

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

The Messenger

December 2020

Spirit of GIVING

OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS

Donations of Toys & Clothing

If you would like to assist families all across Whitfield County this Christmas, please bring an unwrapped toy or clothes item and place it in the front foyer of the sanctuary on or before Sunday, December 13th. Toys need to be new & valued from \$20-\$30 for children ages infant to 18 years. If toys need batteries, please tape batteries to it. Clothes must be new as well and all children and youth sizes are needed.

The items that you donate will be delivered to “*The Sharing is Caring Program of Whitfield County*”. This program is sponsored by the Salvation Army and it’s located at the Dalton Fairgrounds each year. Gifts will be placed in a store where parents who have completed educational classes may pick out gifts for their children.

Financial Donations to Assist Families in Tunnel Hill

If you would like to assist families in our church and community this Christmas by making a financial donation, you can contribute to THUMC’s Benevolence Fund. This fund will be used to purchase gift cards for families in our church and community who may need a little help this Christmas. If you would like to assist in this way, make your check payable to "THUMC" and mark it "*Benevolence Fund*".



Current Sermon Series

We hope that you’ll be able to worship with us over the next few weeks as we consider how wonderful living life with God truly can be. It’s a wonderful life, not because it’s trouble free, but because God gives us...

- “Hope to Hang onto”*** (November 29th)
- “Peace for Trying Times”*** (December 6th)
- “Joy for the Journey”*** (December 13th)
- “A Love that Lasts”*** (December 20th)

Christmas Eve Worship

- 4:30pm** - Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00pm** - Traditional Candlelight Communion in the Sanctuary

Those attending will be asked to social distance and wear a mask.



OASIS NEWS

It is my hope and prayer that you and your family have had a good start to the holiday season. This year has been one for the history books as we continue to navigate the obstacles of a Covid-19 world. As a parent, I know firsthand the challenges our students have been forced to adapt to. The experts warn us about increased mental issues, anxiety, and lost instructional time in schools stemming from lockdowns, quarantines, and sickness in our students.



One issue for both adults and students that isn't widely mentioned is spiritual drift. We shut down our churches early on during the pandemic as we struggled to learn enough about this virus to be able to mitigate the risks for our church community. Unfortunately, when we are forced to take a step back from weekly meetings with our fellow Christians, it can be easy to take a step back from God as well. I hope this is not the case for you or your family.

I look forward to a time when this virus no longer plays a major role in our lives, but until then the OASIS will continue to be a place your student can connect with God and work on developing a deeper relationship with Him. As we move forward, I encourage you to be active in the spiritual lives of our students. If I (or the church) can be a help to your student or family in any way please feel free to reach out. - Adam Tankersley, Youth Pastor

GLOW KIDS - DATES TO REMEMBER

Glow Kids (Children age Pre-K-5th grade) are currently meeting from 6:15pm-7:15pm on Wednesdays in the Friendship Class. They will meet on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

The group will take a break and resume meeting on January 6th.

Please contact Jennifer McRae for more information.

OASIS YOUTH GROUP - DATES TO REMEMBER

THUMC'S Oasis Group (Students 6th-12th Grade) are meeting from 6:15pm-7:30pm on Wednesdays in the Oasis House. They will meet on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

(The meeting on December 16th will be a Christmas party, 6:15-8:00 & students are asked to bring a wrapped \$3 gift for a game). The group will take a break and resume meeting on January 6th.

Please contact Adam Tankersley for more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

The Friendship Class is now meeting in person. You can also participate in this class online every Sunday at 10am using the Zoom Website/App.

To participate go to <https://www.Zoom.us> and sign on with this info:

Meeting ID: 729 7056 5806 / Password: 012815

Everyone is invited to take part!

SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS RESUMING FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

Journey Land (kids PK-5th grade) meets in the Glow Kids room upstairs on Sundays at 9:00am

The Friendship Sunday School Class meets at 10:00

The Men's Sunday School Class meets in the Fellowship Class at 10:00

Children's Sunday School Classes (PK-5th) are meeting upstairs at 10:00

Glow Kids (kids PK-5th) are meeting from 6:15pm-7:00pm on Wednesdays in the Friendship Class





Please note: Prayer requests remain on the church's prayer list for four weeks. If a request needs to stay on the list longer than four weeks, please let us know. To add or remove a friend or loved one, please contact the church office at (706) 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us.

Thank you!

THUMC Family:

Butch Middleton, Ginny Horne, Maribelle Richardson, JoAnn Richardson, Garland Barnes & Helen, Gwen Maddox, Chris Griffin, Kinsey Griffin, Chuck, Julia & Stacy Davidson, Jay Tenney

THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Extended Friends & Family of THUMC:

Marla Barbaree – Bill & Carolyn Watkins' daughter
Mike Nuckolls – Butch Middleton's cousin
Charlene's Family – friend of Frank & Carol Dubee
Jerry – friend of Frank & Carol Dubee
Dewey Cavender – Daniel Cavender's father
Barbara Scott – friend of Delyn Lusk
Clint Riddle – friend of Delyn Lusk
*Vickie Crocker – Valerie Cleaver's sister in law
*Jennifer Martin – Valerie Cleaver's niece
*Mark Beckler – friend of Delyn Lusk

(*Denotes new additions)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130

Total Giving for September

GENERAL BUDGET: \$20,294
WESLEY WOODS: \$175
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$728

Total Giving for October

GENERAL BUDGET: \$19,235
BOY SCOUTS PROJECT: \$515
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$4,975

Total Giving for November

GENERAL BUDGET: \$ 16,465
OTHER DESIGNATED GIVING: \$ 2,823

