**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Kiwanis Club extends its sincere thanks to all who helped them bring food and joy to 156 families for their annual Christmas baskets program. A special thank you to the Community Ministry team, and the ladies who helped them for providing the breakfast treats for all to enjoy. Without your contributions and help, we could not provide the many baskets to those in need. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas!

Upper Rooms are available today at the front and side entrances.

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion service begins at 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 24th. Join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ at this special worship service where we reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

Conference, District, and Church Offices closed Monday, December 24 - Friday, December 28 and on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Staff Parish Relations’ Interview Team meets at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 30th, in the Parlor.

Fifth Sunday Sing for December 30 is canceled.

Parables of Jesus: Beginning Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will start a study on the Parables of Jesus. This 6-weeks study looks at the historical and cultural background, the biblical text and its meaning, and the biblical meaning for life today. Please contact Sharon Brown at the church office to order a book at the cost of $5.00. Books will be ordered Friday morning, January 4, 2019.

Staff Parish Relations team (SPR) meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Parlor. Members of the 2019 SPR team should be present at this meeting are Jay Maddux, Chairperson; Pat Douglas, Tom Heimel, Caren Ruffner, Silas Booker, Wanda McCarter, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Virginia Bond, Lay Leader, Billy Ray Patton; Reed Chapel’s Representative, Pat Horton, and Pastor Dale.

Finance Team meets, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Team members are Chris Haer, Chairperson; Jay Maddux, Walt Morse, Kathy Heimel, Cheryl Southers, Sharon Cowart, Pastor Dale, Billy Ray Patton, Virginia Bond, Patty Crowder.
Upcoming Events
Week of December 23, 2018

Sunday, December 23
9:45    Sunday School
11:00   Morning Worship, Sanctuary
8:00    AA, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 24
5:00    Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25
The church office is closed Monday, December 24 — Friday, December 28 and on New Year’s Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Serving in Worship Today
MINISTER: Rev. Dale Wyrick
WORSHIP LEADER: Kevin Rose
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Judy Ezell
ACOLYTES: Emily & Gabby McBride
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Angie Couch, J. T. Baker
GREETERS: Rachel Heimel, Hannah Couch
NURSERY: Peggy Bowman
USHERS: Norman Bowman, Trish & Richard Cole, Sheila Larson
WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR: Jay Maddux
SOUND OPERATORS: Marty Gilliam  BACKUP: Josh Heimel

Monthly Giving to the General Budget

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Scripture Reading
Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit
42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb.
43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for
joy.
45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord."