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The United Methodist Messenger

"Making New Disciples Of Christ For The Transformation Of TheWorld"

Rev. Matt Thomas, Pastor

- Matthew 28:16-20

Greetings!!!

I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas. We spent some much-needed time with the kids and family during the Christmas break. We would like to thank the Church, UMW and UMM for your generous Christmas love offering for the family. Many of you also dropped by goodies and cards on or before Christmas. Thank you so much for your loving kindness and generosity. You truly are an exceptional and loving church. We are truly blessed!

As you know Christmas time is 12 days and then Epiphany starts. Somewhere in there, we make some resolutions for the new year and school resumes for many. Most of us have respite from busyness, ever so briefly, and then resolution execution begins. This season and new year are certain to be overcrowded, more than usual, because many of us have been home bound or reluctant to move around very much in 2020.

A couple of years after Jesus was born, his parents whisked him off to Egypt to escape the insanity of Herod. Before their exodus, three wise men from the East came bearing gifts. These three foreigners, kings, wise men represent the good news of the birth of Christ being for ALL people. Jesus' birth wasn't a Jewish thing, it was a globally significant thing. These kings came to worship the KING of KINGS and laid their gifts at his feet.

In our busyness, in the dawning of a new year, with all our commitments and resolutions, it is supremely important to worship the KING and set our gifts at his feet. One of the great lessons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany is echoed in the birth story of Jesus. Luke writes in chapter 2:7, "Because there was no place for them in the Inn."

Whatever our plans are for the new year, it would be important for each of us to give the Lord our worship, gifts and make "Place for Him" in the inn of our hearts. May your Epiphany and New Year be blessed!

Matt

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 1 Church Offices and Fitness Ctr. Closed
 Jan 3 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Children & Youth, Young Adult Class, Family Life Ctr.
 Jan 3 No Adult Bible Class today
 Jan 3 11 am *Epiphany Communion Worship*, Family Life Center
 Jan 3 No Youth today
 Jan 10 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Children & Youth, Young Adult Class, Family Life Ctr.
 Jan 10 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Adult Bible Class, fellowship hall & on Facebook
 Jan 10 11 am *Worship*, Family Life Center
 Jan 10 5 pm Youth meet, Family Life Center
 Jan 11 9 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
 Jan 13 6 pm *Bible Study* resumes, FLC
 Jan 17 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Children & Youth, Young Adult Class, Family Life Ctr.
 Jan 17 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Adult Bible Class, fellowship hall & on Facebook
 Jan 17 11 am *Worship*, Family Life Center
 Jan 17 Noon **Council of Ministries meets**, FLC
 Jan 17 5 pm Youth meet, Family Life Center
 Jan 20 6 pm *Bible Study*, Family Life Center
 Jan 24 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Children & Youth, Young Adult Class, Family Life Ctr.
 Jan 24 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Adult Bible Class, fellowship hall & on Facebook
 Jan 24 11 am *Worship*, Family Life Center
 Jan 24 5 pm Youth meet, Family Life Center
 Jan 25 9 am Stocking Rainbow House, FLC
 Jan 26 9 am – Noon Rainbow House food distribution, Family Life Center
 Jan 27 6 pm *Bible Study*, Family Life Center
 Jan 31 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Children & Youth, Young Adult Class, Family Life Ctr.
 Jan 31 9:45 am *Sunday School* for Adult Bible Class, fellowship hall & on Facebook
 Jan 31 11 am *Worship*, Family Life Center
 Jan 31 5 pm Youth meet, Family Life Center



RAINBOW HOUSE NEWS



Rainbow House Food Pantry served 118 families, a total of 392 persons, on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Of those served, 98 were senior adults ages 55 and older, 168 were adults ages 18-54, and 126 were children ages 17 and younger.

Our thanks to all those volunteers who helped serve in December and in prior months. Thanks also to the individuals and groups who regularly donate food and money to help make it possible to serve those in need of help providing for their families. To our friends at Brushy Creek UMC, a huge thanks for your ongoing generosity and help! "Thank You" to all who donated money for the gift cards for Rainbow Kids under 12. Each child received \$25.00 thanks to you! A very special thanks to the United Methodist Women who provided a ham for each family. Thanks also to Brookshire's Spring Market that sponsored donations of food and money, and to the Scouts for their help with a food drive. The members of Rock Hill Baptist Church donated boxes and boxes of much appreciated food. A special thanks to Ms. Kelly and the families of Lil' Indians Daycare for crayons and coloring books that were given to Rainbow Kids.

Looking forward to 2021, we know that this mission of our church is truly blessed to have such support and to work with such kind, giving people. We think of the Rainbow friends that have passed away in 2020, knowing we were blessed by them. It is our prayer that they were blessed by us and that other Rainbow friends see and feel the love of Christ through us.

Love ONE Another



During this very unusual year, a special thanks to everyone for your generosity, which helped provide 75 children with generous gift cards for a very happy Christmas, as well as 20 senior citizens receiving Meals-On-Wheels who also received a Christmas bag of goodies, puzzle books, gloves, lap robes, pajamas, socks, toiletries, etc. Without your caring and giving this would not happen. Thanks again

We'll begin the New Year with our meeting on Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We are planning on a Rummage Sale in March if conditions improve with the vaccine for Covid.

STAFF SAYS "THANK YOU"

Each year, our congregation gives a Christmas gift to those of us on the staff and each year, we are overwhelmed by your generosity. This year was no exception. To say "Thank You" seems small and not nearly enough to show our appreciation, but we all do thank you for your thoughtfulness, friendship, and gifts. We are privileged to work for and with such a caring group of people.

May God bless all of you now and throughout the coming year.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Each year, we are asked to volunteer to serve on a Ministry Team. This year is no exception, except that we are asking that you continue to serve on whatever team you chose last January.

Because of Covid, we will not be having a Ministry Fair this year.



The Ministry Teams are:

- Education – Sunday School, small groups, etc.
- Human Relations – Sponsoring activities that bring church and community together
- Nurture – keeping in touch with church members who may be homebound or just absent
- Marketing – promoting the activities and ministries of the church
- Worship – assisting with the planning of thought provoking and meaningful worship
- Youth Ministry – supporting Youth Director and youth programs
- Children's Ministry – assisting and supporting programs for young children
- Missions – directs and supports Rainbow House, Teddy Bears for CASA, Evacuation Rest Stops
- Stewardship – promotes giving of our time, talents, and resources
- Music
- Acolytes
- United Methodist Women
- United Methodist Men

If you would like to make any changes, please contact the church office, 903.876.2235.

Even though we are still somewhat shut-down, we still have an obligation to our church members, and others to continue our ministry as much as possible, so please plan to be a part of that effort.

New Beginnings

We Pray For:



Family of Frank Harrison, husband of Sharyn Harrison; Family of Bill Clark, husband of Martha Kay Dunklin Clark; Family of Nelda Melton; Family of Tandy Baer; Family of Bill McCune; Family of Paula Ellis; Family of Karn Schmidt; Family of Mike Rosan; Family of Brian Tully, Family of Pattye Bacon; Family of Kayla Fuquay, Ronda Bizzell's mother; Family of Greg Lundy; Family of Catherine Bristow; Mary Praus, good friend of Cris House, in a coma, on a ventilator; Linda Stoner, best friend of Jennie Minter, Covid; Tiffany Ake & Kyleigh Ake, friends of the Langdons, Covid; Al & Kathy Alvizo, recovering from Covid; Pat Knight, Covid; Wayne & Diane Phillips, ongoing health concerns; Taylor Conrad, undergoing chemo for leukemia and mass on lung; Bruce Caraway, brother-in-law of Cyndi Sabulsky & Carl House, ongoing health concerns; Linda Moore, at home, recovering from surgery; Pat Thompkins, friend of Jody Henson, Covid; Dorothy Martin, Mary Milham's mother, pancreatic cancer; Sharon Milham, sister of Eddie Milham, undergoing chemo; Those persons directly affected by Covid 19 and their families; Healthcare Workers and First Responders; those persons who are ill with life-changing diseases and their families and caregivers; military personnel and their families; missionaries, nursing home residents; those shut in due to ill health; those persons in need, but unnamed. Our nation, for peace and spiritual healing, and those persons affected by the current violence across our country, and World Leaders to strive for understanding and peace between nations. Our school staff and students and our fellow church members, neighbors, and families for safety, health, and good spirits. *If you have additions or updates to the prayer list, please call the church office at 903.876.2235 or email umcfrankston@umcfrankston.org.*

ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY

Jan 3 Gavin Lade & Ethan Lade
Jan 10 Lucas Hubert & Gunner Vinzant
Jan 17 Noah Green & Emma Thomas
Jan 24 Jonathan Green & Katie Hadash
Jan 31 Erika Hubert & Noah Thomas



Pray For Our Military



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



3 Beverly Robertson	
7 Doreen Sweeney	
9 Eddie Moore	
11 Dena Jimenez	
13 Gavin Lade	13 Dottie Wegmet
16 Dale Clarkston	
19 Kyle Tatum	20 Jeremy Lade
25 John Beard	28 Erika Hubert
30 Ronnie Higginbotham	

New Beginnings by Helen Steiner Rice

How often we wish for another chance
to have a fresh beginning
A chance to blot out our mistakes
and change failure into winning.
It does not take a new year
to make a brand new start.
It only takes the deep desire
to try with all your heart.
To live a little better
and to always be forgiving
To add a little sunshine
to the world in which we are living.
So, never give up in despair
and think that you are through,
For there's always a tomorrow
and a chance to start anew.