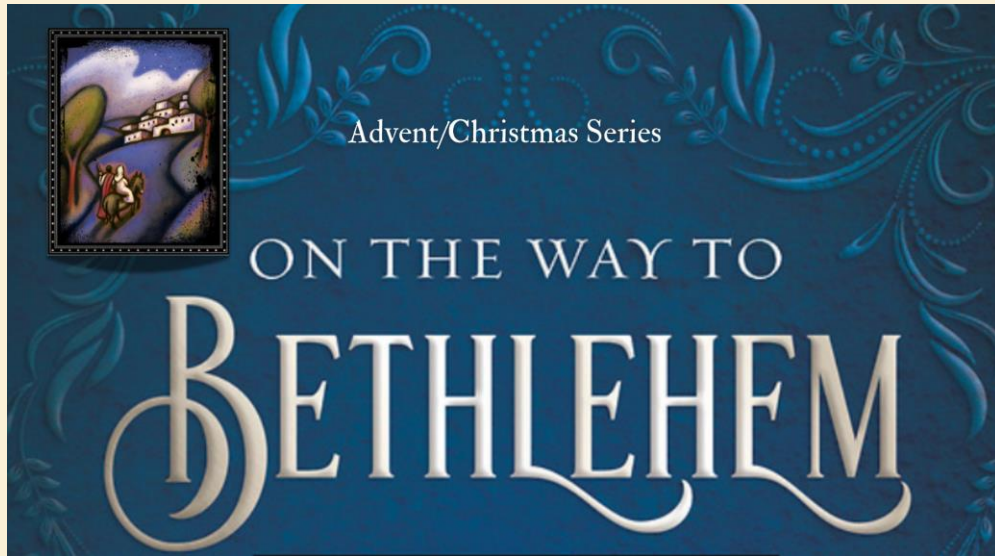


NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 22, 2024



Church family,

Last Sunday was wonderful! It was so good to have Reverend Jody Kranz and Conrad join our congregation and it was an important moment as we all pledged our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to Magnolia United Methodist Church. God is doing great work in, among, and through us and I'm excited for what the future holds.

We have now journeyed to the last Sunday of the liturgical year when we celebrate Christ the King or the Reign of Christ. The liturgical year is a journey of preparation, repentance, celebration, and learning as we deepen our commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ. It's fitting that the culmination of the year is a declaration that Christ is reigning in our lives. I challenge you to be praying this week considering how Jesus impacts your thoughts and actions as we serve the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

On December 1st, we turn the page of the liturgical calendar and begin again a season of preparation as we look for the baby who will be King. Our Advent worship series this year is entitled "On the Way to Bethlehem." Each week our travels will lead through Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and finally to Bethlehem in search of a manager and the child who would change the world.

I'll see you Sunday,

Pastor Todd

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- We look forward to seeing everyone at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores (FPC) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 93; Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; and John 18:33-37. The title of the sermon is “It’s Time!”
- Reverend David McLean will facilitate an Adam Hamilton Advent study entitled “Preparing for Christmas.” The class will begin on Wednesday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall.



Order forms are available on our table in the Narthex to purchase poinsettias to help make the sanctuary festive and beautiful this Advent season. The completed forms must be received by November 24th.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



It's not too late to participate as there are additional angels available in the Fellowship Hall! Please remember to bring the unwrapped gift (with Angel securely attached) to the church and deposit in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall by December 1st. If you have questions, please call or email Julia Harrison at jharrison8164@gmail.com or 205-427-8164.



Each week, we collect food and take it to the *Blessing Boxes*. Please be in prayer about how you want to support this ministry. You can bring food, help distribute food, give funds so food can be bought, and everyone can pray for those receiving support through the *Blessing Boxes*. We will have a container to collect canned goods and dry goods in the Narthex every week.

THE SCHEDULE – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Snacks

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 a.m. – “Preparing for Christmas” (An Adam Hamilton Advent Study)
(Classroom off Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)

Friday, November 29 (Church Office Closed)

There will not be a church newsletter next week.

START OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A CONCERT BY THE

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*You are welcome here. No matter where you have been.
No matter what you have done or left undone.
You are welcome in love and grace.
May you find rest and renewal.
May you find hope and love and peace.
This is what God offers to us all.*