



## From the desk of Pastor Ann

Thank you in advance to all those who are doing so much work to prepare for this weekend's Turkey Shoot. Every single person who donates gift cards for door prizes, gifts for the silent auction, buys a raffle ticket, buys drinks for the event, bakes biscuits, or participates in the event in any way is part of our mission to help children and families in need in our community. This is what it means to be the light of Christ in our community!

To bear the light of Christ is to carry the holiness and humility of Christ within us. The good news of the gospel is that God invites us into holiness through the gift of Jesus. When we are baptized, we celebrate the gift of God's saving grace. We experience God's redeeming love, and we are made new in Christ. From that moment forward, through God's sanctifying grace, we grow in holiness of heart and life. This is God's grace at work within us.

The local church is one of the gifts God gives us as we seek to grow in holiness of heart and life. In Paul's letter recorded in 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul gives us some practical instruction on how to grow in holiness:

We are to walk in light... not in darkness. (verse 5)

We are to be spiritually awake and alive in Christ... not asleep. (verse 6-7)

We are to be sober and self-controlled. (verse 6-7)

We are put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (verse 8)

We are holy not because of how good we are, but because of how good Christ is.

As you read on in the fifth chapter, Paul offers more advice. We are called to a life of respect. We are called to be kind to everyone. And he reminds us we are citizens of a different world. We need to learn a new language. We are called to "Be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

We are called to bear the light of Christ in the world. ...to bear the love of Christ.

So church, how will we be the light of Christ in the world? We will have plenty of opportunities this weekend. As we go through this week, and as we go through life, let us always ask ourselves, do our words lift people up, or tear them down? Do our lives encourage people to follow the light of Christ, or discourage?

God is calling us to put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation, and to never stop encouraging each other and building each other up.

May it be so in our lives today, and always! Amen.

Blessings,  
Ann

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**Prayer Requests this week:** David & Donna Cavanaugh; Aubrey Davis (Donna Cavanaugh's brother); Glenda Lews.

**Families of:** Gene Mullis

***PRAY WITHOUT CEASING***

Friends, we want to be in prayer for each other, without ceasing. On Sunday mornings, please write out your prayer request and place it in the offering plate in the lobby prior to the service. Pastor Ann will pick those up, and read those (unless it is marked confidential) during the pastoral prayer. Thank you for helping us make sure we don't miss a single prayer concern. You may also email your requests by noon Saturday to: [ann.mann@ngumc.net](mailto:ann.mann@ngumc.net).



***Church Office Hours for Thanksgiving***

Monday & Tuesday  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

We will be closed on Wednesday, 11/25

Please note, the messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call Pastor Ann on her cell, 770-256-4556.



**Turkey Shoot**

We have flyers in the church office for the Turkey Shoot. If you know of a business willing to put up the flyer in their window, please be sure to pick one up (either during office hours Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-2pm, or on Sunday morning).

We are also looking for more raffle prizes. If you have a donation, please let Glenn Barton know.

And be sure to mark your calendars for November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-2pm. It will take all of us to make it a great day for the community.

**November 16 -23rd  
Collection Week for Operation  
Christmas Child**



**Administrative News**

**Administrative Council Meeting** - Please plan to remain after church Sunday December 6th for a brief Administrative Council meeting. The 2021 budget will be presented for approval.

**Hand Book and Program Calendar** - It is once again time to report to the entire congregation on the work of the church in 2020. If you are a program chair, please submit a brief synopsis of your area's work to [unionchapel@windstream.net](mailto:unionchapel@windstream.net) by Sunday, December 6th. This is also the deadline to submit any events you are planning for 2021. We will compile the planned events to create monthly calendars for the coming year. The Hand Book and Program Calendar will be available to pick up at church the last Sunday in December.

***POINSETTIA ORDERS***

**Sunday November 22nd and Sunday November 29th**

The Worship Committee will be taking orders this Sunday and next, there will be a table set up in the Narthex. The cost for the Poinsettia's is \$9.00. You may turn in your form directly to the committee, with your payment. If you are worshipping online, and wish to order a poinsettia, please mail in your check and let us know who the Poinsettia is in memory of, or in honor of. The Poinsettias will be on display in the Sanctuary through December 20th. After the 11am service, you may take your poinsettia home.



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**Christmas is Coming**

Our children's Ministry will present a Christmas musical on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> during the 11am worship service. And our Adult Choir will present a Christmas musical on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> during the 11am worship service.

Please plan to join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM December 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have special music, and a special message.



**Service of the Longest Night**

Not everyone is full of cheer during the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make joviality painful for many people in our congregation and community. We want to create a sacred space for people living through difficult times.

This year, we are hosting a "Service of the Longest Night." This service will acknowledge where we are, while offering the healing and the hope we have in Christ. If you have a friend or family member who is struggling, please invite them to join you for this service. There will be an opportunity to light a candle for your particular situation, and an opportunity to pray for your specific need. The service will be in the main sanctuary at 6pm on December 20<sup>th</sup> on the eve of the longest night of the year.

**Weekly Happenings**

**November 3, 2020 - November 30, 2020**

**November 16th -23rd Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child boxes**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM Youth Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (FH)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Turkey Shoot

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

11:00 AM Worship

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Church Office will be open

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Normal Church Hours

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

**Church Office will be closed.**

7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (FH)

7:00 PM Choir Practice - tentative (S)

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**



**Sunday, November 29, 2020**

11:00 AM Worship

**1st Sunday in Advent**



**Birthdays:**

- 19th Beth Adcock
- Taylor Nix
- 21st Chris Couch
- 22nd Mason McCullers
- 23rd Bradley Ferguson
- Shawn Malcom
- Barbara Weekly
- 26th Danny Atha
- Winifred Palmer
- 27th Cindy Little
- 29th Trey Rollins



**Anniversaries:**

- 17th Clay & Cindy Harris
- 22nd Shawn & Kim Malcom
- 24th Donald & Patsy Wright
- 29th Ralph & Irene Queen



**December 6th 11 AM Children’s Musical  
Administrative Council Meeting after church**

**December 13th 11 AM Adult Choir Christmas Music Program**

**December 20th 6 PM Service of the Longest Night**

**December 24th 5 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Please submit any information that you might have for the newsletter to the church office by Tuesday at noon, as the newsletter will be published on Tuesday. Also, as a reminder, please have prayer requests submitted by noon on Thursday. The church office email is:

**unionchapel@windstream.net.**