



### Pastor'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 and calmness instead of violence.

Yet the absence of war does not ensure 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.”

Peace Be with You!  
Pastor Dan

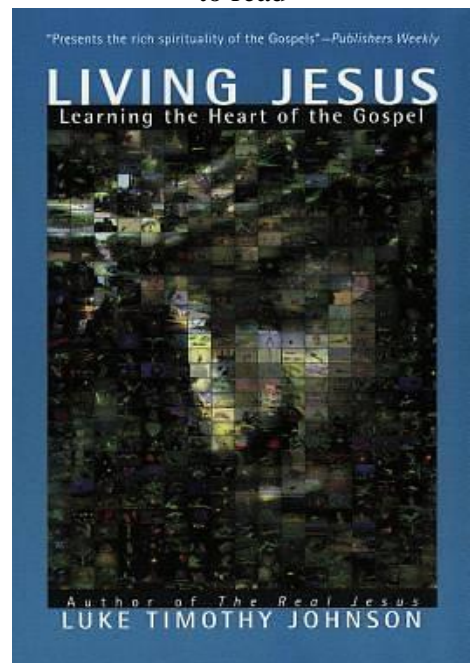



- 12/1 Pat Duncan
- 12/2 Linda Lorenz
- 12/2 Jenny Mathis
- 12/3 Kathy Michaelson
- 12/6 Diane Butler
- 12/7 Pastor Dan Brand
- 12/7 Leslie Cange
- 12/9 Shane McClary
- 12/15 Triston Cowin
- 12/18 Barbara Acree
- 12/20 Lee Albright
- 12/21 Judy Houlsworth
- 12/27 Bobby Brittain
- 12/28 Steven Dilks
- 12/28 Uties Dudeck
- 12/29 Charlene Lane
- 12/29 Nancy Vaughn

Thanks Robin & Kaylie!!!



Pastor Dan's suggested book to read

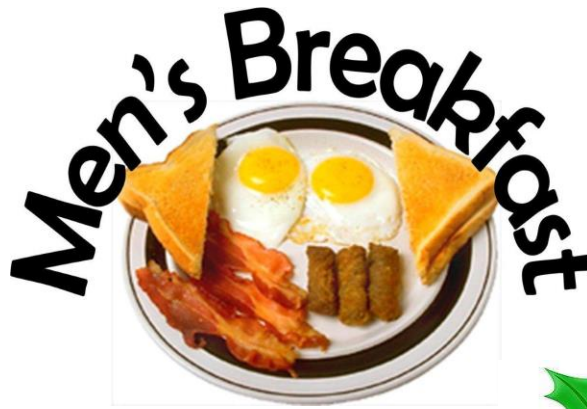


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- 12/20 Kitty & Wayne Weatherford
  - 12/24 Barbara & Jimmy Acree
  - 12/24 Roxie & Robert Bradley
  - 12/27 Sandra & Bruce Hardin
  - 12/28 Lynn & Shane McClary



# Christmas Luncheon

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
10 am Meeting & 12 noon Lunch  
Invite a friend & bring 2 salads



## Men's Breakfast

Holiday Hills UMM Invite all the ladies to breakfast  
9 am on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Bentley's.



All proceeds go to Breakin' Bread soup kitchen.  
Tickets can be purchased at FUMC Heber  
Springs or at the door.



TICKETS \$10



Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm  
Bring a finger food  
A gift for dirty Santa  
Santa will be there for the children





**HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK  
DECEMBER 2019**

| Sun                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                         | Fri       | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>1st Sunday Advent<br>Communion                                                     | <b>2</b>                                                                                                            | <b>3</b><br>9:30-10:30 am CLASS                                                                                                                        | <b>4</b><br>8 am Prayer Group<br>10:30 am UMW Meeting<br>12noon UMW Salad Luncheon<br>3:30 Choir<br>5 pm Prayer Group<br>6 pm Bible Study | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>10 am NE District Charge Conference<br>1st UMC Jonesboro<br>2 pm & 7pm Country Christmas Concert<br> Pastor Dan's Birthday |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>2nd Sunday Advent<br>Choir Cantata<br>Pot Luck<br>2 pm Eden Song FBC Heber Springs | <b>9</b><br>6 pm GALS Meeting                                                                                       | <b>10</b><br>9:30-10:30 am CLASS                                                                                                                       | <b>11</b><br>8 am Prayer group<br>9-11 Storehouse<br>10-4 pm Quilters<br>3:30 Choir<br>5 pm Prayer Group<br>6 pm Bible Study              | <b>12</b><br>6 pm Eden Song FFB Conference Center                                                                                                                                           | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>9-11 Storehouse<br><br>6 pm Christmas Party                                                                               |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>3rd Sunday Advent<br>1 pm Council Meeting                                         | <b>16</b><br>4 pm Yacht Club                                                                                        | <b>17</b><br>9:30-10:30 am CLASS                                                                                                                       | <b>18</b><br>9 am UMM Christmas Breakfast Bentley's<br>3:30 Choir<br>5 pm Prayer Group<br>6 pm Bible Study                                | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship<br>4th Sunday Advent                                                                 | <b>23</b><br>6 pm Game Night<br> | <b>24</b><br>9:30-10:30 am CLASS<br>6 pm Christmas Eve Service                                                                                         | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day<br>                         | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">             Church will be closed<br/>             December 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> </div> |           | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:50 am Worship                                                                                      | <b>30</b><br>5:30 pm Emmaus                                                                                         | <b>31</b><br>9:30-10:30 am CLASS<br>6 pm New Year's Eve Service<br> | <b>Praise the Lord; The Church Van is Paid in Full!</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                             |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |