



# Lexington United Methodist Church Household of Faith

Living God's Word~Sharing God's Love



**December 2021**  
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## THANK YOU, GOD, FOR YOUR GIFT TO US!

A cartoon from a few years ago showed a woman saying to her husband ... "Good grief, Henry, here's Christmas at our throats again!"

Amid the preparations for Christmas each year, there always seems to be a few voices like that woman's, proclaiming a "Bah! Humbug!" attitude on the whole celebration. And if the truth be known, some of us probably feel less than excited about Christmas more often than not, ourselves! The expense, the crowds, the overindulgence, the harried schedules, and all the other trappings of modern Christmas celebrations are enough to make all of us take a jaundiced look at the season.

In the face of this all-too-frequent humbug state of affairs, it is helpful to remember that God did not send Jesus into this world to be "at our throats"! Rather, God sent his one and only Son to us to be in our hearts. And the radical difference between those two concepts defines the gap between the gloom and the glory of this season. After all, there's a reason we call the gospel ...Good News! As the Apostle John so aptly put it ... "for God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17).

Jesus is God's gift to our world - and to our hearts. When Jesus resides within us, whether we enjoy or merely tolerate the flurry of seasonal preparations, Christmas its self is a grand opportunity to say thank you to God for the gift of the Son.

In the light of that attitude of gratitude, we are planning the following worship celebrations for the purposes of thanking God together for the priceless gift of Jesus:

Sunday, December 5 - 11am - Children's Christmas Program in the LUMC Sanctuary

Sunday, December 5 - 6:30pm - Moravian Love Feast in the LUMC Sanctuary

Sunday, December 12 - 11am - LUMC Chancel Choir Cantata in the LUMC Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 21 - 5pm - Advent Spiral Walk and Prayer and Peace Service - LUMC Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 22 - 5pm - Advent Spiral Walk and Prayer and Peace Service - LUMC Sanctuary

Friday, December 24 - 4:30pm - "Unplugged" Christmas Eve Service - LUMC Sanctuary

Friday, December 24 - 6pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service - Wesley Hall

Friday, December 24 - 8pm - Traditional Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service - LUMC Sanctuary

Please consult this HOF newsletter as well as our online calendar as well as the posters displayed all throughout the church for additional opportunities offered through our Children and Youth ministries' activities to...

## THANK GOD FOR HIS GIFT TO US!

And please join us for "as much as you can" as we seek to celebrate THIS Christmas in our hearts.

In God's peace -

Pastor Kim

Jesus, help us get ready  
for your birth. Help us  
see past the shiny  
decorations in all the  
stores and to  
remember that we're  
waiting for you. Amen.

*Amen.*

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It is through our church that we have a conduit to praise God from whom all blessings flow, and where we can bless others. During our *Season of Thankfulness*, moving towards *Christmastide* we offer our support of some of the missions we have generously continued to assist throughout the years.

**Mission Lexington**—Robin Bowers shared, on October 24, that last year they were able to help over 3500 families enjoy a nice holiday meal, and she shared how we can help make the holidays better for families this year by providing food to fill holiday baskets. Tubs are at the church for you to place your food donations, or there will be grocery bags for you to fill with a whole meal. Please bring your canned goods, or filled bags by December 5.



HOLIDAY BASKET  
WISH LIST

**\$10 GIFT CARD FOR TURKEY OR HAM  
CANNED SWEET POTATOES  
CANNED COLLARDS/TURNIPS  
CANNED GREEN BEANS  
STUFFING MIX  
CRANBERRY SAUCE  
CORNBREAD MIX  
GRAVY MIX OR JAR  
BROWNIE MIX**

Drop Off Mon-Thurs. 10am-1pm  
At Our Donation Door  
216 Harmon Street, Lexington,  
SC 29072  
Questions? Email  
lauren@missionlexingtonsc.org

**Angel Tree**—Rachel Buchanan shared on November 14 about this ministry.



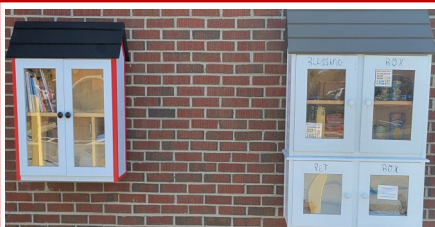
Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, sending kids to

summer camp, facilitating one-day sports camps, and more. If you picked a “wish” off of the the angel tree, here are important dates to remember: **December 12 - Gifts due to church;**

**December 17, Angel Tree pick up at church; December 18 - 20th Remaining gifts delivered.** If you would like to help to make calls or to deliver gifts, please let Rachel know: rachbuchanan76@gmail.com or 803.546.1257.

**Christmas with Epworth** gifts have been collected and delivered to Epworth by Lori Torbett.

**Thank you, Lori** for again coordinating this special Epworth mission! If you have been present in ANew, or watched ANew online, you have heard Rev. Laurie Brandes share, many times, how our support of Epworth Children’s Home makes a difference in the lives of the children who live there.



### ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH—Faith Little Library

Have you seen the addition to our community outreach efforts on the front exterior of our church building?

In addition to the Blessing Box and the Pet Blessing Box, we now have a Faith Resources Library!

Available in the various cubbies of this community library are: Bibles, Upper Room Devotional booklets, church informational pamphlets, prayer cards, and devotional flyers. And we'll soon be moving our Prayer Box to complete the entire outreach area.

A huge thanks goes out to John Stewart for his hands on labor and his gift of necessary materials to make this community library a reality as well as an attractive addition to our current community outreach!



where women delight  
in God's grace

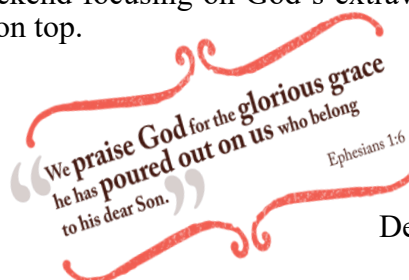
**United Methodist Women's Retreat**

**April 22-24, 2022**

**Asbury Hills Camp & Retreat Center**

**Cleveland, SC**

Does simply thinking about chocolate bring a smile to your face? Try thinking about this—hanging out at a café with friends while enjoying your favorite hot beverage, nibbling on a brownie or bit of chocolate pie, laughing, talking, and relaxing together. It's a perfect gathering! Save the date for Café Chocolat, where we'll spend the weekend focusing on God's extravagant grace—with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top.



Details coming soon!

## Advent leads to Christmas



### *Light of the World* by Laura Dingle

*The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel*

*The child prays for peace on earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel*

*And can you hear  
The angels singing  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory the light of the world is here*

*The drought breaks  
With the tears of a mother  
A babies cry is the sound  
Of love come down  
Come down, Emmanuel*

*He is the song for the suffering  
He is messiah  
The Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel*

*Glory to the light of the world  
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Glory to the light of the world*

*For all who wait  
For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed  
For all who wonder  
Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

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Listen here: [https://youtu.be/\\_cLhaZIBSpo](https://youtu.be/_cLhaZIBSpo)

## HAVE YOU BEEN "MISSING SOMETHING" THIS FALL?

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Have you been missing something this Fall ... like, maybe, a CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN? Now, while your answer to that question is probably ... NO! ... just in case you have been wondering what happened to our 2021 LUMC Stewardship Campaign, no worries - we are doing something different this year!

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, LUMC started a unique Stewardship Campaign entitled ... *The Advent Conspiracy*. What an odd name for a Stewardship Campaign ... you might be saying ... and what a strange time of year to host one! But just consider this ...

Is it such a radical idea to propose that we followers of King Jesus might want to "conspire" with other like minded believers to resist what unfortunately presses in on each and every one of us during the Advent season - that is, the "pressure, pressure, pressure" to worship less, spend more, give less, and love only a few? Is it really such a radical idea to suggest that there may be a better way, a fuller, richer way to celebrate the joy of the Christmas story than to feed into the extreme consumerism that has literally hijacked this "most wonderful time of the year"?

The answer to these questions, is exactly what *The Advent Conspiracy* is all about. It will show us how to substitute compassion for consumption by practicing four simple but powerful counter cultural concepts:



**Worship Fully**-because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus



**Spend Less**-and free up your resources for things that truly matter



**Give More**-of your hands, your words, and your heart



**Love All** - including the poor, the sick, and the forgotten

Now let's be clear ... *the Advent Conspiracy* is not a four point checklist that tells us how to "do" stewardship. It's also not some formula or foolproof system to make our Christmas more meaningful. It **is** the story of the wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It's all about the greatest story ever told ... and it changes everything ... including the way we celebrate our Christian faith! So our hope is that as you participate in the Advent Conspiracy throughout our 2021 Advent season, you'll discover Jesus Christ in a brand new way and be transformed by His coming into our lives once again. Because you know, the message of Jesus can still change the world, especially if all of us believers can conspire together to celebrate the REAL GOOD NEWS ... through worshiping more fully, spending less, giving more, and loving all.



## Children's Sunday School: what's coming up?

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Beginning Sunday, December 12 at 10am the children will meet for a "one-room style" children's Sunday school during the educational hour (9:45-10:45am). Beginning the 12th the nursery will also be open for both the Sunday school hour and the 11am service time.

If you are interested in helping with Sunday school please [sign up here](#) (select your preferred age group even though at the moment we will all gather together). To **help with nursery**, [click here](#). Please note that you must have Safe Sanctuary training in order to serve in these ministries. If you have not done Safe Sanctuary training, it's not hard! Contact [heather@lexumcsc.com](mailto:heather@lexumcsc.com) and we can take care of that so you can get involved.

*\*Masks are required for children and volunteers in LUMC Children's Ministry through December 31, 2021; beginning January 1, 2022 the children's mask policy will reflect that of the whole congregation, which is recommended. We feel this allows time for those who choose to vaccinate to have had the opportunity to do so and protects the children of LUMC to the best of our abilities. Thank you.\**

On **November 28** after both services and **December 1** at the **Prepare to Celebrate: Happy Birthday Jesus!**

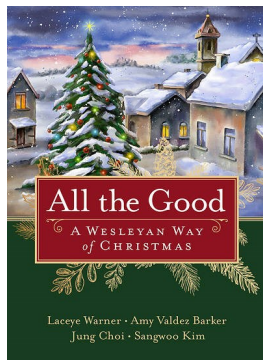


event the **Family Advent Take Home Bags** will be available for pick up. One per family, please. Each contains a **Mason Jar Advent experience**: weekly scripture readings, activity garland, snow globe craft project, dinner conversation starters, #GetSocial opportunities (be sure to check the church Facebook and Instagram to fully interact with these!), and both Advent & Christmas wondering sheets with book suggestions to checkout from your local library.

Christmas books are also available in our church Library-Media Center, Rm. 105, and we hope you will use your daily Advent devotional you received in the mail.

*Be on the lookout for weekly #GetSocial posts to engage with us over the season of Advent on both Facebook and Instagram !*

## ALL THE GOOD - A WESLEYAN STUDY FOR ADVENT



"All the Good" takes us on an inspiring Advent journey where even the most ardent student of John Wesley will be thrilled to discover treasured nuggets of Methodist history and their connection to the message of Christmas. Scripturally grounded, historically educational, and personally warm and engaging, "All the Good" not only reminds us of the good news as we prepare for Christmas, but it invites us to respond to it as well.

"All the Good" will be taught by Pastor Kim and offered in two separate but identical sessions:

4pm on Tuesdays - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, & Dec. 14, and

10am on Wednesdays - Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Dec. 22

There will be no Study on Tuesday, Dec. 21 due to the Advent Spiral Walk and Prayer and Peace service.

Please speak with Pastor Kim for further information.



## Moravian Love Feast

### Love Feast

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 @6:30 PM - 7:30 PM,** Sanctuary

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became *quite distinct and should not be confused with each other*. Celebrate the season with carols, traditional buns and coffee and a lesson.

## Christmas Suite

by Mark Hayes

The **Christmas Cantata, A Christmas Suite** by Mark Hayes is **Sunday, December 12, 11am**, during the traditional worship service in the Sanctuary. Instrumentalists will accompany the choir.

Be present for this beautiful service.



### Advent Spiral Walk with Prayer & Peace Service

**Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21 & 22**

The spiral walk will be open from 5—6pm and 6:30--7:30pm.

Prayer & Peace Service each evening, 6-6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Join the Advent Spiral Walk and reflection stations PLUS a short 30-minute Prayer & Peace Service. The Prayer & Peace Service in the sanctuary will be from 6-6:30pm both evenings.

A spiral walk is a calm, quiet walking path similar to a labyrinth, just simplified. You are also invited to visit the reflections stations: *Waiting, Wondering, Wishing, & Wrestling*; enjoy Walking the candlelit spiral, and Worship with us. The spiral will be located outside near the preschool playground.



- ★ **Christmas Eve: Unplugged at 4:30pm** in the sanctuary is for all ages and stages of life. A full sensory experience coupled with the warmth of candlelight and acoustic worship. Communion will be offered.
- ★ The **6:00pm** service is a Contemporary Service and is in Wesley Hall with Candlelight and Communion
- ★ The **8:00pm** service is in the Sanctuary and is a Traditional Candlelight & Communion Christmas Eve Service



### December 26 Worship

**There are two services on December 26—**

An **8:30 am** service in the Sanctuary

and an **11:00 am** service in Wesley Hall

(no 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary)



### Prepare to Celebrate—Happy Birthday Jesus! –December 1, 6:15pm

Advent is a time to get ready....to get ready for celebrating Jesus' birthday! What kinds of excitement surround preparing for a party? You have to make decorations, get some sweet treats, and more, right? Join us as we prepare for Jesus' party! Crafting birthday banners, preparing invitations, enjoying a tasty hot cocoa bar, sharing in a story and more! Preparing to celebrate is part of the fun. Be sure to [sign up here](#) so we have a head count.

Or here:



*What happens when kids show up to perform a traditional Christmas Pageant...in their Halloween costumes?!*

*It's up to their fill-in director to improvise her way through the story of Jesus' birth in a hilarious and heartfelt way that connects biblical figures with modern day superheroes, and more. In the end, everyone learns that perhaps being a little bit "mixed-up" is something we can all rejoice in.*

The program will be **Sunday, December 5 at 11am** in the SANCTUARY.

There will be a **required dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 4, at 10am**, in the Sanctuary.



### Tea Towel Christmas Craft

**December 15, 6:15 PM**

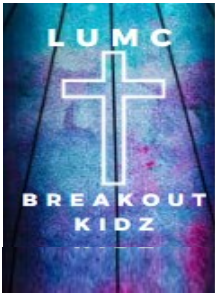
**Wesley Hall**



Come create a one of a kind Christmas tea towel to gift to a family or friend. PLUS enjoy cookies & milk and the sounds of the season. [Sign up here](#) or so we have enough treats.

Or here:





How has Breakout changed? We are aiming to make this a "youth group lite" experience for our students. There will be special events, Bible studies, mission projects, and so much more.

### Breakout Gingerbread House Decoration Party!

All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us Saturday, **December 18**, 10:30am in Asbury Hall to decorate your very own gingerbread houses PLUS vote your favorites for various categories and win a prize! Be sure to [sign up here](#) so we have a house for you to design!

Or here:



BREAKOUT  
GINGERBREAD  
HOUSE  
DECORATING  
PARTY



Saturday,  
December 18th  
10:30am  
location TBA  
RSVP required




I'm looking for 3 Breakout student volunteers who'd like to help with a short skit at our Churchwide Epiphany Celebration on **January 5**, 6:15pm in Asbury Hall.

Let me know if you'd like to help:  
[heather@lexumcsc.com](mailto:heather@lexumcsc.com)

YOUTH  
*Christmas*  
ACTIVITIES

Sunday—12/5—Fun Night, 5:15—6:15pm then Love Feast @ 6:30

Sunday—12/12—Christmas Party

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	1 Wednesday	2 Thursday	3 Friday	4 Saturday 8
<div>  <p>DECEMBER</p> </div> <p>Find the church calendar on church web site here:</p> <p><a href="#">Calendar   Lexington United Methodist Church</a></p>						
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## MEMBER NEWS



LUMC Family ,  
Your texts, cards,  
phone calls and Chris-  
tian support during my  
surgery and healing  
process were comfort-  
ing and amazing. I am  
forever grateful to each  
of you. May God bless  
you immensely for your  
many kindnesses.

Brenda Dunn

Thank you for the  
visits, calls, and  
prayers during  
recovery from my  
recent accident.  
They are very much  
appreciated!

Alice Jackson

## Gifts & Memorials

In MEMORY OF:

**Lois Wing**  
Jim & Nancy Caulder

**Andrea Posey**  
John & Beth Altenberg

**Marilyn Hornsby**  
Wanda Pettus

**Bill & Isabel Numberger**  
Jeannie Ridgeway

**Albert Thomas**  
Wanda Pettus

**Joan Kruger**  
Wanda Pettus  
Diane Green  
Janis Leaphart

**Flo Hornsby**  
Wanda Pettus



Congratulations to:

Thomas Walsh  
and  
Hailey Horn  
who wed  
November 6, 2021



The holiday poinsettias are placed in the church in honor of our loved ones. Please leave your poinsettia in the church until after December 26. Remember, if a poinsettia was placed in your honor, it is yours to take home! Thank you and have a blessed Christmas!

### In Honor Of

**The LUMC Staff** by Jeff & Melanie Anderson

**Joyce Bumgarner** by Delos Corderman Fellowship Class

**Our Granddaughter, Callie Rose Gaines** by Phil & Donna Gaines

**Buddy & Lynn Brewer** by Molly Sellars & Gus and Boone Landry

**Phil Gaines** by Anonymous

**Gregg Hornsby** by Anonymous

**Lynn Brewer** by Anonymous

**Our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 18** by Jim Caulder

**Doris Frye** by Anonymous

**Mary Hazelton** by Anonymous

**Robert Hook** by Michael, Amanda, Holden & Hunter

**Amanda Hook** by Michael, Holden, & Hunter

**Our Children and Grandchildren, Matt, Christy, Eric Owens, Woody,**

**Edie Mae Owens** by Sam & Sandi Owens

**LUMC Choir** by Julia & Marshall Johnson

**Our Grandchildren, Ransom, Rylee, Rebecca-Ann & Natalie-Ann**  
by Mike & Terrie Morrison

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### *In Memory of*

**E.T. & Barbara Graham** by Bob & Cindy Graham  
**Roscoe & Diana Foster** by Bob & Cindy Graham  
**Ray Hipp** by Janice Hipp & Family  
**Pat Bickel** by Jeff & Melanie Anderson  
**Donna's Dad, Charles F. Walden,** by Phil & Donna Gaines  
**Thomas & Jean Grant** by Dickie & Tanya Gardner  
**Our Mothers, Mildred Peele and Frances Wood,** by Kirk & Marcia Wood  
**Roy & Anabel Tellejohn** by Larry & Pam Hayes  
**Pat Tellejohn Youmans** by Larry & Pam Hayes  
**John G. & Minnie W. Hayes** by Larry & Pam Hayes  
**Robert & Grace Hicks** by The Hicks Family  
**Carolyn Hicks** by Terry & Daisy Hicks  
**Michael Reno** by Lori Fite  
**Eva Disch** by Lori Fite  
**Bob Pettus** by Wanda Pettus  
**Martha Gaskins** by Wanda Pettus  
**Our Loving Parents** by Tom & Celeste Burner  
**Dolores Gatch** by Her Family  
**Albert Adickes** by by his daughters, Lessie Polk and Sidney Gatch  
**Our Grandparents** by Rick & Melissa Masters  
**Ella Scoggins** by John & Connie Cooper  
**Ralph & Doris Stephens** by Tommy & Sandra Brabham  
**Hank & Georgia Brabham** by Tommy & Sandra Brabham  
**Jewell Hook** by Robert Hook & Family  
**Sharie's Father, Abel "Al" Daniels,** by Eddie & Sharie Cato  
**Eddie's Parents, Dorinda Love & Toby Cato,** by Eddie & Sharie Cato  
**Our Parents, Tommy & Jean Langley and Annie Ruth Dalton,** by Sam & Sandi Owens  
**Rev. Charles Polk** by Charlie & Lessie Polk  
**Bobby Bowers** by Cherie Bowers  
**Our Beloved Chihuahua, Jezebel Ann Kelly,** by Megan & Joshua Quattlebaum and Fred, Ann, & Mark Kelly  
**Terrie's Mom, Glenda Matthews,** by Mike & Terrie Morrison  
**Mike's Parents, Joe & Frances Morrison,** by Mike & Terrie Morrison  
**Betsy Marshall** and her long-time ministry to the children of LUMC by David Marshall  
**Eugene & Annie Margaret Jackson** by their children and grand children

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Tracy Rowe Kris Cato	12/8 Todd Taylor David Reynolds II Gralynn Roberts Michael Logan	12/16 Melanie Anderson Vicki Boylston David Brown Steve Burnett Hannah Gourley	12/24 Donald Bickel Joseph Whetstone Luanne Brabham
12/2 Carolyn Johnson Matt Maxwell	12/9 Cody Turner	12/17 Kitty Spence	12/25 Ron Hutson Lily Laffin
12/4 Cindy Bowman Sutton Sinclair	12/10 Alison Davison Debra Lyles Todd Brandes Candace Craig	12/18 Sandra Brabham Matthew Bowman Kevin McGee Cameron Smith Eric Owens	12/26 Cam Hakim Zoe Trezise Jackson Goldsmith Mack Blume William Vernon Eli Wicker
12/5 Angie Cunningham Deryl Macaulay Sammie Brown Terri Pierce Mary Ashley Rodriguez	12/11 Jack Young Brice Parnell	12/19 Edens Baker Adam Britner	12/27 Barry Keith Don Myers Treislyn Davis Penny Wilson
12/6 Bruce Fogle Ginny Kurtz Barbara Bodie Nicole Hayes Vivian Robbins Brad Montgomery	12/12 Donna Dunnagan Craig Powell Jim Athey Trish Palmer Maddie Masters Emma Masters	12/20 Vonnie Folk Cliff Rivers Jr. Edie Beckum	12/28 Kimball Harrison Jr. Zach Rankin Levy Rogers Jr. Sarah DeBerry Taylor Stevenson Lorri Johnson
12/7 Meghan Field Louis DeBruhl Jr. Frank Seeby Kathryn Duffie Everette Denny MyKenzie Britner Elsy Coleman Lillian June Lowery	12/13 Stephanie Loadholt Charlie Robbins Jr.	12/21 Douglas Crossman Jenny Culler	12/29 Mike Gregory Sutton Betcher
	12/14 Michael Jack	12/22 Ann Cimburke Nancy Mack Sandra Young	12/30 Mary Corley Ken Parnell Colin Martin Briggs Johnson
	12/15 Cameron Rainey Ann Childers Deanna McGee Bill Bodie	12/23 Ruth Murphy Kathy Seeby Donna Bashline	12/31 Pat Smiley



Are you going to be around after Christmas? Looking for something to do besides watch games on TV? We have the perfect solution:

***Saving Faith***, (rated G, 1h 45m) a family movie with a great message and great music!!!

**Wednesday, December 29. Doors open at 5:00pm for BYOBB—**bring your own brown bag supper. Movie will start promptly at 5:30pm.

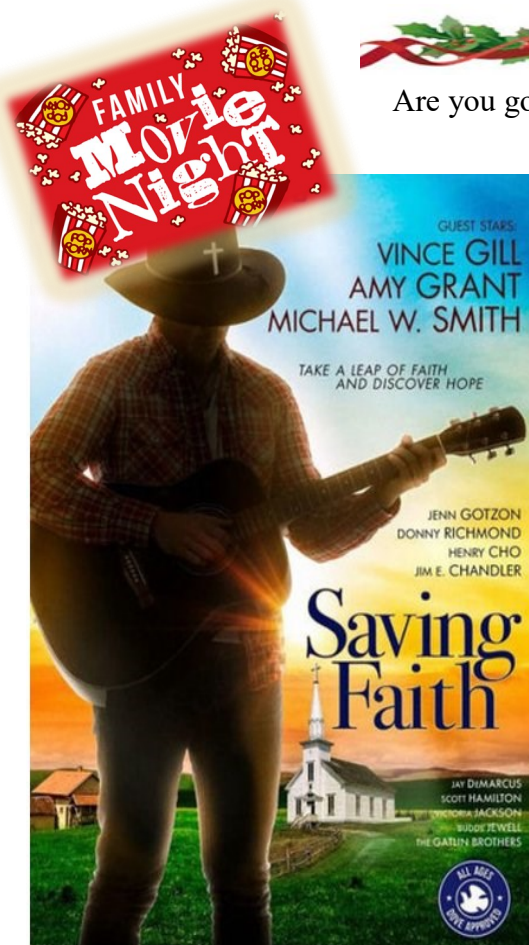
Popcorn, candy and drinks will be provided.

There is always Hope, and Faith—



Faith is the Executive Director of the Ritz Theater in the small Tennessee town of Clinton. After years of struggle to keep the doors open it looks like it might be time to shut them for good. In one last ditch effort to keep the theater alive, Faith and Uncle Donny look to put together a big Christmas show...in June. Using his connections, that Faith knows nothing about, Uncle Donny is able to book a big time headliners for the show - Vince Gill and Amy Grant. Peter Marsh is a local business man in Clinton that has been waiting for the Ritz to go under so he can buy it cheap from the bank and sell it to a big time developer. When he hears about the Vince Gill/Amy Grant show, he pulls out all the stops to make sure the show does not go on. Uncle Donny, Faith—their friends and family pull together to make sure that they have done everything in their power to keep the doors to the Ritz Theater open, but can they succeed?

Watch the trailer here: [Saving Faith Trailer 2 \(imdb.com\)](http://www.imdb.com/clip/SavingFaithTrailer2)





We owe gratitude to Dee and Janice Eskridge who are responsible for the Chrismons that adorn the tree in the Sanctuary. They led the construction of those in 2014. They provided instructions to a group of our talented crafty ladies who created the Chrismons you see on our tree today. Our topper was constructed and donated in 2015 by Dee Eskridge. We continue to enjoy those Chrismons which were constructed by our LUMC ladies. And, we are grateful!

All of the Chrismons are made in either white gold or in a combination of the two. Occasionally, a color can be used, for example, red for a drop of blood. White – White suggests the innocence, purity, and perfection of our Savior. In our culture, it is the color of joy. Scripture often uses white to portray purity and equates it with light to denote completeness.

Gold – Gold is a symbol of the glory and majesty of God and the Son of God.

Clear Lights – Clear lights symbolize Jesus as the light of the world.

### **Chrismon Symbols**

Triquetra and Circle – Triquetra is a symbol of the trinity. Circle is a symbol of eternity.

Three Entwined Circles – A symbol for the Holy Trinity, one God in Three Persons, Each eternal, All One.

Triquetra – A symbol of trinity. The three points represent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit while the continuous interwoven line represents unity.

God's Never-ending-Love – The circle represents God's Never-ending-Love. It is a circle formed of three fish to remind us that God loves everyone.

Iota Chi – Two elements unite to form this design. The Iota (I) is the first letter of our Lord's given name Jesus in Greek. A Chi (X) is the first letter of Christ in Greek. Thus, meaning Jesus Christ.

Son of Righteousness – Christ is the light of the world. As our universe revolves around the sun, our lives should be centered around Christ.

Epiphany Star – Has five points. It represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.

Star of David – The six points represent six aspects of God. They are love, mercy, wisdom, majesty, power, and justice.

Cross – Is a symbol that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on the cross.

Anchor Cross (Cross of Hope) – Represents this Child is the hope of the world; or a cross rising from a crescent moon-- a symbol for our Lord's mother.

Crown – Is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and earth.

Crown of Thorns – The thorns represent the suffering of Christ during the crucifixion.

Shepherd's Crook – Is a symbol that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people talked about the birth of Jesus.

Sandals – Sandals were worn in biblical times. Walking on the dusty roads resulted in dirty feet that led to the custom of washing the feet by servants. Also servants went barefoot, but if the servants had sandals this was a symbol of freedom.

Fish – In the early years, Christianity was an illegal religion. Because of this, the "Sign of the Fish" became a universal symbol that secretly identified believers to one another.

Dove – The symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit.

Angel – An angel is a heavenly being who serves as God's messenger. An angel conveys news, commands, or request from God to man.

Candle – Represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.

Butterfly – Is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul.

Heart – Is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.

Bell – Is a later western symbol that arose from church bells calling people to worship. It represents the proclamation of the Gospel of the world.

Jacob's Ladder – Represents the ladder of Jacob, Abraham's grandson, who saw it in a dream, where God was at the top and the angels were on the ladder ascending and descending.

United Methodist Cross and Flame – The Cross represents Christ and the Flame the Holy Spirit. The Flame reminds us of Pentecost when witnesses were unified by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Have you heard yet about the streaming series entitled *The Chosen*? It is a drama based on the life of Jesus of Nazareth, and is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The series' creators are hoping to distinguish this new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by offering a perspective on Jesus' life "through the eyes of those who met him" and lived life with him. The first season of *The Chosen* introduces Jesus and the calling of his initial disciples. The second season focuses on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and all that happens as word of Jesus' ministry begins to spread. In addition to VidAngel and its' own app, the series airs on several streaming services.

Beginning January 2022, a special Team-taught Small Group Study will be offered highlighting *The Chosen*. Through two identical sessions offered twice a week - **Mondays at 4pm** and **Fridays at 10am**. Requirements for this Study will include watching *The Chosen* Series' episodes before each Study gathering.

*The Chosen* Small Group Study will begin with an introductory session on Monday, **January 10 at 4pm OR Friday, January 14 at 10am**. Regular Study gatherings will then begin on Monday, January 24 at 4pm OR Friday, January 28 at 10am and run weekly until Monday, March 14 at 4pm OR Friday, March 18 at 10am.

During our Sunday worship gatherings all throughout the season of Advent, a small "teaser" of *The Chosen* series will be shared. These video clips come directly from *The Chosen* producers in celebration of their 2020 Christmas Special, entitled *The Shepherd*. Each Sunday you will be invited to travel with a crippled shepherd as he takes a lamb to the Temple for sacrifice; as he hears the angelic announcement of the birth of Christ; and as he comes to the stable where the Lamb of God is born. There is currently a 2021 Christmas Special offered by *The Chosen* producers, showing in area theaters beginning Dec. 1st.

Where to Watch The Chosen for Free? Beside the VidAngel mentioned above, here are some other options:

### [The Chosen App](#)

The Chosen is readily accessible to install from the Appstore and the Play Store globally. This Religious program permits you to look at The Chosen in a specific area free of charge rather than pay for a subscription service. There is nothing to lose since the application can be projected on your TV through Hdmi, FireTV, Chromecast, Smart Tv, Android Television or a Display port. So you may view it or out and about in a comfortable room on the couch at leisure.

The Chosen app, of course, includes extra content connected to the program, like trailers, background images, activities, and more.

### [Thechosen.tv](#)

The Chosen is accessible for free viewing on thechosen.tv. Although this is a good alternative, or out and about on a TV it is much less approachable than the official app. You won't get the similar grade of streaming experiences as you might through the specialized application whenever you view it on your smartphone or cast onto a TV through your website. But if you do not have accessibility to a smartphone or computer, this is still a wonderful way to view the Biblical series.

### [BYUtv](#)

The Chosen is shown on BYUtv, a US-based TV station. It is an encouraging sign for The US spectators who hope to view on a TV, but not a positive thing for those outside the United States. In addition, fewer and fewer consumers have cable TV during the streaming video era. So it is less convenient to watch at BYUtv.

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