

JOIN US IN WORSHIP THIS  
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

November 30th – January 4th  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Combined Worship

**December 7th: 11:00 AM**  
Children's Singing Performance

**December 10th: 6:00 PM**  
Children & Youth Christmas Program

**December 21st:**  
8:30 AM Church-Wide Breakfast  
11:00 AM Choir Christmas Music and Handbells

**December 24th: 6:00 & 11:00 p.m.**  
Christmas Eve Worship  
Candlelight & Communion

Memorials

George Walters  
Danny Newcomb



Rosalyn Holland  
Anonymous  
Ann Turlington  
B.J. Williamson  
Danny & May Aycock  
Dempsey Craig  
Dr. Mac Herring  
Jeff M Bell  
Melinda Nordan  
Ricky & Helen Kaleel  
Steve & Dianne Cox  
Thomas Barker

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**December 7th, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude**  
"The First Noel" arr. Joel Rainey  
Mary Jo Carr and Marquita Someliana-Lauer, *piano*

**Ring of the Church Bell**  
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Joel Wise  
*Please take a moment to sign the pew pad located at the end of the pew.  
Be sure to pass it down and see who you are worshipping with this week.*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Sargent Family  
All: Lord, help us make room for Your peace to dwell in us and flow through us to others.

**Opening Hymn** "Of The Father's Love Begotten" No. 166

**Pre-School Choir** "Away In a Manger"  
"Ten Little Angels" J. Murray  
Traditional

**K-5 Choir** "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" arr. Snyder

**Choral Call to Prayer** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" No. 202

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Joel Wise  
Together We Build through God's Tithes and Our Offerings

**Offertory Anthem** "This Child Shall Be Our Peace" Molly Ijames

**Doxology** No. 682

Scripture	Isaiah 40:3-5	Pew Bible Pg. 619
Sermon	Making Room for Peace	Rev. Matt Seals
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>		<b>No.731</b>
<b>Communion Song</b>	<b>"Who Is This Whose Silent Advent"</b>	<b>No. 167</b>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"</b>	<b>No. 169</b>
Benediction		Rev. Joel Wise
<b>Benediction Response</b>	<b>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Refrain)</b>	<b>No. 162</b>
Chimes of the Trinity		
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>"The Angel's Trumpet"</b>	<b>Dennis Elliot</b>

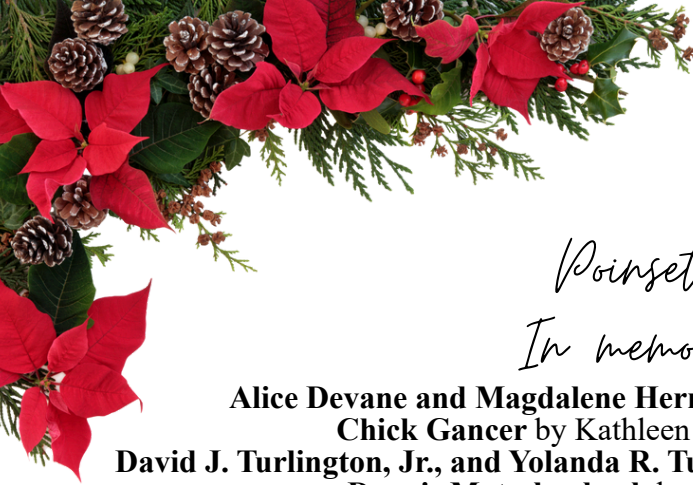


*Poinsettias*  
*In honor of*

**Delores Williams** by Johnathan Williams Family, Reed Williams Family, Kathryn Waters Family  
**Bill & Darby Scott; Randy & Anita H. Lane** by Johnathan & Sarah Lane  
**Charles “Mr. Bugs” Mills** by Tom and Denise Hendricks  
**Church Staff and Church Family** by Seals Family  
**Helen & Everett Griffin** by Greg & Pam Griffin  
**Helen Hobson** by David, Jana, Emma & Kate Hobson  
**Holly McMillen** by Greg & Pam Griffin  
**Johnathan, Sarah, Kenner & Wiley Lane; Dr. Mac & Ann Herring** by Anita Lane  
**Margaret Everson (mother)** by Linda “Jan” Smith  
**Matt Seals & family; Joel Wise & family; Abby Tomell & family; Marquita, Cameron & family** by The Holden DuBose Family  
**Nick Serafini Family; Glen Herring Family** by Rex & Ellen Moody  
**Our Children** by Steve & Dianne Cox  
**Our Children: Chris & Jessica, Benjamin Hobbs, and Mary Katherine & Scott Hazle** by Jerry & Margaret Hobbs  
**Pam & Margaret Griffin** by Everett Griffin  
**Rex & Ellen Moody; Ron & Jenny Serafini** by Brittany and Nick Serafini  
**The Many Mini Martins: Sam, Livie, Betsy, Max, and Charlotte** by Jessica and Luke Martin  
**Wendy Carr** by Robert, Spell & Edye Carr  
**Barbara Carr** by Wendy, Robert, Spell & Edye Carr  
**Church Staff** by The Rivenbarks  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ** by Doris Gore







*Poinsettias*

*In memory of*

**Alice Devane and Magdalene Herring** by Karen and Will Herring

**Chick Gancer** by Kathleen M. Gancer and Family

**David J. Turlington, Jr., and Yolanda R. Turlington** by Robert and Lisa Turlington

**Dennis Motschenbach** by Lieska Motschenbach

**Dwight Taylor** by Elsie, David, and Douglas Taylor

**Frank and Carol Moore** by Don and Karen Wrench

**Grace Norris Hubbard** by Greg and Pam Griffin

**Helen DuBose and Rossie Haynes** by The Holden Dubose Family

**Howard Hobson; Donald and Ann Jackson**

by David, Jana, Emma, and Kate Hobson

**Howard Hobson; Patsy Waters; Jim Darden; and David Jackson** by Helen Hobson

**Jim Darden** by Mary Nell Darden

**John E. R. Perry, Jr.** by Warren and Melissa Perry

**Joseph and Joanne Williams; Robert Raynor; and Essie Raynor**

by Steve and Delores Williams and Family

**Keith Shoemaker** by Wellie and Tara Jackson and Family

**Lorenza and Myra Herring; and Cammie and Irene Dickerson** by Wallace and Jane Herring

**Meredith Nordin and Rosalyn Holland** by David and Brenda Nordin

**Patsy Waters** by Jack Waters

**Our Denning and Herring Parents** by Dr. Mac and Ann Herring, Jr.

**Our Parents** by John and Vevlyn Lowe

**Patsy Rouse** by Jessica and Luke Martin

**Reese Everson** by Linda “Jan” Smith

**Rosalyn Holland** by the O.C. Holland Family— O.C., Chris, and Suzannah

**The Parents of Steve and Dianne Cox** by Steve and Dianne Cox

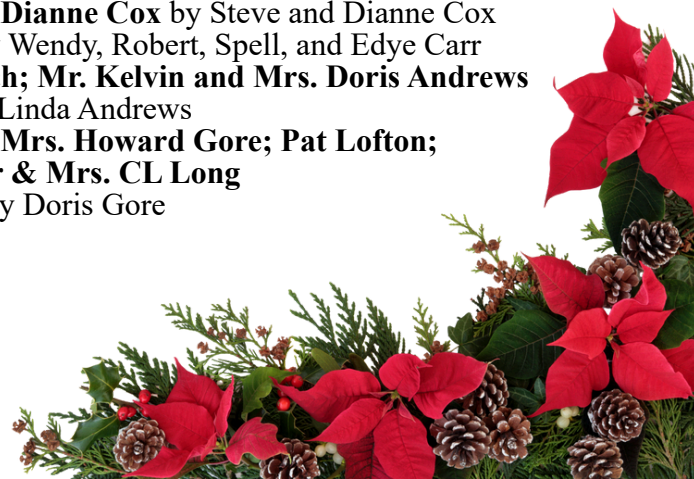
**Dr. Henry J. Carr, Jr.** by Wendy, Robert, Spell, and Edye Carr

**Rev. LD & Mrs. Janet Creech; Mr. Kelvin and Mrs. Doris Andrews**  
by Linda Andrews

**Mike Gore Sr.; Mr & Mrs. Howard Gore; Pat Lofton;**

**and Mr & Mrs. CL Long**

by Doris Gore



# Whats Happening this week



## The Methodist Women Need Your Help!

We have partnered with the Sampson Correctional Community Resource Council again this season to provide cake donations in support of the annual Christmas Dinner for the offenders at the Sampson Correctional Institution, which will be held on December 10th. ***Cake donations may be dropped off at our church by 2:00 PM on December 9th.***

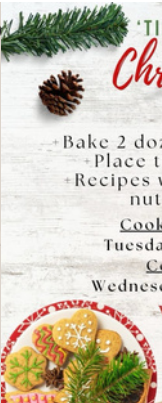


## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM

DINNER TO FOLLOW:  
SANDWICHES, MAC-N-CHEESE, AND FRUIT.



**Baptism and Membership  
Sunday**  
  
**December 14th  
11:00 Service**  
  
If you are ready to make a public profession of your faith and be baptized, become a member of First Methodist or would like to renew your baptismal covenant and remember your baptism.  
  
Contact the church office to connect with Pastor Matt  
info@fmcnc.org 910-592-2035



**'TIS THE SEASON FOR OUR  
Christmas Cookie  
Drive**

- Bake 2 dozen Christmas cookies
- Place them in a festive tin
- Recipes with peanut butter or nuts are welcome

**Cookie Drop off:** FBC on  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Cookie deliveries:**  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025

**With your help and our friends  
from First Methodist Church,  
we can share our  
homemade holiday cheer!**

**Churchwide  
BREAKFAST  
DEC. 21 @ 8:30**

By our Presence, Gifts and Service	
Presence - November 30	
Sunday School	58
11 AM Worship	123

Gifts	2025
Budget	\$523,801.00
Received Last Sunday	\$6,030
Online Giving	\$550.00

Happy Birthday

8th – Hudson Griffin  
8th – Michael Dale Williams  
10th – Greg Griffin  
10th – Sheila Steed  
11th – Gerry Krivoniak  
11th – Greg Thornton  
11th – Beth Wells  
12th – John Lowe  
13th – Paula Crumpler



Did you know you can give online?  
Simply scan the QR code with your  
phone, and it will take you to the  
online giving site.

Prayer List:

Dr. Mac Herring, Ann Herring, Jimmie Hall, Marvin Mitchell, Frances Pearson, Wayne Boyette, Ethan Youngblood, Mary Margaret Hobbs, Homer Morris, Debra Morris, Jane Waters, Pam Griffin, Wayne Tew, Louetta Carr, Pat Warrick, Emery Walker, JoAnn Westbrook, Janet Johnson, Wes Keen, Zachery Johnson, Steve Baker, Mike & Myra Humphrey, Glenn Brewer, Bryson Capps, Ed Owen, Merry Wicke, Greg Moore, Jimmy Smith, Donald & Carolyn Wrench, Wayne Reynolds, Angie Hall, Danny Dyson, Violet White

Those who are homebound:

Ruth Godwin, Barbara Carr

Those who are in long-term care:

Loraine Butler, Margaret Oates, Anthony Balkcum, Pat Green, Frances Pearson, Gerry Krivoniak

**First Methodist Church of Clinton Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Matt Seals  
Associate/Youth Pastor: Rev. Joel Wise  
Children's Director: Abby Tomell  
Director of Music: Dan Holland  
Assistant Director of Music: Cameron Someliana-Lauer  
Organist: Marquita Someliana-Lauer  
Administrative Assistant: Victoria Bishop  
Sexton: Stewart Raynor

**Service**

**Altar Guild:** Mary Nell Darden &  
Lori Barwick

**Church Greeters:** NOW Team

**Meals on Wheels:**  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: Elsie Taylor  
December 12<sup>th</sup>: Steve Williams  
December 29<sup>th</sup>: Holly McMillen

**Nursery:** Isabelle Tomell

**Chancel Flower Dedication**

The flowers are given today to the glory of  
God and in memory of Jim Darden, with love  
from Mary Nell Darden.

They are also in honor of Frances Pearson  
and in memory of Fletcher Pearson, with  
love from Sandra & Richard Pearson and  
Susan & Jim Crisp.

**Flowers**

<b>12/14</b>	Rex & Ellen Moody	Rex & Ellen Moody
<b>12/21</b>	Dan & Ruth Holland	Dan & Ruth Holland
<b>12/28</b>	Rachel Grantham	Rachel Grantham

**This Week at FMC**

**Sunday, December 7th**  
9:30 am – Fellowship Time  
10:00 am – Sunday School  
11:00 am – Combined Worship  
**SALT Trip (Departs FMC @ 2:45pm)**  
5:00 pm – Youth  
6:00 pm – Dulcimers @ Hopewell Methodist  
Church for the “Hanging of the Greens”

**Monday, December 8th**  
10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer  
6:00 pm – Methodist Women Christmas  
Dinner

**Tuesday, December 9th**  
9:00 am – Chat with M@ at Simply Brewed  
**Drop- Off Cakes by 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 10th**  
6:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Program &  
Dinner  
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

**Thursday, December 11th**  
6:30 pm – Skill Creations Worship Night

**Friday, December 12th**

**Saturday, December 13th**  
10:00 – Clinton Christmas Parade