



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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December, 2018

## Mary's Song

While it is not a yearly visit, quite often I visit Dollywood during the Advent and Christmas Season. I enjoy seeing all of the lights in the park from the ferris wheel. And I do not consider a trip to Dollywood complete without several rides in the bumper cars. However, when I plan a trip to Dollywood this time of year, I intend to spend most of my time in the shows. I always make sure I attend "Christmas in the Smokies". I always want to see this show because it has a song in it that I never tire of. The song is *The Lord is With You*. The song includes the angel, Mary, and Joseph as the coming of Jesus is proclaimed.

The announcement of the coming of Jesus must have been very surprising and difficult for Mary and Joseph. The honor of being chosen. The fear of what this news would mean for their reputations, relationship with each other as well as their family and friends. We get an idea about all of this in the song and production.

This Advent Season, we are going to explore Mary's reactions during our worship services. We will look at Mary's response as it comes to us from the first chapter of Luke's gospel. We will understand Mary's response in relation to the major themes of advent:

Hope  
Peace  
Joy  
Love

On Christmas Eve, we will welcome the Christ Child as we recognize God is with us!

I would like to thank those who used your time and talents to color the posters with these five themes. They are all distinctive, unique, and colorful. As I separated the ones that were turned in Sunday, a comment was made in the office of their beauty. I definitely agreed with the comment but was a little shocked by it. You see, the other person was sitting across the room and I am sure could not see the full poster but only bits and pieces. I look forward to the color and reminders they will bring to the Advent and Christmas Seasons around the church. They are sure to help us prepare for the coming Christ Child.

Another way we can prepare for the coming Christ Child is through Advent and Christmas devotions. This year we will have a devotional guide for the seasons. Beginning Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mary's Song Devotional Guide will be available. Using scripture passages from Luke chapters 1 and 2 we will reflect on the themes of Advent and Christmas. The devotional guides contain reflections for both adults and children. All of the Memorial family will be able to reflect on the message of the season.

I hope you have a meaningful Advent this year as you prepare for the coming of the Christ Child! May you be ready to receive the wonderful, joyous news of the newborn baby!

Blessings,  
Pastor Donna

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### Wednesday Night YUMS Line-Up

12/5—Christmas Program Rehearsal  
12/12—Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal  
12/19—Christmas Party

### Christmas Program: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you at this special celebration! **Parents and loved ones, program participants should meet in the choir room at 2:00 PM** for costuming and final preparations.

### Christmas Party Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

We'll be starting our party at **5:30 PM** in the YUMS room. We will provide a Chick-fil-a nugget tray and ask that each child bring a snack or treat to share for our meal. (Children will not eat our usual Wednesday night meal in the Fellowship Hall.) This will be our last YUMS of 2018. Wednesday night programming will resume on **Wednesday, January 9th**.

### Christmas Presents for Wesley House

We are so thankful to be part of such a giving congregation! Thank you for helping the YUMS offer Christmas presents to sisters who attend Wesley House programming. If you are purchasing one of the gifts from their wish list, please remember to return it wrapped to the church by **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Blessings,  
Leanne  
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(865) 257-2946

## YOUTH NEWS

### Wednesday Night Study Schedule

**12/05** Christmas Program Rehearsal  
**12/12** Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal  
**12/19** Christmas Party

### Children and Youth Christmas Program

The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Please meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. for final preparations.

### Christmas Party

The Youth Christmas Party will be **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** A Chick-fil-a nugget tray and drinks will be provided. Each youth is asked to bring a snack or treat to share for our meal. Our meal, as well as the party, will take place in the Youth Room.

Blessings,  
Pastor Donna  
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(865)457-2287 (office)  
(423)967-5365 (cell)

## CHOIR NEWS

The season is upon us! Christmas is fast approaching, and so is our Christmas Lessons & Carols Service. Please help us spread the word. Admission is free. ALL are welcome to celebrate with us. The service is Thursday December 20th at 7:30pm.

We are still in need of volunteers to read scripture, and greeters. If you are interested in participating in either capacity please contact me via email or phone. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Sincerely,  
Josh Allen  
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(910)358-3223

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Otto Briscoe, Lee Wysor, Pat Wenk, Libby Freels, Howard Henegar, Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Benjamin Shipley, Women, and their families.



### **Flower Donors for December 2018**

December 2 Betsy Jernigan  
December 9 Patti Harmening  
December 16 Altar Guild  
December 23 Altar Guild  
December 30 Leslie and Betty Sellers

### **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is in need of a Flower Donor for the last Sunday in February. If you are interested please call the church office at 457-2287.

### **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

Calling all people who are in the fourth grade or older. We are in need of additional acolytes. If you would like to help in leading worship as an acolyte, please contact Kathleen Jones.

### **ALMONDS AND PECANS**

The UMW has bags of Almonds and Pecan pieces for sale. They are \$10.00 per bag.

### **DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR**

Sun., Dec. 2 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 1:46-50

Wed., Dec. 5 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH  
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p-7:15p YUMS  
6:00p-7:15p Youth  
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., Dec. 6 5:30p Food Pantry

Sun., Dec. 9 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Luke 1:51-53

Tues., Dec. 11 10:00a Staff Meeting

Wed., Dec. 12 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH  
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p-7:15p YUMS  
6:00p-7:15p Youth  
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Sun., Dec. 16 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 126; Luke 54-55  
3:00p Children's & Youth Christmas Program

Wed., Dec. 19 5:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study  
5:30p-7:15p YUMS Christmas Party  
5:30p-7:15p Youth Christmas Party  
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., Dec. 20 5:30p Food Pantry  
7:30p Lessons and Carols

Sun., Dec. 23 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Luke 1:39-45, 56

Mon., Dec. 24 OFFICE CLOSED  
5:00p Christmas Eve Service

Tue., Dec. 25 OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY

Sun., Dec. 30 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 148;

Mon., Dec. 31 OFFICE CLOSED

## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF

Peter Mioduszewski

Ken McCarty

Martha Jameson

Hayden Fugate

### GIVEN BY

Jim Ern and Sarah Medley

Tennessee Valley Machine Knitters  
Phil and Pat Wenk

Cathy Brown  
Mark Medley

Mark Medley

### FUND

Music

General  
Food Pantry

General  
Ida Gamble Scholarship

Food Pantry

### HOLIDAY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.	Children and Youth Christmas Program
Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Lessons and Carols
Monday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service

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