MUMC Day School	18
19 <b>4th Advent Sunday</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	20 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	21 10:00 am Bible Study	22	23	24 Office Open till 12 Noon <b>6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service</b>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b>
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	27 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	28 Blood Drive (FH) 12-6pm	29	30	31 <b>Office opened till 12 noon All 2021 Contributions need to be turned in by 12 noon or postmarked by today!</b>	January 1 <b>Happy New Year</b>

December Birthday's

12/01-Glenn Wells  
 12/03-Louis Griffith  
 12/04-Francis Brown King  
 12/05-Rachel Gainey  
 12/07-Elaine Buddin, Neal Mahoney, Julien Weinberg  
 12/08-Woody Haynes, Len Mathis

12/10-Don Andrews, Lee Anderson  
 12/11-Cona Tyson, Joan Barber, Lewis Martin  
 12/12-Katherine Fickling  
 12/13-Hugh Bozard  
 12/15- Gail Burris, Isabelle Brown, Laini Kosinski  
 12/16-Kewpie Sprott, Rob Little, John Mathis

12/18-Carolyn Meistrell, Sandra Brewer  
 12/19-Carolyn Coffey, Terry McCabe  
 12/21-Marian Norris  
 12/22- Nick Meistrell  
 12/26-Brittany Odom  
 12/27-Betty Coffey, Susan Elmore, Kim Jordan, Jay Weinberg  
 12/29- Deedee Clark

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## Upcoming Events:

12/5 Painting with Kass and Christmas wrapping fundraiser

12/7 Blood Drive

**12/11 Christmas Festival– all welcome to attend**

12/12 Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser and Christmas Party

1/1/22 Regional Youth Olympics



**We packed 122  
OCC boxes**

