



DECEMBER 2023
THE FOUNTAIN
NEWSLETTER





Hello my friends,

Within the wonderful traditions of the church, we are now in the season of Advent. It is the time of celebration as we retell the story of the gift of Jesus to the world. As we retell the story, we want to experience it in a new, fresh way! It is a special time for us as a community. Let this be a time where we are excited of the anticipation of the birth of Jesus.

As we celebrate the commitment God has for us, let us reflect on our commitment to God.

Remember, that we promise to support the church with our:

PRAYERS, our PRESENCE, our GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, and our WITNESS!

Remember, to be in prayer for the church year 2024!

Remember, please be here!

Remember, your offering and end of the year gifts to the church!

Remember, to serve in the church in some way!

Remember, to tell people about what God is doing in your life and the life of the church!

See you in church!



A Note from Pastor Steve



The Children and Youth ended the Gather At The Fountain Season with the first ever Turkey Olympics! They competed in multiple events to win fabulous prizes! They had to work as a team and compete to get through the Turkey Obstacle Course along with other fun games that evening. All who attended won a prize and we had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs! It was a great way to fellowship and end a Gather At The Fountain Season.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Some of the youth came and helped with setting up for Christmas on the afternoon of Sunday November 26th. They set up the Nativity scene and put together the beautiful Christmas trees in the FOLC and the Sanctuary. Other youth volunteers helped with decorations in the FOLC.

The Children's Program will take place December 17th during worship service. This year the play will be scripture read from the Gospel of Luke. The scripture walks us through the birth of Jesus, the angels appearing to the shepherds in the field and the coming of the 3 wise men. The children will sing classic Christmas songs during the program that include Away In A Manger, Hark The Herald Angels Sing and Joy To The World. Practices will be held during Sunday School. Contact Kristin for more info.

Youth and children will also be helping fill the Christmas Eve bags with goodies on Friday, Dec. 22nd at NOON followed by a few Christmas games and pizza.



A Note from Kristin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 FOLC Reserved
3 Angel Tree Gift Deadline 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Global Methodist Covenant Area Mtg Hondo Methodist Church	4 MEETING 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting (WOW)	5 11:30am Seasoned Saints Luncheon -FOLC 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	6 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	7 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	8 11:30am Senior Christmas Party jingle AND mingle	9 11:30am Senior Christmas Party
10 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	11	12 8:00am SA Food Distribution - Hondo Fair Grounds 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	13 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	14 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	15	16
17 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School Children's Christmas Program	18	19 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	20 5:00pm FOLC & Prayer Garden Reserved 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	21 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	22	23
24 9:00am Worship Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas - Office Closed we wish you a MERRY Christmas	26 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	27 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	28 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	29	30
31 9:00am Worship Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	1 Happy New Year - Office Closed HAPPY new YEAR	2	3	4	5	6

SAVE THE DATE:

YOUNG AT HEART'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
 Friday, Dec. 8th, at 11:30 a.m.
 Fountain of Life Center

We'll provide the food and games; you provide the fun and fellowship!

This event is open to all seniors - singles and couples.
 We hope you'll join us!

December Calendar



**NEXT
LUNCHEON**
Tuesday, Dec. 5th
at 11:30 a.m.
FOLC



Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS:

Angela Taylor - December 1
 Marissa Dickens - December 1
 Patty Barnes - December 3
 Laura Bogert—December 3
 Tyne Tiller—December 4
 Rita Mechler - December 4
 Pete Stevens—December 5
 Rebecca Dickens—December 6
 Beth Fly—December 7
 Colby Freehauf—December 8
 Mary Heiligman—December 8
 Kathy Britsch—December 9
 Joslynn Wooten - December 9
 David Haertner—December 11
 Lucas Griffin—December 11
 Charlotte Jolee Tiller—December 12
 Roland Ruiz—December 14
 Devin Christopherson—December 14
 Koehler Rogiers - December 14
 Warren Haby—December 15
 Kyle Spengler—December 15
 Jordan Bendele—December 15
 Clyde Parsons—December 16
 Debbie Rone—December 16
 Curtis Wiemers—December 17
 Brinley Krisch—December 18
 Meagan McKay—December 19
 Alan Muennink—December 19
 Yvonne Nations—December 19
 Renae Schweers—December 20
 Bob McCoy—December 23
 Steven Rogiers - December 23
 Mike Weiblen - December 23
 Annette Stiegler—December 26
 Jill Zerr—December 26
 Jacob Schweers—December 27
 Daniel Britsch—December 27
 Rob LaPorte—December 28
 Terry-Gene Elliott—December 28
 Lauren Fly—December 28
 Janet Rothe - December 28

*John & Karen Riff—
December 19*

*Larry & Margaret Oefinger—
December 29*

*Eliud & Mindy Plata—
December 19*

*Jim & Tina Stiles—
December 30*

*Chris & Annette Stiegler—
December 21*

*Will & Laura Bogert—
December 31*

*Tony & Esther Johnson—
December 26*

Anniversaries

IN HONOR OF:

Hunter & Rosie Brown
Beverly Brown

Kris Dickens
Tina Stiles

Memorials

Ruth Postel
Eric Postel

Jay E & Marie Muennink
Beverly Brown

John & Hulda Muennink
Beverly Brown

Kathryn Rowell
Lindy & Rita Mechler
Sandy Parker
Laura Ward
Wilbur Bohmfalk
Ellen Stevens
Mary Wright Bonworth

Memorials

Kathryn Rowell

JoAnn Rahn

Linda Winn

Joyce Clendennen

Pam, Kristin, Swynn Muennink, Maggie Riff

Bobby & Debbie Cox

Helen Boehme

Marion Bunco Buddies

Kristi Clendennen

Gary & Cynthia Mechler

Lyle Riff

Karen Scheffel

Stephen & Connie Willis

Buddy & Marianne Sandidge

Alan & Karen Muennink

Tangee Tondre

Wayne & Barbara Benke

Bill & Karen Bain

Brett & Robby Beard

Peg Tindall

Betty Wengenroth

Six Shooters Bunco Club

Mark * Barbara Mack

Cindy & Frank Dodson

Larry & Linda Klekak

Barbara Brice

Bo & Wendy Maxwell

**GOD
BLESS
YOU**

Prayers

- ♥ Vicky Phillips
- ♥ Judy Weiblen
- ♥ Kyle Berg
- ♥ Jason Boyce
- ♥ Mike McGuire
- ♥ Helen Muennink
- ♥ Laura Schrutka
- ♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.
- ♥ Stella Shultz
- ♥ Joe Nixon
- ♥ Jane Schauer
- ♥ Sheryl Guth
- ♥ Kenneth Roberts
- ♥ Michael Love
- ♥ Denise Parsons
- ♥ Ora Lee Muennink
- ♥ Naomi Fredriksson
- ♥ Floyd Saathoff
- ♥ Peace in our nation
- ♥ People of Ukraine
- ♥ Reconciliation in families

December Communion Offering Restore Reproductive Health

Their purpose is to make abortion unwanted and unnecessary, by providing lifeaffirming medical care, material needs, and supportive counseling consistent with the biblical belief that all life is created in the image of God, and is therefore sacred and irreplaceable. Lay counseling for those with other sexual-related traumas including miscarriage, stillbirth, post-abortion, and sexual assault or abuse is available, provided by trained facilitators who have experienced the same traumas.

Christmas Eve Offering

Methodist Children's Home & Providence Place

Methodist Children's Home serves children, youth and families through residential programs on the Waco campus and MCH Boys Ranch, and through transition services, foster care and a variety of community based programs throughout Texas and New Mexico. **Providence Place** is a licensed child placement agency in San Antonio, TX. Providence Place also provides multi-purpose programming to survivors of complex trauma, expectant mothers, families with children under the age of three and youth in foster care

OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending October 31, 2023			
2023 Approved Operating Budget		\$379,000	
Weekly Giving Goal		\$7,300	
General Operating		Building Fund	5,407.48
Income	315,646.33	Income	2,130.95
Expenditures	(293,392.24)	Expenditures	(50.00)
	22,254.09	Balance	7,488.43



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Giving & Finances