



**Pastor Dan's Message:**



It seems that we barely get the words “Happy Thanksgiving” out of our mouths and it is time to say “Merry Christmas”. But, in many ways the two seasons are so related. This time of the year reminds us even more of God’s promises: HOPE, LOVE, PEACE, COMFORT, STRENGTH, FORGIVENESS, JOY, and God certainly promises to hear our prayers. Of all these wonderful Promises, I suppose that PEACE is foremost in my mind this time of the year. John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”, always come to my mind. These words of Jesus are some of the most comforting in the Bible. Jesus brings us God’s peace. It is a different peace than the world gives. It is a deep and lasting peace, no matter what troubles are going on around you. Jesus’ words bring a great wave of calmness to me. I am thankful for the presence of God—who brings this inner peace and outward hope, who settles our troubled hearts and dissolves our fears.

The World most often talks about peace as the absence of war. In many countries where there is severe fighting, this is a peace that is desired and necessary. It is right for us to pray for peace & calmness instead of violence.

Yet the absence of war does not insure that there is peace. There can still be hunger, poverty, resentment, bitterness, and distrust that get in the way of living together in peace.

The peace that Jesus leaves is a deeper than national policy or the absence of war. Jesus brings a peace that takes up residence inside of us. God’s peace is an inside job. God’s peace is forgiveness for our past mistakes and courage for the future. God’s peace keeps our hearts untroubled and unafraid. God’s peace gives us a perspective to encounter the world and its violence with a calm and enduring presence. God’s peace is the knowledge that we do not face the world alone. We are accompanied by God within us and all around us.

The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*. The word carries a sense of inner peace and the sense of well-being in our community. It is not only a greeting for people, but it also describes the nature of life

lived within our church and community. The Peace that God gives passes all understanding, yet it is experienced by you and me. Let all of us Celebrate the peace given to us SHALOM!

There is a poem by Frances Ridley Havergal called “Like a River Glorious”

“Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace, over all victorious in its bright increase; perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.

Ev’ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the sun of love; we may trust him fuller all for us to do—they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest—finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.”



Don't forget the UMW Salad Luncheon

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

10:30 am UMW Meeting -12 noon Lunch

Please bring a friend and 2 salads.



Holiday Hills UMM Invite all the ladies to breakfast, 9 am on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Bentley's.



- 12/01 Pat Duncan
- 12/02 Linda Lorenz
- 12/02 Jenny Mathis
- 12/03 Kathy Michealson
- 12/07 Leslie Cange
- 12/07 Pastor Dan Brand
- 12/21 Judy Houlsworth
- 12/27 Bobby Brittain
- 12/28 Steven Dilks
- 12\28 Uties Dudeck
- 12/29 Nancy Vaughn



- 12/20 Kitty & Wayne Weatherford
- 12/24 Roxie & Robert Bradley
- 12/27 Sandra & Bruce Hardin



*Honoring Our Veteran's*



*Children's Time*



**Christmas Bazaar**



*Community Thanksgiving Dinner*



*UMM Smoking Turkey Breast*





# HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

## DECEMBER 2018

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
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|  |  |   |   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>10 am-12:30 pm Charge<br>Conference Jonesboro |
| <b>2</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>Communion<br>2 pm Eden Song 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist<br>Heber Springs<br>4 pm Confirmation | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>10 am Choir Practice<br>11 am Prayer<br>CLASS CANCELLED<br>6 pm Eden Song<br>Peace Lutheran Church    | <b>5</b><br>8 am Prayer Group<br>10:30 am UMW Meeting<br>12:00 Salad Luncheon<br>6 pm Bible Study | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Pastor Dan's Birthday<br> | <b>8</b><br>9- 11 am Food Pantry<br>10 am Choir Practice  |
| <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>Choir Cantata<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>Potluck<br>4 pm Confirmation   | <b>10</b><br>6 pm G.A.L.S  | <b>11</b><br>10 am Choir Practice<br>11 am Prayer<br>11:30 am Book Club<br>5 pm CLASS Meeting                     | <b>12</b><br>8 am Prayer Group<br>9-11 am Food Pantry<br>10-4 Quilters<br>6 pm Bible Study        | <b>13</b>                                       | <b>14</b><br>9-12 AARP Safe Driving<br>Class   | <b>15</b><br>6 pm Church-Wide<br>Christmas Party          |
| <b>16</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent<br>4 pm Confirmation  | <b>17</b><br>4 pm Yacht Club<br>Joe & Linda<br>Lorenz House  | <b>18</b><br>10 am Choir Practice<br>11 am Prayer<br>5 pm CLASS Meeting   | <b>19</b><br>8 am Prayer Group<br>6 pm Bible Study  | <b>20</b><br>9 am UMM Breakfast<br>At Bentley's | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent   | <b>24</b><br>6 pm Christmas Eve<br>Service   | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day<br> | <b>26</b> <b>27</b> <b>28</b>   |   |  | <b>29</b>   |
|  | <b>31</b><br>6 pm New Year's Eve<br>Service<br><br>Happy New Year |   |   |   |  |   |

The church will be closed 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>