



Time to think about Christmas!

If you bought a poinsettia to decorate the church for the Christmas season, you may take it home after the Christmas eve service.



December Birthdays

Betty Dody	December 04
Dorothy Peak	December 04
Melva Caldwell	December 08
Evelyn Mathews	December 17
Janet Coffey	December 17
Carroll Smalley	December 21
Patsy Penner	December 26
Steve Johnson	December 27
Doris Dody	December 29
Barbara Estill	December 31

If you have events that need to go on the church calendar for 2019, please contact the church office.

Prayer Time

Keep missionaries in your prayers this Christmas season.

Also remember those who will need to work for police departments and health occupations during the holidays.

Remember our “sister church” in Africa in your prayers.

Pray for our Wednesday evening outreach “Family & Friends @ First.” Pray for strength and health and patience for teachers and workers of this group.

Pray for those involved in worship during Advent. We pray that those that attend worship this December can feel the anticipation of the coming of the Christ child.

People, Look East

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today, Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People look east and sign today, Love, the Lord, is on the way.

United Methodist Hymnal #202

Getting Ready

The church will decorate for Christmas December 1 at 4:00 p.m.. Advent starts December 2.

Let the church office know if you’d like to help. Some of our regular helpers might not be available this year.



Mercy and Justice

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, the College of Bishops of the Methodist Church of Mexico, the Supervising Bishop of the United Methodist Church in Honduras, and the President of the Iglesia Metodista de El Salvador released a statement regarding the caravans traveling towards our southern border from Central America.

“These migrant sisters and brothers have been villainized, yet as we have sought to minister to them along their perilous journey, what we have seen on the whole is human beings of great courage and deep faith who have placed their lives in God’s hands as they seek the basic necessities for life – food and shelter for their children and above all, safety from those who seek to do them harm. Their faith in God has strengthened our faith, and their human suffering has convicted our souls that we must accompany them and seek to advocate for their safety and their rights.”

Church members, church groups or congregations who want to support these migrants can contact Sandy Sypherd at ssypherd@windstream.net or Andrea Paret at amparet08@yahoo.com.

They are both members of the South Central Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force which was started out of an initiative of the Council of Bishops’ Immigration Task Force.

Staff from The General Board of Church and Society works closely with these task forces and with other organizations on best ways to send funds and possibly volunteers to support the migrants as they travel north towards our border.

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Training Completed

Newton First United Methodist Church has met the criteria for Safe Gatherings' first recognition program, signifying the organization's strong commitment to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults in 2018. In order to receive this recognition, an organization must have a certain number or percentage of active Safe Gatherings approvals.

Safe Gatherings is a biblically-based boundary awareness and abuse prevention program developed to certify volunteer workers, staff and clergy, enabling them to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults.



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Church Christmas Celebration
December 9
6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come for a great meal, music . . .
and more!

Christmas Eve Service
December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary. Invite others!