

*Winner Methodist Church*

# *THE VISION*

*December 2025*

*2025*



## Leadership Council

The Leadership Council convened on November 16, 2025. Members present included Pastor Tony Coffman, Donna Duffy, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Dan Patmore, Lori Schaeffer, Clint Vanneman, Bobbi Viedt, Clint Woods, and Judy Mills. Additional attendees were Cameron Olson, Cam VandenHoek, Carley Fisher, Renae Kaiser, Coni Halverson, and Kori Pravecek.

The meeting was called to order and began with an opening prayer led by Clint Vanneman.

Lori Schaeffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, which was seconded by Bobbi Viedt. The motion was approved unanimously. Mitch Miller then moved to approve the treasurer's report, with Vanessa Goodell seconding. This motion was also approved.

Pastor Tony Coffman provided an update on recent activities, including his work with SNAP benefits during the government shutdown. He noted that Buche's Corporation contributed \$3,000 to support the SNAP program.

The GPS group will begin practicing for the Christmas program, which is scheduled for December 7 during the church service. Pastor Tony also reported that confirmation classes are progressing well, and there are plans to bake and deliver cookies to assisted living facilities in the community.

No report was provided by the Outreach Committee. The Cares Committee will not meet in November or December, and any remaining funds will be distributed to the Missions Committee.

The SPR Committee did not meet. The Worship Committee will decorate the church for Christmas on November 23 after the service, and there will be no meeting in December.

The Finance Committee reported that Doug Nelson's status will be changed to employee effective January 1, 2026.

The Trustees Committee shared a list of ongoing projects, with several items still awaiting completion. The closet in the choir room has been finished but work on the security camera and door is still pending with Trevor Waters. The AV Committee is addressing sound issues in the basement.

The Mission's Committee is working on several initiatives, including a fundraiser for Texas flood relief, assembling cancer and chemotherapy boxes, and preparing meals for Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 10:50 AM with a closing prayer led by Pastor Tony Coffman. The next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mills, Recording Secretary

## Pastor's Corner

December 2025

Finishing Faithfully

By the time you open this newsletter and read my thoughts, there will be less than a month left until we leave 2025 behind. It's always good to begin something new, to get a fresh start. There's something freeing about new beginnings. But it's easy to get focused on the new and forget what can still be finished.

So, as we approach the end of 2025, December offers us a natural opportunity to pause and take stock of our spiritual journey. Before the calendar turns, let's each take the opportunity to reflect on God's steady faithfulness, honestly assess our own walk, and consider how we want to grow in the months ahead. Finishing the year faithfully isn't about perfection—it's about turning again toward Christ with gratitude, humility, and renewed purpose.

Here are five things to focus on as you finish this year.

1. Reflect and journal on God's faithfulness to you and your family in 2025. Look over the past year and be intentional and clear in naming answered prayers, unexpected blessings, and how God has sustained you. This is a wonderful thing to do as a family.
2. Take an afternoon to get away by yourself. Give the kids to mom, dad or grandparents, and take a spiritual inventory of your life. Where have you grown? What do you need to repent of and walk away from? Do you have a habit to leave behind or begin as you head into 2026?
3. What spiritual disciplines do you want, and or need, to commit to for 2026? Are you happy with the quality and time spent in prayer? Did you spend quality time in the Word in 2025, and did you meditate on what you read, asking the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to understanding and application? Could you spend more time in solitary worship?
4. What relationships need to be repaired, and what can you do to make that happen? We often live with broken relationships when we don't need to. Yes, we may have to be the ones who humble ourselves so the door to reconciliation can open, but isn't that what Christ calls us to, an attitude of humility and to be a peacemaker? Start by plowing the ground with prayer, then reach out and make contact. Even the oldest wounds can be closed and healed in Jesus's name.
5. Finally, enter 2026 with an attitude of surrender. Surrender your plans, surrender your wants, and surrender yourself to what the Holy Spirit will call you to and equip you for this year. God has something scary and exciting in store for you this coming year. I don't know what that is, but if you will bend your knees to him and, like Isaiah said, "Here I am Lord, send me.", he will. It will lead you to your best life.

Let's finish this year spiritually strong and ready to be the Church in 2026. Submit yourself to the deep and abiding love of the Savior.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tony

# Birthday Blessings!



Ashley Kartak	12/1
Lisa Jankauskas	12/2
Tom Mathis	12/6
Rose Grossenburg	12/7
Tasha Vanneman	12/9
Chris Bolton	12/11
Alvin Pahlke	12/13
Marlee Lanners	12/13
Mandy Audiss	12/14
Jim Haley	12/15
Digger Rutten	12/15
Byron Foreman	12/16
Ed Watzel	12/17
Darin Nelson	12/18
Joan Hauf	12/18
Todd Hauf	12/18
Betsy Rohde	12/19
DeAnn Woods	12/19
Livvy Audiss	12/19
John Calhoon	12/26
Tracie Haley	12/27
Robin Curtis	12/28
Ashley Dvorak	12/31

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chuck & Judy Mills	12/9
Roger & Rickita Dice	12/10
Jerry & Conni Heggstad	12/23
Craig & Lori Schaeffer	12/26
Tom & Bobbe Schramm	12/28
Scott & Calley Schuyler	12/30



*"And this shall be  
a sign unto you;  
Ye shall find the  
babe wrapped in  
swaddling clothes,  
(lying in a manger)."*

Luke 2:12

# December 2025 Bible Reading

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<b>1</b> Deuteronomy 26-28	<b>2</b> Nehemiah 10-13	<b>3</b> Psalms 143-145	<b>4</b> Song 3-4	<b>5</b> Revelations 7-11	<b>6</b> Acts 23-24
<b>7</b> 3 John	<b>8</b> Deuteronomy 29-31	<b>9</b> Esther 1-5	<b>10</b> Psalms 146-148	<b>11</b> Song 5-6	<b>12</b> Revelations 12-17	<b>13</b> Acts 25-26
<b>14</b> Jude	<b>15</b> Deuteronomy 32-34	<b>16</b> Esther 6-10	<b>17</b> Psalms 149-150	<b>18</b> Song 7-8	<b>19</b> Revelations 18-22	<b>20</b> Acts 27-28
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**BLUE BUCKET**

T-4 FOUNDATION

**FOOD PANTRY**

CANNED FRUIT

SALTINE CRACKERS



Dzhenka-Balimez

## WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

**Service Time 9:00 AM**

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# Advent Wreath

**1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

**3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

**5th CANDLE** – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

MAY YOU FIND PEACE, LOVE, AND THE  
TRUE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

# DECEMBER 2025

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

	1	2 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees Ministry	3 6:00 PM Confirmation & MYF 7:15 PM Book Club	4 6:30 PM Missions Ministry	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship Service Children's Live Nativity 3:00 PM Sounds of Christmas	8	9 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study	10 6:00 PM MYF 7:15 PM Women's Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion	15	16 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study	17 5:30 PM Book Club-Women's Evening Bible Study Party	18 Silent Auction Ends	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 Leadership Meeting	22	23 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study	24 5:00 PM Worship Service 9:00 PM Worship Service		26	27
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