



November 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that it's already Advent. This year Advent doesn't start the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but the first Sunday of December. That makes the Fourth week 1 day only, Christmas Eve. Advent marks the beginning of our liturgical church year and is undoubtedly the busiest time of the year. We started with a great group decorating the church for Advent. Seeing the traditional Christmas Tree, the hung greenery, and the Advent Candles bring us into the season. We'll have the Christmas Cantata as well as a pot-luck in December. We'll have numerous parties and gatherings. It's a busy time! In the midst of the busyness make time to reflect on the gift that is given. It's hard to comprehend – God putting on flesh, willingly becoming human to tell us 1 thing - He loves us! That's what we celebrate at Christmas – the gift of love – Emmanuel.

May all the blessings of Christmas be yours this year and into the next and may we all allow God to be with us through all of the twists and turns of life. Shalom!

Church Tithes & Offering Update

November 2023 Financial Update

Church Budget needs after 48 Sundays thru November 30, 2023

Budget: \$ 261,552
Received: \$ 203,945
Difference: **-\$ 57,607 or -22.03%
behind**

Please review the numbers above and see where we stand with our finances. Please be in prayer for our church and its finances as we enter into the last month of 2023. We have struggled the last few months in getting all our bills paid.

We need to try our best to meet our budget of \$5,449 (each week) for the next 5 Sundays. You may mail your offering to the church or drop it off at the office or place it in the slot on the front door. We thank each of you for remembering the Lord with your tithes and offerings.

Just a reminder to turn your pledge card in for 2024. So far, we have 10 pledges turned in totaling \$53,480 of our 2024 budget pledged.

Operation Christmas Child Update

First United Methodist Women were able to pack 130 boxes this year for Operation Christmas Child.

Thanks to all who helped make this a successful mission project.





December 3 - Valerie Bohn
 December 4 - Nancy Dowdy
 December 8 - Dusty Chambers
 December 10 - Andy Whitaker
 December 10 - Keith Couch
 December 12 - Dalton Wilson
 December 12 - Grant Boyce
 December 13 - Christy Rodriguez
 December 14 - Cassey Morris
 December 16 - Kami Lewis
 December 20 - Joy Barr
 December 21 - Rhonda Moses
 December 22 - Jennifer Ackley
 December 23 - Debbie Teague
 December 29 - Majie Martindale

Ushers

December 3Volunteers
 December 10.Volunteers
 December 17.Volunteers
 December 24.Volunteers
 December 31.Volunteers

Liturgist

December 3. Dexter Boyce
 December 10.Connie Castleberry
 December 17. Gerald Moses
 December 24. Mike Myers
 December 31. Telia Dunn

Acolytes

December 3. Presley Bennett & Jayci Stanley
 December 10. . . . Wyatt Kuykendall & Talon Stanley
 December 17. Jaylee Hughes & Ember Boyce
 December 24. . . . Wyatt Kuykendall & Talon Stanley
 December 31. Presley Bennett & Minka Stanley

Children's Church

December 3. Jennah Bennett
 December 10. Vickie Kuykendall
 December 17. No Children's Church
 December 24. Rhonda Moses
 December 31. Lori Harrison

Children's Church Helpers

December 3. Ember Boyce
 December 10. Braylee Smith
 December 17. No Children's Church
 December 24. Minka Stanley
 December 31. Wyatt Kuykendall

Children's Sermon

December 3. Annie Washburn
 December 10. Carol Ackley
 December 17. No Children's Sermon
 December 24. Judy Cassady
 December 31. Dede Robinson

Money Counters

December 3. Telia Dunn & Gerald Moses
 December 10 Marilyn Hockaday & Mary Boozer
 December 17. Telia Dunn & Gail Milum
 December 24. . . . Marilyn Hockaday & Gerald Moses
 December 31. Telia Dunn & Mary Boozer

Lighting the Advent Candles

December 3. The Hall Family
 December 10. The Eggers Family
 December 17.
 December 24. The Futrell Family
 December 24 evening service. . . The Cupples Family

Memorials

In Memory Of

Donna Nannemann

Carolyn Ellis
 Lynne Cooley
 Judy Hockaday
 Ruth & Jim Foltz
 Nancy Wildbur

Norma Jean Myers

Lynne Cooley
 Rhonda & Gerald Moses
 Connie Castleberry
 Ruth & Jim Foltz




Mickey Bowden

Carolyn Ellis

Edna Marie Little

Carolyn Ellis

December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 1st Sunday of Advent The Hall Family Lighting the Candle Youth will not meet	4 UMW Christmas Potluck, gift exchange, music by Jarce Hall	5 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00	6 Kids Club 3:00-5:00 Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	7 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00	8	9
10 Lighting the Advent Candles - The Eggers Family Church Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon 12:00pm	11	12 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00 Staff Christmas Party 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall	13 Last day for Kids Club 3:00-5:00 Children's Choir 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm	14 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00	15	16 Bingen Christmas Party 6:00pm
17 Christmas Cantata 10:50 The Kuykendall Family-Lighting Advent Candle Youth Christmas Party/Caroling 12:00 	18 No Love or Joy Circle this month	19 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00	20 No Kids Club No Children's Choir Chancel Choir 6:00pm	21 Mother's Day Out 9:00-2:00 Mother's Day Out Christmas Program 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall	22	23 Lori Harrison's Nativity Display/Open House 2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
24 Mrs. Lori Harrison's Nativity Open House in the Fellowship Hall 	25 Office Closed-Holiday 	26 No Mother's Day Out	27 Chancel Choir 6:00pm	28 No Mother's Day Out	29	30
31					School out for Christmas Break December 25-January 5	



First
United
Methodist
Women
of
Nashville



December 4, 2023
First United Methodist Women
Potluck Lunch at 11:30 am



Music by Jaree Hall



Santa Sleigh Gift Exchange
Not over \$10.00



Please bring popcorn and hot chocolate to fill the 10 Blessings baskets for the Foster Child Families.



There is NO Love Circle in December.
NO Joy Circle in December and January.



**Bingen UMC
Christmas Party
December 16 at 6:00pm**

*You're invited to the
Bingen United Methodist Church
Candlelight Service
December 17
at 6:00pm*





*Nashville First United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
6:00pm*



THE HOPE OF
Christmas

Nashville First United Methodist Church
Christmas Cantata
December 17
at 10:50am

CHURCH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK!

December 10th right after morning Service

Everyone bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy this time of fellowship!
UMW has provided the ham.



Open House of Mrs. Lori's nativity collection display
(this is in place of open house at the parsonage)
December 22 - December 24
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Come and check it out.



December 13 will be the last day for Kids and will resume January 10.

KIDS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Enjoy the pizza and the fun activities.



Mother's Day Out
Christmas Program
December 21
1:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall



December 17th right after Morning Worship

Youth Christmas Party

There will be a Youth Christmas Party/Christmas Caroling and delivery of poinsettias right after church.

All youth will need to meet in the Youth room right after the Morning Worship and will leave in the church vans to eat mexican food and on to Christmas Caroling & delivery of poinsettias.



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Photos by John Robert Schirmer
November 5, 2023



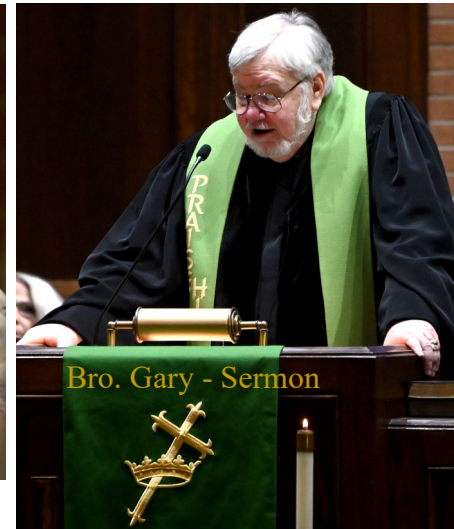
Carol Ackley - Children's Moments



Acolytes- Presley Bennett &
Jaylee Hughes



Tabatha Smith & Baby Blake



Bro. Gary - Sermon



Lynne Cooley
Testimony - Why I love my Church.



Feeding the Scrapper Tennis Team
11/07/2023

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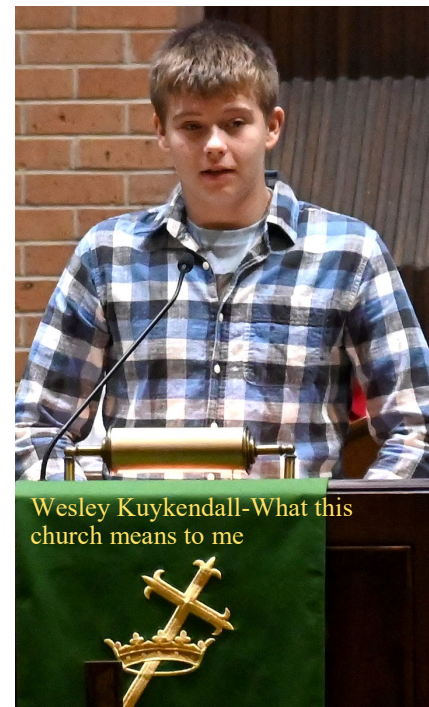
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Children's Moments
Dede Robinson



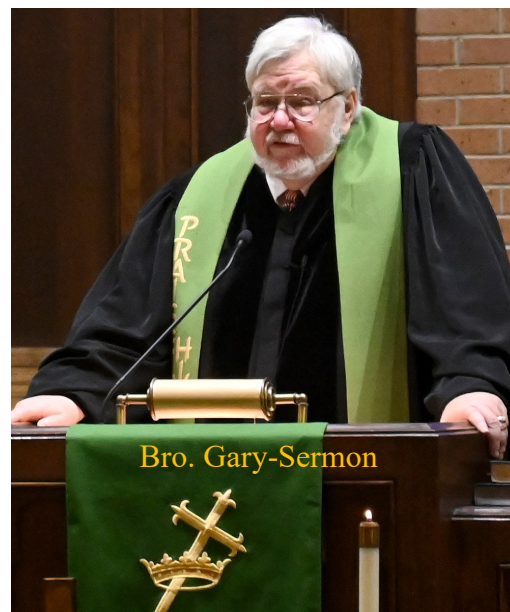
Wyatt Kuykendall
Acolyte



Wesley Kuykendall-What this
church means to me



Kristi Eggers-Flutist



Bro. Gary-Sermon



Connie Castleberry-Liturgist



Wesley Kuykendall presenting Charles Pinkston
a pendant for Veteran's Day

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Judy Cassady— Children's Moments



Children's Choir
Thanksgiving Song



Mrs. Carolyn Ellis-Why I love my Church.



Tom Dupree-Chimes on the organ



Gerald Moses-Liturgist

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November 26, 2023



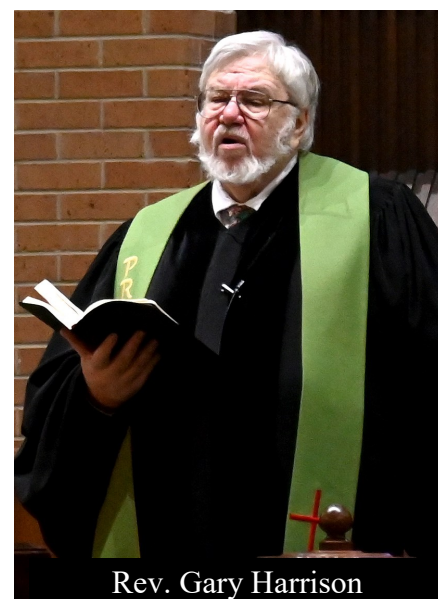
Telia Dunn-Children's Moments



Jaylee Hughes & Ember Boyce
Acolytes



Chancel Choir



Rev. Gary Harrison



Volunteers for tennis team meal 11/07

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Ministerial Fellowship Group



Chancel Choir at the Community Thanksgiving Service



Ellis Floyd guest Pastor at Annual Community Thanksgiving Service



Congregation Singing