

December

Calendar

- 1 Drive Thru Prayer: 11-1:00
- 2 UMM Christmas Dinner: 6:00
- 3 Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15
Seashore Highland: 3:00
Choir Practice: 4:00
- 4 Visions Team: Noon
- 5 Bell Choir: 5:30
- 6 "God Came Near" Bible Study
At Leggett UMC: Noon
Epic of Eden Bible Study:
6:00
- 9 Ruff Piano Recital: 10-Noon
UWIF Christmas Party: 6:00
- 10 Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15
Choir Practice: 4:00
- 12 Bell Choir: 5:30
- 13 "God Came Near" Bible Study
at Leggett UMC: Noon
Night in Bethlehem: 4-7:00
- 16 UMM: 8:30
- 17 Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15
Choir Practice: 4:00
- 19 Bell Choir: 5:30
- 20 God Came Near" Bible Study
at Leggett UMC: Noon
Epic of Eden: 6:00
- 24 Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15
Seashore Highland: 3:00
Choir Practice: 4:00
Candlelight Service: 6:30
- 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
- 31 Worship: 9:00
Sunday School: 10:15
Fellowship Luncheon: 11:30
Choir Practice: 4:00

Heritage Herald

Heritage United Methodist Church

December 2023

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| 2 Amanda Smith | 18 Randall Anderson |
| 10 James Gillies | 20 Amy Baronich |
| 12 Sheila Gillies | Luna-Belle Butler |
| 13 Terry Hill | 28 Tommy Fairfield, Jr. |
| 17 Vincent Catalanatto | |



DRIVE THRU PRAYER

Will be on December 1st this month from 11-1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help. Come out and support this ministry. Hope to see you there.





Pastor Cliff's Thoughts...

Jesus is His Name

Advent and Christmas is our yearly reminder to reorient our lives, reprioritize if we must, and to make sure Jesus is at the center. The message the angel of the Lord delivered to the shepherds about him, so that they'd seek after him was this, "to you is born this day in the city of David a *Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*" (Luke 2:11 NRSV)

Savior / Messiah / Lord - Jesus is his name.

Savior - Who we are talking about? Lord Jesus Christ recurs 62x in the New Testament. Joseph and Mary gave him the name Savior at the angel's instruction. "SAVIOR" comes from the name Yeshua (Jesus) which means "YHWH is salvation." God's saving power and grace is embedded even in his name - Jesus. Jesus has saved us and from far more than inconvenience, bad taste, wasted time AND FOR far more than convenience, pleasure, cost, and efficiency. Jesus saved us from sin, which wreaks havoc in us, in our relationships with God, others and ourselves, and eventually destroys us. He saves us from ourselves, and from lasting separation from God. The message given to Joseph was "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21 NRSV). Some say, "I don't need a savior...there's nothing to be saved from or forgiven for... I don't need another to save me, I can handle it myself...I don't want a savior, I'm fine. "He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him." (John 1:11 NRSV). God sending a Savior into the world to rescue us confirms the need that we have. Charles Spurgeon preached, "I have a great need for Christ. I have a great Christ for my need."

Messiah - The King rules the kingdom. Jesus is the Anointed One. The Messiah king bringing the kingdom of God as the promised descendant of David. Christmas is THE announcement that there's another King, not Herod, Caesar, or any other, and he is the world's true king. But a different sort of King. Every time we read in the NT, "Christ" or "Jesus Christ", we're reading "Messiah", translated and understood as King Jesus. The Messiah was promised, but Jesus is not what was expected. Not what Mary & Joseph expected. A baby in poverty, virtual obscurity, Joseph's son, who eats with sinners, heals on Sabbath, was crucified like a thief, and rose again on the third day? Let's not let our expectations of what we think God should do, or what God should be, keep us from the reality of who God is and what God HAS done for us when he came near in Jesus. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to....the newborn king!!!

Lord - means he has authority to rule. Lord of all and Lord of my Life. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 NIV). As Lord, it's all on his shoulders! Lord means HE has the lead. The LORD is my Shepherd, he leads me, he makes me, he comforts me, he prepares for me, the Lord is my Light and my Salvation. To what else or whom else do we bow or give our allegiance, our affections, our devotion, commitment and life? Who else, what else is worthy? What or who is at the center? Everything bows before Jesus who is the Lord. Because he is the Lord every knee will bow and every tongue confess Jesus is Lord - to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11).

Jesus is his name. Let's worship him this season as our Savior, our Messiah, and our Lord!

Cliff Burris

Pastor, Heritage & Leggett UMC



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith (UWIF) (UMW) will have their annual Christmas party on Dec.9th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend. If you wish to attend, please bring a man's or woman's gift in the \$10.00 to \$15.00 price range to exchange. Mark the gift as Man or Woman. We will have finger foods to enjoy. Contact Julene Anderson at 872-3471 for additional information on this or other activities of our group.



COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are on sale for \$20.00. They make great gifts for your loved ones! Contact Connie Kimbel, Sheila Gillies, or Julene Anderson for more information.

HYGIENE/CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

UWIF will be making Hygiene/Christmas for Seashore Mission in December. Monetary donations are appreciated.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN FAITH

Formerly known as United Methodist Women)

will have their Christmas card distribution service available again this year. Place cards in the large container in the hallway and a 25 cent per card donation in the wooden box. Remember this service is for those persons who regularly attend in person worship. No cards will be mailed out. Last day to drop off cards will be Dec. 17 th . Please place your name on the outside of the envelope so the cards not picked up by Dec 31 st can be returned to you. Contact any UWIF member for additional information.





UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men (UMM) meet on Saturday, December 16th at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast and a meeting. This is open to all members of the church.



ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

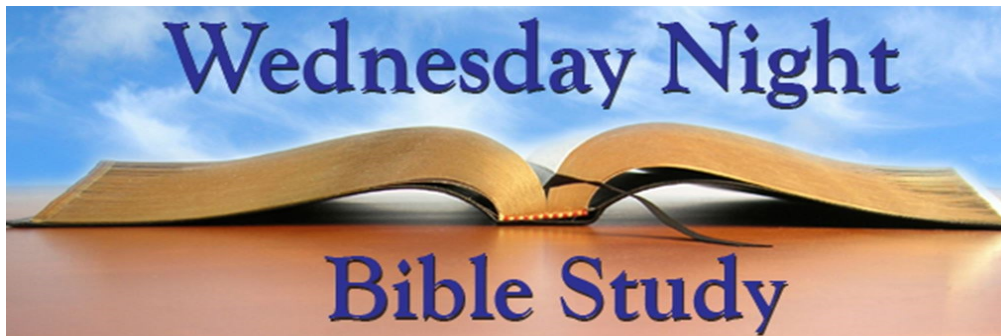
The Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available on the first Sunday in November. Cost will be \$7.50 per person and tickets must be purchased no later than November 26th. The menu will be a choice of pork or chicken with salad, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. Entertainment will be included.

For additional information, please contact Jack Anderson at 228-872-3471.



NOAH'S ARK CHAPEL

Noah's Ark WEEKLY chapel for our kids at Noah's Ark Childcare meets Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in the Heritage UMC Sanctuary. Please join us one week for devotion.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday night Bible Study on Epic of Eden meets on Wednesday night (December 6th, 20th, and 27th) at 6pm. We will **NOT** meet on December 13th. Please make plans to join us and grow in your faith as we study God's word together.



Recycling Opportunities

Thank you for your participation. Because of your help we have raised \$1,000 which has been placed in our general budget for this year. You can bring your clean aluminum and tin cans, Christmas lights, items with copper in them to the warehouse for recycling. We have a group of men who work each week to separate and prepare metals for recycling. The funds from the recycled metals are used to stock and maintain the warehouse and in disaster work. Please place your CLEAN recyclables in bags and leave them near the warehouse door. Thank you for helping in this ministry!



HAT SUNDAY

Don't forget the first Sunday of each month is hat Sunday. Ladies wear your hat to church Sunday.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Fellowship Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 11:30 am.

This will be our monthly fellowship luncheon. Bring a dish to share.

Bring your neighbors, family, and your friends.

Enjoy a time of fellowship. Hope to see you there.

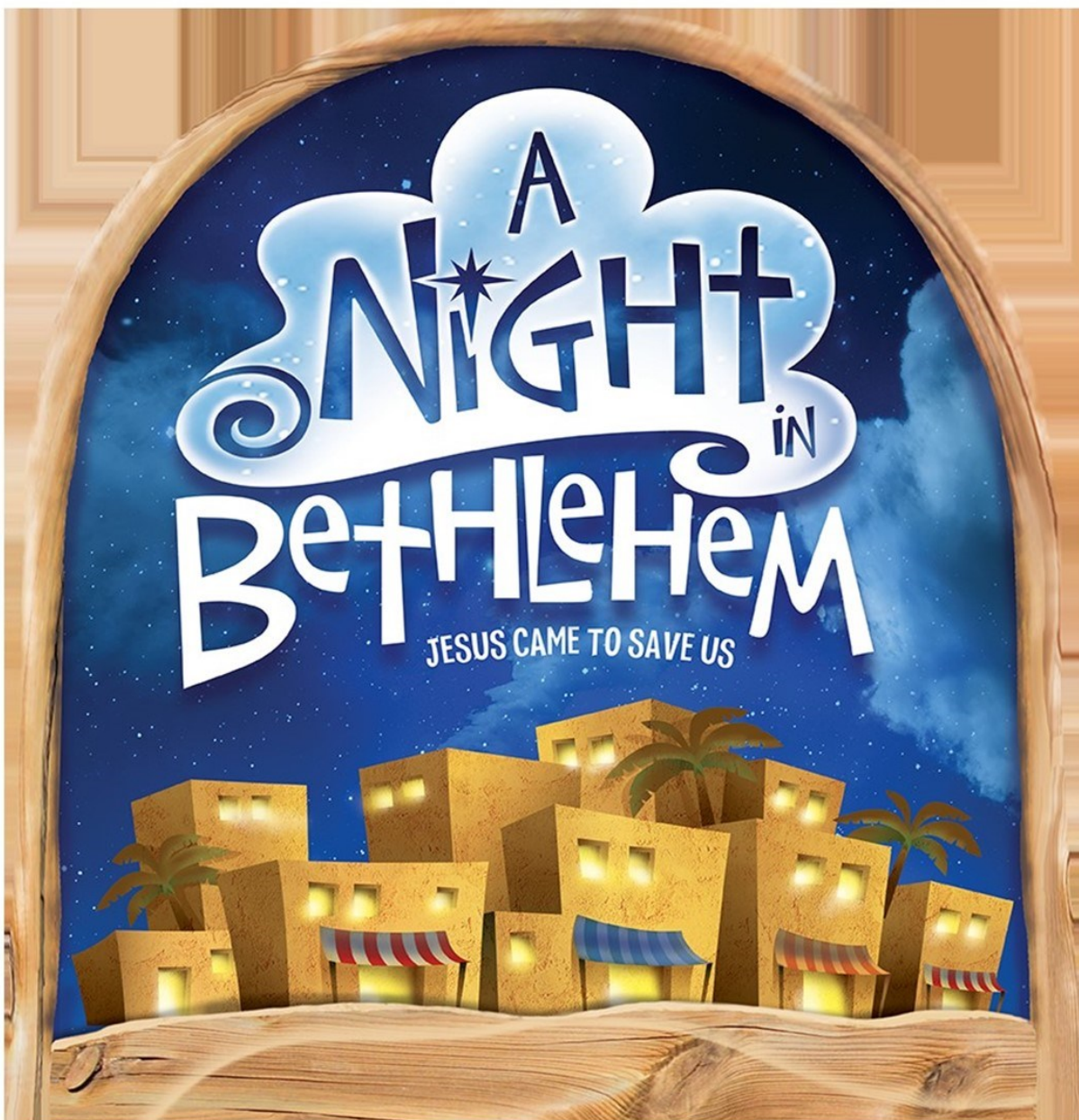


OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Day.



**Candlelight service will be held on Sunday,
December 24th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us**



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

4-7 P M Indoor / Outdoor Come-and-Go Event for Families

FREE ADMISSION

Snack Supper and Goody Bag

FREE PHOTO BOOTH with complimentary digital photo

(Using provided email)

Heritage UMC 4322 Popp's Ferry Rd, Biloxi

(Parking in the front, Event in the back)



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Ongoing Prayers

Lloyd Peebles
Brita Stewart
Maryann Graczyk
Buddy Vuyovich
Norma Jean Hart
Mary Throop
Lizzie, Addie, & Aubree
Sandra Ivy
Judy Thomas
Heather Smith
Darlene Eggert
Sam & Pat Shorey
Linda Ellis Darphin
Dave Perry
Hunter Swanzy
Mark Borthwick
Janice Carter
Gill Myles
Susan Butler
Bill Gillies
Brenda Tucker Cassity
JD Matta

Prayers This Week

Thomas and Janice Fairfield Sr
Family of Marion Couch
Julie (Connie's Niece)
Kathy Roberts
Amber Lee Fischel
Karen Lively
Judy Smith
Bonnie Belford
Walter Swanzy Family
Lisa Banks
Terry Hill

Shut-Ins

Ray and Margaret Roberts
Peggy Hubert
Lollie Cauthen
Mary Scott
Betty Martin
Benny Hue Jordan



Missions Baskets Offering

Missions Offering will go towards "A Night in Bethlehem". Please place your cash gift or check with memo "A Night in Bethlehem" in the baskets during the offering.