



# Kingswood United Methodist Church Messenger

December 30, 2018

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

*Do all the good you can; By all the means you can;  
In all the ways you can; In all the places you can;  
At all the times you can; To all the people you can;  
As long as ever you can.  
~ John Wesley (1703-1791) ~*

**Sermon:** “DO YOU NEED A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE?”

**Text:** Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

**Sermon Theme:** Whatever happened to miracles? Do miracles still happen today, or have we gotten to the point where we simply explain the unexplainable as fate, luck, or just a natural occurrence? Is God still in the miracle business? The answer to that question is “Yes.” However, to experience a miracle, we must have faith and be a willing participant. Like Jesus’ mother, Mary, our response to God must be: “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”



**Ushers** Brett Beardsley, Randy Boger, Steve Boyles, John Griggs, Jerry Holcomb, Allan Lambert & Ray Tomlinson

**Music:** Madeline Griggs – Director, Sarah Butler – Organist, Debbie Pappalardo – Pianist

**Sunday School Nursery:** Robin & Gracie Boger; next week John & Trudy Cox

**Worship Nursery:** David & Kelly Piercy; next week Mike & Pat Stone

**Promises:** Cindy Tomlinson; next week Allison Cardwell

**Flowers:** next week open

**Promises** – Following “Moments with the King’s Kidz,” our children ages 3-6 (1st grade) are invited to the Promises Worship Room. This week the children will go over the key people in the Christmas story by using a Nativity set. The focus will be on the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus. They will be returned to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

**Worship Kits** – There are inspiring worship enhancing activities available to all children as they enter the sanctuary. Please return the kits and all its contents at the end of the service.



**Sunday**    10:00 am    Sunday School  
                 10:55 am    Welcome/Worship  
                 6:00 pm     Youth Gathering

**Tuesday**                            *Happy New Year!*

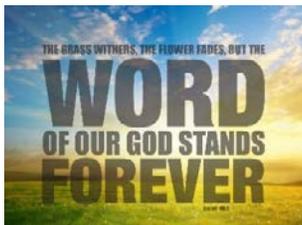
**Wednesday**   7:00 pm    Choir Rehearsal

The church office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Kingswood Matters



As Christians our past is forgiven. We can start over with a clean slate. The mistakes of the past need not hold us back. Christians believe that God is in ultimate control of their lives. Without the burden of past mistakes or anxiety about failing in the future, we are free to concentrate on doing our very best in the present. According to the Bible, the idea of having a personal relationship with God isn't at all presumptive. It was God's idea. And it's not at all exclusive. It's available to anyone who accepts God's offer of love and acceptance. The first step, however, in establishing that relationship is admitting we are as much a sinner as the worst human being and are desperately in need of forgiveness.



*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).*





The entire staff thanks each of you for your loving generosity! Your love and support, not just through this Christmas gift, but also through the year, is greatly appreciated!



New offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please pick up your new envelopes. Do not begin using these until the first week in January. At that time, please discard any old ones. If you do not have an assigned number, please contact the church office. **ALWAYS USE YOUR ENVELOPES WHEN POSSIBLE.** Thank you.



The 2018 accounting books will be closed out on January 7. Please submit any invoices or receipts for reimbursement to the church office as soon as possible.



Please remember to check for your Christmas card mailbox. Any remaining cards will be discarded after this week.



The 2019 flower chart is in the church office window. Please sign up to provide altar flowers to celebrate an occasion, or in memory of a loved one.



Following is the next four weeks' Promises schedule:

- Dec. 30 – Cindy Tomlinson
- Jan. 6 – Allison Cardwell
- Jan. 13 – Ashleigh Lucas
- Jan. 20 – Trudy Cox



We will meet this Sunday at 6:00 pm.



As you bring your monthly food donations, please add some socks, gloves, a toboggan or a blanket to help the homeless in our community deal with the winter cold. Imagine having to face the winter chill without these items. We and the Kingswood Preschool will be collecting these items during the months of December and January. Let's do our part to help those in need stay as warm as possible.



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## REMEMBER

A red marker is shown drawing a thick red underline under the word "REMEMBER". The marker is positioned to the right of the word, with its tip pointing towards the end of the underline.

- **Sunday School** – this is where faith and life connect! We have great Sunday School classes for ALL ages. You are encouraged to join a class. How about doing it this Sunday? A nursery is provided during Sunday School. Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am. You won't regret it!
- **CDs** of Sunday worship services are available in the church office.
- **Pastor Visitation** – if you desire a visit from Pastor Jeff please feel free to call him directly at 336-416-5869, or let the church office know.
- **Pastor Jeff's Prayer/Bible Study** – Come and be a part of this study on the parables of Jesus on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. We are beginning a lesson of "The Great Feast" from Luke 14:15-24. Prayerfully consider this spiritual discipline in your weekly plans. Please make note: We do not meet on the first Tuesday of the month.
- **Announcements** – if you have information to be included in this publication, please send your suggestion to: [kingswood@triad.twcbc.com](mailto:kingswood@triad.twcbc.com) by Wednesday of each week.

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There are also printed copies on the table in the narthex.

***Grace and Blessings!***

***We hope to see you this Sunday at Kingswood***

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