

New Study "Image of God"

Starting Wednesday, January 6, 6-7 pm.
 Led by Ms. Grace Miller in the Gathering Room (across hall from sanctuary) This is a 6 week DVD study series with resources Ms. Grace will provide. The goal of the class is to explore together deeply who God is and who God wants us to be. Sign up by calling or emailing the church office, info@cfumc.com.



Shoe Drive

Donate your shoes to help communities in need: Gently worn, used, or new shoes. Drop off at the bins in either side of the church main office hallway. Sponsored by the Central H. S. Chorus, led by our own Ruthie Phillips, church accompanist.



Our Methodist Mission: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
 For the transformation of the world.
Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



As of 12/06/2020

2020 Ministry Budget:	\$ 1,345,342.11
Year-to-Date Giving 2020:	\$ 1,200,091.65
2020 Contributions yet to be received:	\$ 145,250.46

2021 Stewardship Campaign: "Giving Life" (Pick up your "Giving Life" face covering as a "Thank You" for pledging)
 140 Pledges Year to Date Totaling \$744,735.00

Sympathies for the family of Jeff Gordon, Charles Ferrell

Prayers for: Bobby Wynn, Gene Fender, Bernie Barker, Cindy Tolbert, Jason Rowell, George Dixon, Laura Richards, Ed Johnson, Jonah McConnell, George Ward, Barbara Tanner, Robert Harper, David Smith, Paul Bush, Bonny Watkins, Leah Weaver, Judy Holt, Linda Scales, Margaret Perkins, Paul Burkett, Cheryl Childers, Kay Howson, Courtney Allen, Camille and Stuart Yahm, Zoey Boul, Eric Powell, Ann and Bob Cummings, Steve Sheely..

Our military and their families: Jonathan Wilbanks, Kevin Ayers, Dylan & Becca Wood, Matt Landon, Davis Marlar, Robert Geiger, Clayton Couch, Austin Walls, Rob Bennett, Brett Edmondson, Scott McClendon, Dan Harris, John Hamil.

Those serving in the mission field: Lauren Norton, Joy and Wes Griffin, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins, Bishop David Thagana, Timothy Thagana (Strong Tower Orphanage & Glory Outreach Assembly, Kenya), Will & Ella Faircloth, (Costa Rica)

...our community, our nation and our world around us...

Please notify the church office of any updates or additions.



Our Carrollton First Vision:

*A congregation in which anyone and everyone can **Connect** with Christ ~ **Grow** in Faith ~ and **Serve** more and more fully in God's Love*

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9 & 11 a.m. Combined Order of Worship

Welcome to First Methodist... "Where There's a Place for You"

Prelude	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Brahms)	Tony Childers
Welcome		Rev. Larry Patton
Call to Worship	"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"	#196
(Remain seated)	"African Noel"	4-Joy (9:00)
	"Brightest and Best" Shawn Kirchner	Elev-8 (11:00)
Lighting of Advent Wreath Candles		
*Hymns of Praise	"Joy to the World" (v 1&2)	#246
	"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (v 1, 2&6)	#236
	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	#204
*Greeting One Another (Passing the Peace Sign)		
Pastoral Prayer and Offertory Blessing		Pastor Ken Stephens
Anthem	"He Is Born"	4 Joy (9:00)
		Solid Rock Youth Singers (11:00)
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25	
Message	"The Man in the Christmas Background"	Pastor Larry
*Song of Invitation to Discipleship	"I Want to Walk..."	#206 (9:00)
		Solid Rock Youth Singers (11:00)
*Benediction		
Postlude	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" (Bach)	Tony Childers
* Congregants stand, as you are able.		

For all news, updates, calendars, across the landscape of First Methodist ministries and missions, go to our website, www.cfumc.com, and follow your church on social media. Also, create your own log-in for full church directory access.

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We will be combining for worship in the sanctuary for the month of December. All come together in the sanctuary.



Child Friendly Worship Service

3 pm Fellowship Hall

Candlelight Communion Worship Service

5 pm & 11 pm Sanctuary Nursery Provided

Come & Go Communion (Sanctuary)

6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday, December 27

One Combined 10:00 am Service

No nursery or Children and Youth Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Optional at 11:00 am

Please join the Lydia Circle on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 pm for a virtual Advent communion service led by Rev. Karen Kagiya. Contact Cande Taylor at candet53@gmail.com for zoom invitation and liturgy guide.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus # 196

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v 1, 4) # 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: : O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain

Joy to the World (v 1,2)# 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (v 1,2,6)# 236

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
An angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, and glory shone around

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all of human-kind, to all of human-kind.

I glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill hence forth from heaven to earth
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel # 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us His name is called Emmanuel

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light # 206

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain