

# The Hallelujah

Here's the good news!

December 2021



*Mark your  
calendar*

December 5

Keyboards at Christmas  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

December 11

Breakfast with Santa  
9:00 a.m. Spirit Center

December 12

Evensong  
5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

December 24

Christmas Eve Services  
12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

December 27 -31

Church Office will be closed

## Tis The Season

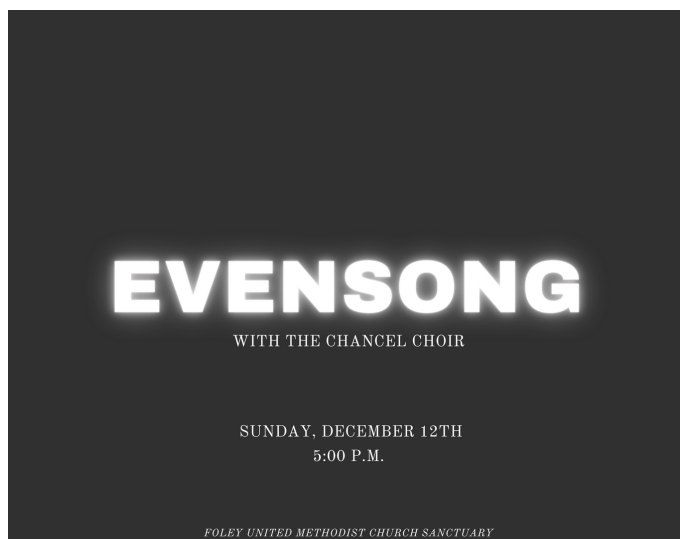
What is Advent? The Season of Advent, from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the worship year on the Christian calendar. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the Jews as they longed for and anticipated a Messiah. We recognize our own longing for, and the need of forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

## What's The Reason?

Why do we celebrate Advent? The Bible itself doesn't specifically prescribe the season of Advent, but several themes are present in Scripture that encourage us to observe the season: A deep anticipation for God to redeem the entire world (Isaiah 7:14; 2:2-4); A longing for God's justice (Amos 5:24); John the Baptist's proclamation of the coming Messiah (Mark 1:1-7); the expected return of Jesus to consummate his kingdom (Matthew 24:3, 27, 37, 39; 1 Corinthians 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1, 8, 9; James 5:7, 8; 2 Peter 1:16; 3:4, 12; 1 John 2:28). (Taken from Seedbed.com). With joy in our hearts, we look to the coming of Christ!

---

## WORSHIP NOTES



During this time of waiting and anticipation, I want you this Advent season to be reminded of all the Savior of the World has done for you. That sweet baby who came to us that Christmas night grew into a man of greatness. Fully Man and Fully God. God who is with us! I am thankful for the impact Jesus makes on our lives everyday through the small things and those big things that happen that point us back to the manger of our Savior. May God's blessings be with you as we anticipate this Christmas and may the JOY of the world fulfill you and your family!

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Christopher Kelley, Director of Worship

Christmas Eve Worship  
choices for your family:  
12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. in the Well  
11:00 in the Well





### It's Cookie Time

It's time to begin gathering your ingredients for our cookie sale. We're asking each lady to make 3 large batches (9 dozen cookies), or if you prefer to make candy, we need 6 dozen pieces of drop candy from each lady, or if pan candy, a 9 x 13 pan, uncut. We will cut to fit. Cookies need to be delivered to the church on Thursday, Dec. 9th during office hours, or Friday Dec. 10th between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please place a layer of waxed paper between the layers of cookie.

Candy should be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 9th by 10:00 a.m. for slicing and packaging.

Bring your red and green coffee cans to the church office!





Join us every Sunday  
at 9:30 for KidsQuest  
and bring a friend or a  
neighbor!

KidsQuest needs volunteers for Sunday mornings! Can you help out on Sunday mornings? If you can give one or two Sunday mornings a month, or if you can serve on a rotating basis in our Sunday morning kids ministry, please contact Debbie Wiist at [debwiist@gmail.com](mailto:debwiist@gmail.com). You will be blessed!



For many of us, Christmas lights are the best and brightest part of Christmas celebrations. It doesn't matter if it's the high-rises in the big city or houses lining Main Street; when the lights come out, it's a wonderland! People celebrate big at Christmas because there's Someone big to celebrate: Jesus! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.





## KIDS MISSIONAL COMMUNITY



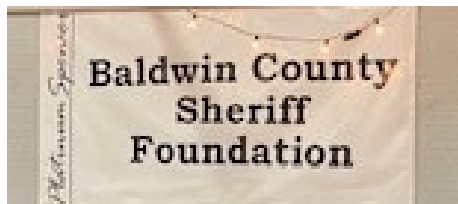
The Kids Missional community delivered all the items collected last month to Mathis Elementary School here in Foley. Thanks to all who helped provide these needed items and snacks for the children.



A group of Angels have found a perch on a green tree at Foley UMC. This is not their permanent home but a resting place while waiting for a Good Methodist to choose them. Find them in the Well and the lobby of the Sanctuary. Fulfilling the Angels request will make it possible for an area child to have a Merry Christmas. Please, when you make a shopping trip take one of these Angels with you. Sign your name next to the child you choose on the sheet provided. The directions are included with the Angel, and all presents need to be returned no later than December 12th.

## REAL LIFE NEEDS

Thirty folks (4 tables) from Foley UMC traveled to the Sheriff's Boys Ranch for their annual pig roast and auction which amounted to a \$750 donation. The hope is that next year we can send 5 or 6 tables.



---

Two homeless single mothers and their 6 children were able to enjoy a Mexican taco bar with all the trimmings on Monday thanks to Ruth circle ladies. Lydia circle sent chicken, potato salad, and other yummy dishes on Tuesday. We are so grateful. This spring we will again have families in our church so start thinking about how you or your group can help with one of the 7 dinners we will need. Also a special THANK YOU to our quilters who sent 6 beautiful quilts to the 6 children. These ladies cover all Family Promise kiddos with love every time we host.

Ann Johnson



## TABLE MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

We are always collecting food items for the Pantry to fill the Blessings box, especially for the Holidays when children are out of school and their food insecurity is much worse. Please bring all food donations to the church office. (We hope to have a collection bin in the Narthex soon so you can drop in there each Sunday as you enter the sanctuary for the 11am service and in the Well for 9:30).

---

---

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I would like to thank all the ladies that made our Purse Party a huge success on Nov 6th. We appreciated all who brought food, decorated, set up and cleaned up. When I arrived at 12:30, I felt a little let down because there weren't many women there. I felt a little bit like doubting Thomas, but all of a sudden at 12:45 the flood gates opened and all these women came pouring in. What a beautiful sight! We were surrounded by God's love that afternoon and you could feel it.

Another huge thank you for the people that helped with the yard sale Nov 13th on Kellar Rd at the South Baldwin Christian Church. Thanks to AJ Joellenbeck, Lyle Wiist and Bob Schroeder for bringing the larger items to the church in their trucks. The people were very appreciative and you could feel God's love working. We are so blessed with what we have. The ladies agreed that we'd be happy to help with another yard sale.

On Nov 14th during the 11am service, I was happy to present our UMW pins to Irene Walker and Sheila Schoen. These two ladies provide us with beautiful music each Sunday and they're with us at choir practice. You can feel God's work through the music. God's blessings to all the wonderful people who helped at these functions.

Alva Schroeder, President of United Methodist Women

## THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to the women of FUMC for your hard work and participation in making the Purse Party a success. Not only did we have a lot of fun and fellowship; but we raised over \$1500 for Missions. Thank you, Polly Pack

## CHURCH COUNCIL

At our November meeting we said farewell to members Randy Harden and Chris McCormick who have finished their terms with the council. Joining us in January are Peggy Ratcliff and Nathan Norris who will fill those positions. Alice McCormick is also stepping down as recording secretary and we welcome Michelle Stanley who will fill that position. We will not be meeting in December but look forward to a great January meeting to start the year off on the 10th at 6:00 in room 114. Our meetings are open to all church members.

Ann Johnson, Council Chair



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/02 Susan Cole  
12/03 Charlie Hoover  
12/04 Dean Moore  
12/04 David Plumb  
12/04 Barbara Dickson  
12/04 Dennis Sculley  
12/04 Barbara Wadkins  
12/05 Don Porter  
12/06 Dan Box  
12/06 Carol Buchanan  
12/08 Lora Horn  
12/10 Martha Kuhl  
12/11 Hap Habisreitinger  
12/12 Jackie Nash



12/15 Renee Nelson  
12/15 Christian Pinzone  
12/15 Nicole Gobert  
12/16 Anna Beth Korhonen  
12/16 Emma Korhonen  
12/17 Carleigh Lizarrage  
12/17 Tom Seimers  
12/18 Dan Armstrong  
12/18 Michael Hill  
12/18 Alex Hill  
12/20 Peggy Lee Gafford  
12/21 Teresa Sarver  
12/25 Janet Fortner

12/26 Ruth Hensen  
12/26 Jack Brasher  
12/26 Bill Curtin  
12/28 Johanna Habisreitiner  
12/28 Alice McCormick  
12/29 Ty Parker  
12/29 Buddy Brackin  
12/29 Amber Denise Lizarrage  
12/29 Bill Roberts  
12/29 Sue Smith  
12/30 RJ Harden  
12/31 Sharon Lamberson  
12/31 Peggy Ratcliff  
12/31 Glenn Lewellan

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joe and Maude Barnett  
Barbara Beam  
Jack Brasher  
T.J. Brooks  
Bill Curtis  
The Dillon Family

Maria Flanagan  
Ruth Hensen  
Cassie Jepson  
Margie Kennedy  
Lt Camron Lowery  
Emery Martini

Gail Parris  
Sandra Roberts  
Chris Sharp  
Betty Somer  
Pauline Staub  
Pam Yaeger





# Foley United Methodist Church

Reaching Up. Reaching In. Reaching Out.

915 N. Pine Street  
Foley, AL 36535  
251-943-4393

Breakfast with  
Santa Dec. 11th

