



The Connection

December 2019

A monthly publication of the
Millington United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known



December Scripture Readings

- 1 *Isaiah 2:1-5*
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44
- 2 *Isaiah 11:1-10*
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12
- 15 *Isaiah 35:1-10*
 Luke 1:46b-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11
- 22 *Isaiah 7:10-16*
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25
- 29 *Isaiah 63:7-9*
 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23

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**CANDLES
&
CAROLS**
6:00 P.M. AT THE
MILLINGTON CHURCH OF
GOD
4855 BARNES RD.

PRESENTED BY THE
MILLINGTON MINISTERIAL
ALLIANCE~COOKIE
FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

**CHRISTMAS
EVE SERVICE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M.



Happy Birthday!!!

- 1 Judi Snover
- 3 Karily Dickson
- 9 Sam Crawford
- 13 Chad Fabbro
- 18 Janine Britt
- 22 Ed Ingram
- 22 Jason Trato
 Kimberly Blackmer
- 25 Happy Birthday Jesus!
- 29 Kayla Levis
- 30 Kendall Pridemore

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An Advent Reading Calendar

I've seen many different kinds of Advent Calendars over the years. Some are just cardboard with 24 doors to open – one for each day of December up to Christmas Eve – and behind each door is some kind of cute picture.

Now they have some with boxes inset into the cardboard with a small toy behind each door. If they are building blocks, they end up providing enough pieces to create a complete winter scene of some kind. Some may even have small nativity pieces to help us remember the “Reason for the Season.”

However, my favorite idea is not a calendar at all, but to build memories by reading one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each night for the 24 days of December through Christmas Eve.

Not only is it a wonderful thing that the numbers happen to line up so perfectly – it also helps to line up our thinking with the **true** “Heart of Christmas.”

If you have family or neighbors with which to share this practice as an expression of Christian discipleship, then so much the better. Children will gain a greater

understanding of the Gospel, and adults who may already know the story will find it reinforced in their thoughts and hearts. What a great gift to share, when so much in life distracts us from the Heart of Christmas: the overwhelming gift of God when He came to earth, made one with humanity in Jesus Christ, and ultimately died on the Cross for us so we could live with Him forever.

Get your favorite reading Bible and place a bookmark at Luke chapter 1. Practice good study habits and prepare for an amazing blessing.

~Pastor John



Mission Notes for December

We received a letter from Pete and Kate Walugembe recently. They will be here in the States for the next few months. We will be working with them to find a date when they can come and share with us what is happening in their lives and in their ministry. We need to hold them up in our prayers.

We also are involved in the Angel Tree Program and we are also, again this year providing gifts for needy families at the Kirk School. The Angels and Kirk School children cards were rapidly picked up. Your help with these projects is greatly appreciated. We appreciate so much the work of Diana Slough and Becky Johnson as they organize this effort.

I also want to mention that the Free Medical Clinic in Flint appreciate so much the medicine bottles we supply to them on a regular basis. I appreciate all you who bring in the bottles already clean. This saves me much time and anyone that desires the secret to easy cleaning, contact me.

Thanks,

Maury Chapin

Missions Chairperson

MILLINGTON U.M.C.

4TH THRU 8TH GRADE YOUTH

SCHEDULE

NO MEETING ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST-

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH-

FRIDAY NIGHT FLOP-GAMES, MUSIC, FRIENDS FROM

6:00-9:00 P.M.



Finance



Moment

More than a hundred years ago, Amy Carmichael, a missionary to India said, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." During Advent, we think, dream and talk a lot about love.

In many, many households on Christmas morning, there will be presents opened, with paper and ribbon scattered around the room. There will be joy and happiness with gifts and new "things." For children, the delight will be highly anticipated. For adults, the greater joy may be, not receiving gifts, but in giving them, and seeing the delight of those who receive. But the real joy of Christmas is not in the **presents** that are wrapped in paper and tied up in ribbons. The real joy is the **presence** of the spirit of Jesus, who came as a child, but grew to a life of giving, even the giving of his life.

The coming of Christ into the world signals the depth of God's love for us. How do we exemplify our love for God, for the church and for the Children of God everywhere? According to Amy Carmichael, we cannot love without giving.

Thank you for the financial support you have given this year to our church and to organizations, both local and worldwide, who serve people in need.

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United Methodist Women

We meet the second Monday of each month, weather permitting. No school, no meeting. We are proud to present Dorothy Gasper with a certificate of Recognition for completing plan 2 of the reading program from the Central Bay District UMW. Dorothy has done this for several years. Way to go Dorothy! Come and join us for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9th.

~Jennie Brown, UMW President



Candles & Carols

Community Christmas Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST | 6:00 PM

Millington Church of God
4855 Barnes Rd.

*Presented by the Millington Ministerial Alliance
~Cookie Fellowship to Follow~*

Thank You and Upcoming Events and Information...



Millington United Methodist Church will be hosting the blood drive here on Thursday, January 9th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet listed later in the bulletin. Thank you for your assistance.

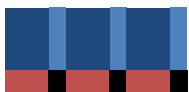


MUMC Family Game Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack and a drink to share.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED**

JANUARY 1, 2020



This Month's Meetings:

Monday, January 13th 1:00 p.m. Millington United Methodist Women Meeting

**Newsletter Folding will be
Thursday, January 30th at 10 a.m.**

MILLINGTON UMC BLOOD DRIVE

At the Millington United Methodist Church-9020 State Rd. **1:00-6:45 p.m.**

Thursday, January 9th 2020-Volunteer sign-up sheet

Please call the church office at 871-3489 if you can help :)

Donor Check in:

1:00-3:00 p.m. 1.

3:00-5:00 p.m. 1.

5:00-7:00 p.m. 1.

Canteen Area:

1:00-3:00 p.m. 1. 2.

3:00-5:00 p.m. 1. 2.

5:00-7:00 p.m. 1. 2.

Cookies:

1.

2.

3.

Sandwich Spread:

1.

2.

Juice:

1.

2 Gallons

Plates & Cups:

1.

Unload Equipment: 12:15 p.m.

1.

2.

3.

Load Equipment: 7:00 p.m.

1.

2.

3.

MUMC Good News.....

Congratulations to

Dorothy Gasper

on her Certificate of Recognition

for completing Plan 2 of the Reading Program

from the Central Bay District.

Well Done Dorothy!!!

Christmas magic is silent.

You don't hear it ~

You feel it.

You know it.

You believe it.



Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work, Love makes all things beautiful, May you have all the three for this Christmas.
Merry Christmas!

Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

Sunday Service Volunteers for December

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media & Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Nursery Infant-3 yrs.	Coffee Hour
1	1- Diana Slough 2-	Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough 2-Charles Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns		Need Volunteers	Bonnie Moore
8		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough 2-Destany LeVan	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound- 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	Need Volunteers	Norma Coon Ann Tanner
15		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough 2-Ann Tanner	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2- Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	Need Volunteers	Char Balfour
22		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough 2-Bonnie Moore	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Danielle Dickson	Need Volunteers	Diana Slough Darla Gasper
29		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough 2-Addie Dueweke	Media- 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash Sound 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner			

A note from Becky....

I just want to take a moment and say once again how much I have been blessed to have this job as the Administrative Assistant here at Millington United Methodist Church. God truly blessed me by leading me to this job and through getting to know and to serve all of you in our church family. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support that you have given me over the past 12 years. May God continue to bless all of you and the Millington United Methodist Church.

~Love, Becky

SCRIP Gift Card Order Form

Please call the church office if you want to place an order at 989-871-3489. Please continue to support the MUMC

Children's program by purchasing gift cards whenever you can! A complete list of cards available to order is on the table in the narthex. The following cards are usually available in the church office. There are 100's of cards available to order.

Aeropostale \$25	Amazon \$25	Applebee's \$25	Bed, Bath, & Beyond \$25		
Bob Evans \$10	Buckle \$25	Burger King \$10	Cold Stone \$10		
Cracker Barrel \$10 & \$25	Fazoli's \$25	Gordon's Food Service \$25	Home Depot \$25	JC Penney \$25	
Jo Ann's \$25	Kohl's \$25	Logan's Roadhouse \$25	Lowe's \$25		
Macy's \$25	Marathon \$25	Meijer \$25	Menard's \$25	Michael's \$25	Nike \$25
Old Navy \$25	Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25	Oriental Trading \$25			
Panera Bread \$10 & \$25	Speedway \$25	Starbucks \$10 & \$25	Subway \$10	Sunoco \$50	
Taco Bell \$10	Tim Horton's \$10	TJ/Maxx/Marshall's \$25	Under Armor \$25		
Uno's \$25	Visa \$ 50	Walmart \$25	Wendy's \$10		

Name: _____ Phone # _____

<u>Card Name</u>	<u>Qty x \$ amt</u>	<u>Amt Due</u>
_____		\$ _____
_____		\$ _____
_____		\$ _____
_____		\$ _____
_____		\$ _____
_____		\$ _____
Total Amount Due		\$ _____

Check # _____ or Cash

Orders should be paid for at time of order.

Checks payable to MUMC write SCRIP on the memo line.

For a full list of cards available to order please see Becky in the Church Office.

	December 2019					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:10-12:45 Mary Had a Little Lamb Rehearsal NO MUMC Youth 6p Candles & Carols @ Church of God	2 5:30-7p Girl Scouts 6:30p Rotary 6:45-7:30p Mary Had a Little Lamb Rehearsal	3 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	4 8a Men's Bible Study 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	5	6 Church Office Closed	7 FH Reserved
8 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:10-12:45p Mary Had a Little Lamb Rehearsal	9 1p UMW 6:45-7:30p Mary Had a Little Lamb Rehearsal	10 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	11 8a Men's Bible Study 10a-3p Quilt Club 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	12	13 Church Office Closed 6-9p Youth Friday Night Flop	14 FH Reserved NO MUMC Game Night
15 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15-1:00 p.m. Mary Had a Little Lamb Dress Rehearsal	16 5:30-7p Girl Scouts 6:30p Rotary	17 8:30a Women's 4 th Day 10a Bible Study 7p Bible Study	18 8a Men's Bible Study 6:15p Choir 7-10p Ping Pong 7:15p POP Band	19	20 Church Office Closed	21 FH Reserved
22 FH Reserved 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship * Mary Had a Little Lamb presentation.	23	24 Church Office closed 7p Christmas Eve Service	25 Church Office Closed Merry Christmas!	26 10a Newsletter Folding	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9a Worship 10a Sunday School 11a Worship	30	31 Church Office Closed				

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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

***9:00 a.m. Worship *10:00 a.m. Sunday School *11:00 a.m. Worship**