



The Connection

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Millington United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known

January Scripture Readings

- 5 *Isaiah 60:1-6*
 Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12
- 12 *Isaiah 42:1-9*
 Psalms 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17
- 19 *Isaiah 49:1-7*
 Psalms 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42
- 26 *Isaiah 9:1-4*
 Psalms 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23



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January Birthdays

- 1 Linda Conaway
 Lucinda Hall
- 3 Jonathon Burks
- 5 A.E. Hoard
- 8 Kenzie Trato
- 12 Gene Koski
- 13 Sarah Gleason
 Ada Morrill
- 18 Mary Garrett
- 19 Mindy Fabbro
- 20 Cameron Burns
 Gloria Manning
- 21 Lee Scott
- 22 Maria Bolton
 Richard Glenn
- 25 Kay Crawford
- 26 Lisa Hebner
 Martin Snover
 Heather Burks
 Evening Buccaneer
- 29 Michelle Dickson
- 31 Chase Bloss



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Fully Human, Fully Divine - Fully Gracious

The angel came to the shepherds – and left. The shepherds came to the manger – and left. They had a lot to say! But then they went back to their sheep.

After all that, Mary was left pondering what had just happened. She puts it this way: *“Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart,”* (Luke 2:19 NIV).

Now that we’ve had another celebration of Jesus’ birth, we have some things to ponder again as well.

Emmanuel means, literally, “God with us.” We sang it in many of the carols – but what does it mean for us as we live day to day?

God with us. Before Emmanuel, for a mortal being to meet God face-to-face was terrifying.

Jacob once said *“I saw God face-to-face and yet my life was spared,”* (Genesis 32:30).

When Moses first encountered the burning bush and God spoke to him, he *“hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God,”* (Exodus 3:6).

When Moses did ask God to reveal his glory to him, God had to limit that revelation to a minimum, explaining to Moses, *“you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live,”* (Exodus 33:20).

When the prophet Isaiah saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, he cried out: *“Woe to me_ I am ruined_ For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty,”* (Isaiah 6:5).

With the coming of Jesus, the child of the nativity, we – people of “unclean lips” – were not only able to see the LORD Almighty, but could even hold him, embrace him. Former fears have been removed, and we – as they were – are now free to come to a grace so infinitely great it stooped equally low, just to be with us, to become one of us for the sole purpose of reaching us where we are.

In Jesus, God takes upon himself the awful burdens that have made us captives and kept us from coming home to God and the Life we were created to live.

This is the miracle of Christmas – God became one of us in order to rescue us from being slaves of darkness, in bondage to life-draining addictions, by taking all of it upon himself.

Now, in the aftermath of that miracle, I have yet another miracle to ponder – one to be worked in me and even through me, rather than for me.

If God became like me in order to reach me with the grace of heaven – I now become transformed, shaped in that same way to live a life of both grace and truth.

It’s not that God changed the truth about what is right and wrong. God did not say that my burdens weren’t burdens or that my guilt was undeserved. Rather, God said that all those things – ***no matter how revolting they may have seemed to me*** – did nothing to dim His love for me. I could not – cannot – will never ever possibly be able to change that.

I am beloved, precious.

That is a “magic” that changes me – a power of the Spirit earth cannot comprehend. Basking in the light, I reflect the light. Drinking in God’s love, I become loving. Filled with God’s grace, I become a vessel of grace, so that those who were afraid or resentful need no longer fear.

That is the point at which I bring grace and truth to life, so that God’s goodness will reach them as God meant from the very beginning.

And that makes for a very good beginning of a New Year. May God’s grace flow through us all . . .

Pastor John



Mission notes for January Newsletter

Another year has passed. I trust 2019 has been a satisfying, fulfilling year for each and every one who reads this newsletter. We as a church family, and in the life of our individual families, we face a new year of opportunities, responsibilities and an opportunity to make new friends, and to renew old friendships. The relationships we really need to deepen is that between our Lord Jesus Christ and to continue to develop our mind so that we can be closer and closer to having "The Mind of Christ".

We in the Mission Committee want to thank our congregation for your support of all our effort to share the Love of Christ. Supporting the Angel Tree Program and providing Christmas gifts for needy children at the Kirk School is only one example of how we show Gods' love to our fellow man.

We, as a congregation have participated in the Positive Alternatives, a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Caro & Bad Axe. We did the Baby Bottle Boomerang between Mother Day and Father's Day this past summer. We collected \$ for them.

We look forward to another year of reaching out to the world with the Love of Jesus.

Maury Chapin

Mission Chair



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**4TH THRU 8TH GRADE YOUTH
SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH- 6-7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH- MOVIE NIGHT 5:30-7P

Finance



Moment

Thank you for your generosity in 2019.

A new year brings many thoughts of new beginnings. We make resolutions about diet, or exercise, breaking a bad habit or forming some good practices. A new year feels like a fresh start in many ways.

Fresh Starts are what God gives us every day, every week, every year. We can start this new year with a fresh commitment to give generously to God, trusting that God will continue to give generously to us.

At the end of November, the total Giving for 2019 was \$148,665. The total expensed was \$149,268.

United Methodist Women

**The next Millington
United Methodist Women's Meeting
is scheduled for
Monday, January 13th
At 1 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

**All Ladies are Welcome
~Jennie Brown, UMW President**

Thank You and Upcoming Events and Information...



Millington United Methodist Church will be hosting the blood drive here on Thursday, January 9th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet listed later in the bulletin. Thank you for your assistance.



MUMC Family Game Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and a drink to share.

This Month's Meetings:

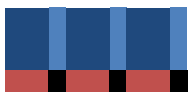
Monday, January 13th 1:00 p.m. Millington United Methodist Women Meeting

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Monday, January 13th

at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



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Monday, January 13th 1:00 pm Millington United Methodist Women Meeting;

Monday, January 13th 7:30 pm Trustee mtg.

Monday, January 20th 7:30 pm SPRC mtg.

Monday, January 27th 7:30 pm Finance mtg.

**Newsletter Folding will be
Thursday, January 30th at 10 a.m.**



Sunday Service Volunteers for January

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media & Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Nursery Infant-3 yrs.	Coffee Hour
5	1-Esther Perkins & ? 2- Darla Gasper	Lois Boyd	1-Esther Perkins 2-Charles Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns		Need Volunteers	Bonnie Moore
12		Lois Boyd	1-Esther Perkins 2-Destany LeVan	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	Need Volunteers	
19		Lois Boyd	1-Esther Perkins 2-Ann Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	Need Volunteers	Char Balfour
26		Lois Boyd	1-Esther Perkins 2-Bonnie Moore	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Danielle Dickson	Need Volunteers	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Church Office Closed Happy New Year! No Ping Pong	2	3	4	
5 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship	6	7 8:30a- Women's 4 th Day 10a- Bible Study 7p-Bible Study	8 8a-Men's Bible Study 10a – 3p-Quilt Club 6:15p – Choir 7-10pPing Pong 7:15p-PoP Band	9 1-6:45p-MUMC Hosting Blood Drive	10	11	
12 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 6-7:30p MUMC Youth Meeting	13 UMW - 1p Trustee mtg 7:30p	14 8:30a- Women's 4 th Day 10a- Bible Study 7p-Bible Study	15 8a-Men's Bible Study 6:15p – Choir 7-10pPing Pong 7:15p-PoP Band	16	17	18	
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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

***9:00 a.m. Worship *10:00 a.m. Sunday School *11:00 a.m. Worship**