

**We will uphold our church...
With our prayers**

Tom Pate (brother of Helen Reynolds)	Mary Beth Harris
Ray Guidry (brother of John Guidry)	Larry Krueger (brother of Bob Krueger)
Edith Pate (mother of Helen Reynolds)	Kenneth Young
Kendall Barr	Carol Perkins (sister of Sonya Willis)
Maurice & Katy Talbert	Christy Schlag (niece of the Pelloats)
Connie Eldred	Julia Nita Franke
John Guidry	Phyllis Theriot
Harland Patteson	(Paula Adaways sister)
Cindy Winfrey (Jim Quebedeaux's sister)	Jackie Smith (Christi Murphy's father)
Harold Westbrook	Conor Wheatcroft Grandchild of Wheatcrofts)
Edna Harrington	Manny Vara (friend of Jamie Miller)
Joe Colburn	Gay Furbee
James & Jean McClammy	Juanita Macon
Clarice Armstrong (Rose Hairston)	Christy Wheat (friend of the Richey's)
Jerry Dews (friend of the Browns)	Alex Boyd (Adams grandson)
Wendy Hopkins Daughter of Pat Bailey)	Steve & Ginger Hearne
Carleen Henderson (Sister in law of Margie Hart)	Imogene Butler
Terry Simpson (friend of Richard Printy)	Susan Nimmo & Connie Dubuisson, Christi Wheat (friends of Rhonda Richey)
Lois Cottington	Donald Carroll (Barbara Pelloat's brother)
Amanda Coplen & Baby John	Leonard Wood (V. Rutherford's brother)
Jerry & Gwen Maldonado	Don & Nancy Adams
Bill & Pat Terrell (Family of Sue Dartez)	Avery Ramirez (friend of Dyanne Clark)
Dave Winfree (Quebedeaux's brother in law)	Jeremy Weeren
Jordan & Mykah King (Aaron Covington's family)	Craig Rainwater
Doretha Toler	Smokey Sanderson
Billie Clotioux	Jackson Montgomery (grandson of Laura Tatum)
Lynette Strickland (Sister of Glen Meaux)	Ron Hollier (nephew of Sonya Willis)
Judy Guidry	

With our presence	220
With our gifts	
This Week's Giving	\$9,493.18
Last Week's Giving	\$15,272.00
Needed Weekly	\$11,330.00

Finance Update...

If you haven't got your pledge card in please do so before the end of year.

Finance will be working on the budget in January. To date we only have 59 cards in for a pledge of \$236,872.28 For 2018 we had 82 cards in pledged at \$315,347.74



Congratulations to Kristin & Elton Hampton on the birth of their son Maverick Robert Hampton born October 25, 2018 at 5:28pm. Maverick weighed 9lbs 3oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandmother is Peggy Thomas.



All Youth are invited to a Pot Luck Christmas Feast, Wednesday, December 19th at 6pm in the Youth room. Let me know what you will be bringing so we don't have any repeats. Come join the Christmas Fun!! Watch the REMIND messages for upcoming events.

Candace & Brandon

Remind Account
Text To: 81010
Message: @firstumcyo



Poinsettias for Sale
In honor or memory
of a loved one!
\$12 a poinsettia

**Pecans are in...
Only Pieces left
\$11
Call the church office today!**

UMW UPDATE

Our Christmas Luncheon was well attended this year, I was so sorry to miss it!, I heard there was delicious food and great fellowship and Barbara S. read one of her wonderful Christmas stories. Our next meeting will be January 2, 2019, I hope to see you all there. Have a very Merry Christmas and an even Happier New Year!

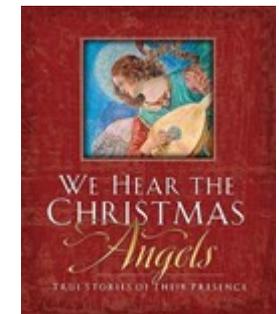
See you at the meeting
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Looking for something Christmasy (yep, that's a word) to read? You need not go too far to find something. Take a quick look at your church library's online catalog to see what you can borrow: <https://bit.ly/2PmVIAR>. Below is an example of what you can find.

We Hear the Christmas Angels : True Stories of Their Presence

Edited by Evelyn Bence

"This book presents true accounts of people who have been touched by Christmas miracles, including Laura Lee Adkins, who arrived home to find her cupboard stocked with food on Christmas Day."



By the Way...

On the night Jesus was born we imagine a tranquil scene...at least after the delivery. We sing "Silent Night" and we sing about the little town of Bethlehem, "How still we see thee lie." So why do we associate bells with Christmas? We are fairly certain there were no bells near the manger.

We have Christmas bells because older, traditional churches have bells that are rung at the start of the Christmas Eve service and at midnight to announce the holy day.

Later, in Victorian times, it was considered fashionable to go caroling with small handbells to play the tune of the carol. Sometimes only the bells were played with no singing!

When we think of Christmas bells we start humming "Jingle Bells." The song was first called "One Horse Open Sleigh," originally published in the U.S. in September 1857 as a Thanksgiving song, not a Christmas song! The "snowy" lyrics caused it to shift to being associated with Christmas. Here's a little trivia for you: "Jingle Bells" was the first song to be broadcast from space in December 1965 when astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra said they had spotted a sleigh in space! They then took out a harmonica and sleigh bells which they had smuggled onto the Gemini 6 spacecraft and played and sang the song to Mission Control.

Speaking of Christmas bells, I can't help but think of the great poem, called "Christmas Bells," written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1863 during the Civil War. The poignant words became a classic Christmas hymn:

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat

Of peace of earth, good will to men.
I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Grace and peace,
Jonathan Bynum

Worship Leader

This week's Lay Reader
is
Rose Hairston



Children's
Christmas Program
6 pm, Wednesday
December 12th

We have a Special Visitor coming so be ready to take some pictures.



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