



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

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Church,

Where has this year gone? It is cliché to say things like this, I know. But what can I say? Time marches on! Time waits for no one! At this time of year, we can become more sensitive to the movement of time. For my kids, Christmas morning cannot get here soon enough. As for me, it seems like only last Christmas that they were lap babies and helpless to unwrap their own presents. Alas, time flies. As Dr. Seuss muses, "How did it get so late so soon?"

I talked a bit about the movement of time during my last sermon. We saw that while the familiar calendar on the wall is essential to keeping pace with the daily/weekly/yearly cycles of life, the Church calendar draws us back to our big story: the movement of God in history. By pacing our year to the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, we find ourselves again in the midst of God's story of redemption of all Creation. So while that wall calendar fills up with so many worthwhile get-togethers and special events at this time of year, the Church calendar helps us to anchor all of these things in the hope of Advent: that Christ will come again.

A preacher I greatly admire named Fleming Rutledge writes, "In a very real sense, the Christian community lives in Advent all the time. It can be well be called the Time Between, because the people of God live in *the time between* the first coming of Christ, incognito in the stable of Bethlehem, and his second coming, in glory, to judge the living and the dead... Advent contains within itself the crucial balance of the now and the not-yet that our faith requires."

When we gather in worship over the next three Sundays, we will again visit the stories of that first Advent, as the world first awaited the long-expected Jesus. We will experience anew these stories while living our *now* in a world aching for the *not-yet*: his final Advent, his long-expected return. Please check the "regular" calendar inside for our upcoming special events of the season. And I hope to see you in worship at 10:00. May God bless you this holiday season with peace and confidence in his faithfulness.

*Kuan*

PS - One event you won't find inside that is happening this Advent is the baptism of Carly Sparks in a special youth worship service on Wednesday night, 12/8! I am so excited to welcome her into the Church with song, scripture, and communion. This fruitful youth ministry has been faithfully tended every week by a few dedicated folks. We have need for a few more to serve their younger siblings. This is a real need and real opportunity to expand our ministry. If you are willing to commit a couple of hours per week (if only for a season), please contact me, Sarah O'Neal, or Nancy Spiller.

## MEMORIALS:

### **Memorial Fund:**

In memory of Robert Freeman given by Joe & Carole Troha,  
Mike & Vicki Simpson, Dean & Amanda Lambert

In memory of Betty Bostian given by Dean & Amanda Lambert

In memory of Virginia Fremaux given by Dean & Amanda  
Lambert

In memory of George Miles given by Joe & Carole Troha,  
Dean & Amanda Lambert, Ray & Nancy Spiller

### **Comfort Fund:**

In memory of Robert Freeman given by Betty Kaye Miller

### **Worship Fund:**

In memory of George Miles given by Ted & Carolyn Dove  
In memory of Robert Freeman given by Ted & Carolyn Dove

### **Committee Meetings for Decemebr 2021**

#### **Trustees:**

Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

#### **Administrative Council:**

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

#### **December Nursery Workers**

December 5 - Elizabeth Pickett  
December 12 - Mary Ellen Freeman  
December 19 - Carolyn Dove  
December 26 - Vicki Isgitt

## *Thank You*

*Thank each of you for your thoughts and prayers during the loss of our brother, Robert Freeman. The love and generosity through sending food, helping with the luncheon, donations in memory and every hug was deeply felt and appreciated. God's Blessing bestowed upon us.*

*Sincerely, Ken, Mary Ellen and Betsy*

## CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS

The Missions committee is inviting the congregation to help fill 11 bags for our beloved members we don't see as often as we once did (5 men, 6 women).

The bags will be available in the Conference room just bring your items like chapstick, gum, candy, puzzle books etc, to place in bags by Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The bags will be delivered before Christmas. For more information please contact Vicki Isgitt 318-471-7596



### **Angel Tree 2021**

Our Church has received "angel tree tags". Please pick one of these tags off the tree and Sign your name on the pickup list.

Angel Tree cards will have an age & gender on the card.  
Each gift should range "between \$20-\$50"

Please do not wrap gifts, but leave in sales bag & attach the Angel Tree Card to the bag with tape or ribbon.

Please include a gift bag & tissue paper for your gift.

**\*\*Please write gift card amounts ON the Gift Card with a Sharpie or permanent marker & place in an envelope**

**Gifts are due at the church no later than  
Sunday December 12**



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**



**ALL AGES ARE  
INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY  
FOR JESUS  
AND  
VISIT FROM A  
SPECIAL VISITOR**

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 15**

**DINNER AT 5:30 PM  
PARTY CONCLUDES AT  
7:00 PM**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS  
AND  
ENJOY A GOOD  
TIME**



# 100 Year Birthday Celebration

for

*Carrie Broussard*

Sunday, December 19, 2021

2-4 pm

Come & Go

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Fellowship Hall

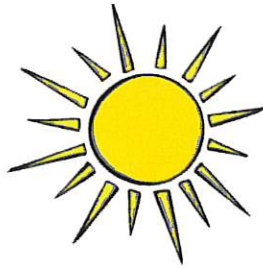
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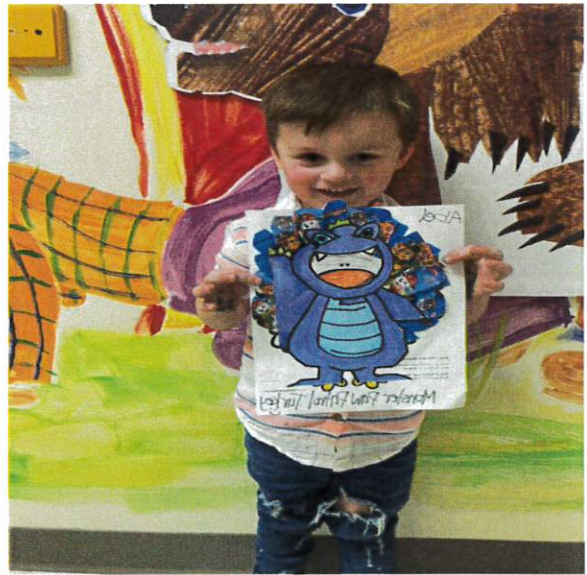
No gifts, please  
Cards Welcomed

Info: 318-508-0230 - Zelma

Sunshine Kids  
talked "Turkey"  
with letters  
numbers songs  
and art work  
during the month of November.



Mark your calendars:  
Tuesday, December 21 at 10 am in the  
church sanctuary. Kids will be putting  
on a Christmas program. Everyone  
one is invited to come see these  
beautiful children perform Christmas  
songs.





### POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year again! We'll be adorning the sanctuary again on Sunday, December 12th with poinsettias: **red flowers, white paper, gold bows**. If you would like to give poinsettias in memory or in honor of loved ones, please contact your florist. Please call Marilyn in the church office (256-3632) with your names by **3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** and have the poinsettias delivered to the church by noon, **Friday, December 10th**.

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*December 2021*

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<b>12</b> Angel Tree Gifts Due Today  Third Sunday of Advent  Toys for Joy Gifts Due Today!	<b>13</b> Trustees 5:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> *Carrie Broussard  *Joie Isgitt  CTP Zoom Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>15</b> *Ava Isgitt  Birthday Party for Jesus & Special Visitor - FLC 5:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Toys for Joy Set -Up After Lunch - FLC	<b>17</b> Toys for Joy Pick-Up 12:30 -2:00 p.m. - FLC	<b>18</b> Many Christmas Parade - Youth Live Nativity 2:00 p.m.																																																																																											
<b>19</b> Carrie Broussard 100th Birthday Celebration Reception in FH -24 pm  Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>20</b> *Harper Lou Luster  Administrative Council - 5:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> *Sunshine Kids" Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m.  *Bobbie Kratz	<b>22</b> Youth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>  Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> *Kenneth Ammons  <i>Christmas Day</i>																																																																																											
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# PRAYER CONCERNS

## December 2021

### Church Members

Carrie Broussard  
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna  
Claire Coplin  
Charles Enterkin  
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman  
Susan Giblin  
John & Betsy Godfrey  
John Hoagland  
Grace Kelsey  
Becky Lafitte  
Shirley Lee  
Family of George Miles  
**Family of Elizabeth Mitchell**  
Garland Peterson  
Janice Rike  
Nancy Spiller  
Brian Tannehill  
Kevin Troquille

### Family of Church Members

Cassity Barrett (Shirley Lee's  
great niece)  
Sandra Bishop (Diann Migliore's  
mom)  
Carolyn Brasell (Carrie  
Broussard's daughter)  
Scott Brosh (Joe Troha's  
brother-in-law)  
Cindy Wright Calhoon  
(Patsy McCormick's sister)  
Beverley Carlson (Chris  
Nolen's sister)  
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's  
son-in-law)  
Family of Robert Freeman  
(Ken Freeman & Betsy  
Godfrey's brother)  
Seth Freeman  
Judy Boudreaux Jones  
(Chuck Boudreaux's sister)  
Rodney Roach  
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)  
Lloyd Waters  
(Laurie Gentry's cousin)  
Murlee Wilbanks (Carolyn  
Gates' mom)  
Robert Troha

### Friends of our Community

Marie Alford  
Cade Anderson  
Steve Biggs  
Ace Bowling  
Jiles Bowling  
Cathy Byles  
Dudley Carver  
Ivan Drodgy  
Darlene Griffin  
Kathy Humphries  
Sally Landry  
Cassie LaRoux  
Dena Sue Moore  
Louise Moore  
Cheryl & Daniel Procell  
Mike Rankin  
Eddie Richard  
Tara Seals  
Douglas Seegers (Linda  
Seegers' son)  
Kristin Sepulvado  
Arlene Small  
Reba Tarpley  
Sissy Tatum  
Nancy Tidwell