



DECEMBER 2017

# PINE FOREST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

*“I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!”*

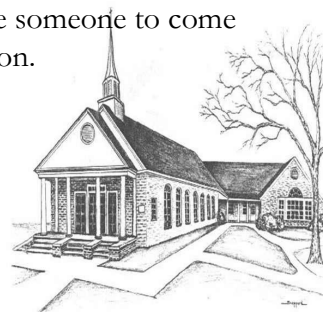
— Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

The advent season is a time of preparation through which we contemplate the glorious gift of God that comes to us at Christmas. It is the story for the ages when the God of heaven came down to be God with Us. I love this time of year, it really seems like people for the most part are kinder, more gracious and generous than any other time of the year.

We are going to have lots of great opportunities to worship together and to show God's love through this season. We will have the opportunity to bless several families in our community with our Angel Tree. Each year there are children who have a great Christmas morning because of the generosity and love of our Pine Forest people.

We will have a choir cantata on December 17th with a church wide Christmas party to follow. On Christmas eve we will have our regular 9am and 11am services and then at 5:00pm we will have our Christmas Eve candlelight Holy Communion service. This is traditionally our largest service of the year so plan to come and invite someone to come with you. This is going to be an amazing Advent and Christmas season.

In Christ, Andy



### Wednesday Night Suppers

Are at 5:30pm with our Wednesday nights. Adult meal is \$5 and kids eat free. Dec 13th last meal of 2017. We will start back Jan 3rd.

### Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet Dec 19th at 10:30am in the fellowship hall. Bring a gift \$5-\$10 for dirty Santa.

### Daughters of the King

Will meet on Dec 12th at 6:30pm at Kathy McBride's home.

### Wilde Bunch Christmas Dinner

The Wilde Bunch will meet in the fellowship hall Dec 16th at 5:30pm. Please bring a covered dish and a \$1 gift for Dirty Santa. Please contact Shirley Weaver at 850-476-8122 to RSVP.

### Choir Cantata

The choir will present their Christmas Cantata Dec 17th at 10:30am. Our children will sing a few Carols for us during the Cantata. Please join us for our combined service.

### Church-Wide Christmas Party

We will meet in the fellowship hall after the Cantata for our Christmas Party. Everyone is invited to attend. The meal will be provided.

### Christmas Services Dec 24th

9am Journey  
11am Traditional  
5pm Service & Holy Communion

### Scripture Readers

#### December & January Schedule

#### 9:00 Service

Dec 3	Whitney Smith
Dec 10	Trudy Youngs
Dec 17	George Norsworthy
Dec 24	Marilyn Bridges
Dec 31	Leann Farrell
Jan 7	Clint Entinger
Jan 14	Whitney Smith
Jan 21	Trudy Youngs
Jan 28	Rick White

#### 11:00 Service

Dec 3	Marcia Nowlin
Dec 10	Pam Lord
Dec 17	Kathy McBride
Dec 24	Margie Shelton
Dec 31	Bonnie Beck
Jan 7	Olivia Brill
Jan 14	Jim Witt
Jan 21	Bonnie Beck
Jan 28	Marcia Nowlin

## *BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES*

Susan Wilson	12/03
John McBride	12/05
Hannah Thorne	12/12
Dan Beck	12/13
George Norsworthy	12/16
D'Wayne Folsom	12/16
Jacob Hall	12/16
Kyle Hall	12/16
Helon Folsom	12/17
Tammy S. Smith	12/17
Allie Douglas	12/22
Rita Poff	12/26
Ashley Smith	12/28
Justin Smith	12/28
Maghen Wright	12/29
Carolyn Voight	12/30

Leroy & Carol Lowe	12/07/2002
Larry & Sharon Law	12/15/1972
Bill & Shelley Ervin	12/17/1982
Kyle & Erin McClellan	12/20/2003
Bob & Barbara Mitchell	12/23/1983
George & Edwina Kirchharr	12/25/1948
John & Kristi Coe	12/27/1969
Mike & Janet Butler	12/28/1974
John & Stella Emmert	12/29/1961



### **Pine Forest Angel Tree History**

The Angel Tree has been part of the Christmas celebration at Pine Forest for about twenty-five years. In the beginning gifts were provided for the girls at the United Methodist Gulf Coast Group Home, as well as gifts for the home. After a few years Top of the Bottom Ministry led by Pastor Willie was added. Pastor Willie ministers to families in the inner-city. A main focus of his ministry is the children helping them stay in school and keeping them from turning to the streets. A few years ago Beulah Elementary School was added to our Angel Tree. Siblings of the Beulah students are also on the tree. And we have always helped any of our church family in need.

The Angel Tree is set up in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. There are usually about one hundred angels on the tree. Most of the children's wishes can be filled for twenty dollars or less. Monetary donations are also accepted and are used to purchase gifts for the children not chosen. All persons taking angels from the tree receives handmade angel ornaments for their own Christmas trees.

Gifts are returned to the Fellowship Hall. Gifts are wrapped and delivered the week before Christmas. Please consider taking part in this ministry to make Christmas a little brighter for these children.

The tree will go up late November and the gifts will be due in mid-December. More info on that later. Sue Collyer

### **Arts & Crafts Festival Update**

The 28th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival and Car Show was a big success! We had 195 booths with a variety of arts, crafts, and other products. You, the church, worked together in community to make this possible. Because of your commitment to serve, we will be able to support the missions and ministries of the church in the future. If you have any comments or suggestions for how we can improve the festival, please contact Sue Wilson 479-9329/cwilson8@cox.net or Trudy Youngs 341-9335. Mark your calendars NOW for next year - Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Arts & Crafts Committee

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Dec 9th from 9am-11am Santa will be here for breakfast and photos. This is an opportunity for parents to drop their children off to have breakfast with Santa. Children will be read the Christmas Story, take a picture with Santa and make a craft.



# About Us.....

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Mission Statement

Our purpose is to magnify the Lord our God by bringing people to Jesus and into membership within His family, nurturing them to a Christ-like maturity, and equipping them for their ministry in the church and for their mission in the world.

### Recurring Weekly Events

#### Sunday

9:00AM	Modern Worship
9:45AM	Sunday School
11:00AM	Traditional worship

#### Monday

10:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (FH)
6:00PM	Cub Scouts

#### Tuesday

8:00AM	Walk the Walk (FLC)
9:00AM	T.O.P.S Weigh In (Bldg 2) 10:00AM
10:00AM	Exercise Class (Gym)
7:00PM	Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

#### Wednesday

5:30-6:00PM	Supper
6:00-7:00PM	Bible Study
6:00-7:00PM	Children
6:00-8:00PM	Youth
6:00-7:30PM	Prayer Group (Chapel)
7:00-9:00PM	Band Practice
7:00-8:00PM	Choir Practice

#### Thursday

8:00AM	Walk the Walk (FLC)
10:00AM	Exercise Class (Gym)

### Calendar Monthly Events

#### **1st Sunday**

UMM Breakfast (FH) 7:30 AM

#### **2nd Monday**

Alzheimer’s Support Group 2:30PM (Bldg 2)

#### **2nd Tuesday**

Daughter’s of the King 6:30PM

#### **3rd Tuesday**

Friendship Circle 10:30AM (FH)

#### **4th Sunday of each Month**

Richard’s Memorial Dinner Outreach

Meet at Richard’s at 3:30PM

#### **20th of each month**

**Deadline for newsletter articles  
to be in church office.**

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# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Breakfast with Santa 9-11am
10 Hymn Singing 6:00pm	11	12 Daughters of the King 6:30pm	13	14	15	16 Wide Bunch 5:30pm Christmas Party F/Hall Bring a covered dish & \$1 gift
17 Choir Cantata 10:30am Christmas party 11:30am	18	19 Friendship Circle 10:30am	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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