



Sebastian United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Worship

Welcome

Pastor John Gill

Opening Voluntary

Introit

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

***Hymn of Presence PP**

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

HYFRYDOL

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Linda Ballard and Gene Nunez

We are witnesses to brokenness.

Help us dance and sing!

We are witnesses to pain and suffering.

Help us dance and sing!

We mourn for those who experience injustice.

Help us dance and sing!

Change our witness into action.

Help us dance and sing!

Change our witness into expressions of your divine love.

Help us dance and sing!

Change our mourning into rejoicing.

Help us dance and sing!

Come, O unexpected Jesus!

Turn us from our well-worn ways;

guide us on the paths of justice

to the peace your life displays.

Turn our stumbling into dancing,

and our mourning into praise!

As we light three candles on the Advent wreath this morning, we wait in anticipation for the promised light that will set us free and dispel the darkness. We are preparing for the day when suffering and mourning will be replaced with dancing and singing.

Turn our mourning into dancing. Lead us to the paths of justice. O Christ, be our light so we may be guided along the journey you place before us. Amen.

Anthem

"Angels Are Making Their Rounds" by Pepper Choplin

Choir

Angels are making their rounds,
O what a beautiful sound,
angels are making their rounds.

Fear not, Zechariah,
for the Lord has heard your prayer.
Elizabeth will bear a son.

Hail, O blessed one,
you have found favor with God.

Angels are making their rounds,
O my, what a beautiful sound.
Heaven's glory comes down
when angels are making their rounds.

Fear not, Joseph,
go and take Mary to be your wife,
for she carries a holy Child.

Unto you is born a Savior,
glory to God and peace on earth,
for now the Lord is with you.

*Hymn of Proclamation # 213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TURO

*Prayer of Illumination

Leigh Standley

*Reading of the Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Message

"The Forgotten Player in the Christmas Drama"

Rev. John Gill

The Offering

Presentation of God's Tithe, our Offerings, and Prayer Requests
(place prayer request cards in the offering plate)

Offertory # 202

"People Look East"

BESANCON

*Doxology # 95

Sharing Prayer Concerns, Congregational Prayer, Lords Prayer

*Hymn of Invitation # 211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Stanzas 5-7

VENI EMMANUEL

* Benediction

*Congregational Response # 204

"Emmanuel"

MCGEE

Closing Voluntary

*Congregation please stand if able

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Jack Wilson,
beloved husband and father by Mary Wilson and daughters

Flowers by Amazing Creations

Welcome to Sebastian United Methodist Church

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while
you are here worshipping with us

Join us for coffee and light refreshments after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Good News! Sebastian UMC is going “green”

Starting small, SUMC will use “real” coffee cups, drinking glasses and silverware when the present supply of disposable ones runs out. We will continue to use the ***small paper cups*** on water cooler because they are . recyclable (water only) and a small recycle container will be next to the water cooler & a tub to put dirty “real” coffee cups & drink glasses for easy clean up.

Good Coffee and Good Fellowship

The coffee hour has always been a very important part of the 10:00 AM service SUMC. Coffee hour is an integral part of our Church’s Fellowship and everyone is welcome. Join us for Coffee Hour every Sunday after the 10 am service.

Would You Like to Help Coffee Hour?

Won’t you please consider bringing a favorite baked item to a coffee hour. Since this is a church function each Sunday, we would like to

see new families and members participate in this special ministry.

We would like to thank all those who have donated goodies for coffee hours in the past. Everyone appreciates your effort.

If you would like to bring a favorite recipe, speak to the Coffee Hour Crew to choose your Sunday, or call Sharon in the church office to let us know how you would like to help.

Church office 772-589-5230

Staff Christmas Bonus

It's time for our annual show our staff appreciation. If you would like to make a contribution toward staff bonuses, please place your check or cash in an envelope and mark it "staff bonuses." Place the envelope in the collection plate or bring it to the church office. Our staff works hard all year. Let's show our appreciation!

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Non- Communion Sundays

Every non-“Communion Sunday,” communion will be offered for all those wishing to receive. Elements for Holy Communion will be on the altar, and the pastor will include a prayer of consecration as a part of the prayer time near the end of the service. Then, immediately following the conclusion of the service, you may move forward to the altar, and the liturgist or a Lay Servant will be happy to serve you communion. (Gluten free bread)

Worship Participants

Lead Pastor	Rev. John Gill	Ushers	Carolyn & Sam Roper
Music Minister	Megan Mash, MSM		Tom Flanigan, Bob Stull
Liturgist	Leigh Standley	Greeters	Judy & Ron Highhouse
Media Support	Bud Horner	Acolytes	Juliette Rich Royall
	Ginger Horner		

Christmas Day Dinner

Marsh Landing Restaurant 4:30 p.m.

Last year members and friends of Sebastian United Methodist Church met for dinner at Marsh Landing. Continuing this festive gathering, the Christmas Day Dinner Group will meet at Marsh Landing and have dinner together.

If you would like to attend please call: **Lisa Davis 317-850-4966**



Monday— Bible Study 10 am “Bad Girls of the Bible” SGR Will not meet 16, 23, & 30th of Dec.

Lois Planeta Small Group 10 am LCR

Snow Birds Small Group will have it’s first meeting Tuesday January 14 in the small group room

Pastor's Bible Study Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. in the large classroom

Wednesday Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Small Groups and Bible Studies, check with your facilitator if
unsure of date or time,
Or holiday changes**

Upcoming Events – December

- December 22, 10 a.m. Worship, Christmas Cantata
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services
4:00 p.m. with Communion & Music
7:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight service with Communion, Music & Candle Lighting
- December 25 Merry Christmas Office Closed
- December 29, 10 a.m. A Lessons and Carols Service

Today



SUMC
Annual Christmas Party Sunday

"Songs of The Season"
Christmas Concert

Bring a friend, sing along
and listen to Christmas favorites

Sunday, December 15, 4pm

Featuring SUMC Ensembles

Adult Choir

Joyful Ringers

Handbell Choir

Brass Ensemble

Flute Choir

**The festivities continue with the
Christmas Potato Bar Supper
After the Concert In the Fellowship Hall**

Free Will Offering for
Ecumenical Food Pantry



A Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 29, 2019
Worship 10 a.m.



Today's Ministry Focus: Getting Control of Your Personal Finances

Did you know that Jesus said more about money than he did about love? Does that surprise you? Why would he do that? Because money, and how we use (or misuse) our resources, says a lot about who we are.

God requires us to be faithful in the managing of our money. Unfortunately, Christians have usually been taught by pastors only how to handle ten percent of their income - the area of giving, or 'the tithe.' Unfortunately, that means that, Christians have tried to manage the other ninety percent from a human perspective, not God's perspective.

The Bible is filled with principles of good personal financial stewardship— guidelines that, if we understand them and put them into practice, will help us gain control of our resources, pull us out of indebtedness, and help us give to God's work generously. Wouldn't you like to know how to accomplish all three?

Beginning after the first of the year, Phil Molina and Bill Messersmith will be leading a 10 week course on "Getting Control of Your Personal Finances." The course teaches God's principles of managing money. More importantly, people who complete the course tend to enter into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and discover practical answers to their financial problems. This course has been developed by Crown Financial Ministries, an ecumenical organization designed to help people achieve financial success by following Biblical principles. Individuals and couples will meet with the group, led by Phil and/or Bill, for 10 weeks (two hour sessions). They will use two workbooks, and have homework between sessions. The cost will be no more than \$50 per individual/couple (for the books). For those who may find the cost prohibitive, there is a scholarship of ½ the cost of the books that is available (see Pastor John if you will require a scholarship to participate).

The day/time of the class(es) will be dependent on the availability of the participants. To sign up for the course, or for more information, email Phil Molina (phillipmolina@att.net), and in the subject line, type "Crown Ministries."

Pastor's Bible Study

New study begins January 7, 2020

"The Book of Acts"

10:00 a.m. in the large classroom



In memory of *Ira Mays* from Pat Mays
In memory of *Roy & Beulah Kinney* from Pat Mays
In memory of *Clem Scardino* and our *Parents* from Loretta Scardino
In memory of *C.H. Judah* and *Greg Judah* from Bruce & Dot Judah
In memory of *Charlie Hino* from Jane Hino
In memory of *Janet Ortner* from Ed Ortner
In memory of *Annie & Marwin Meindors* from Lee & Marlene Kalsch
In memory of *Helen & Frank Kalsch* from Lee & Marlene Kalsch
In memory of *Glenn Diltz* from Jackque Crick
In memory of *Gerald & Bea Horner* from Bud & Ginger Horner
In memory of *Bill & Hazel Parker* from Bud & Ginger Horner
In memory of *Lynn Bergman* from John & Terri Gill
To the *Glory of God* from Bill & Kathy Messersmith

*We want to thank all of those who purchased poinsettias to decorate the Church this year.
We ask that you leave your poinsettias in place until after the Candlelight Evening service on
December 24, 2019. Merry Christmas!*



*Thank you for supporting Jonathon McCurley & his ministry that seeks to build an environmen-
tally healthy, just, and peaceful community in which all persons can live to their fullest potential.
Merry Christmas!*

In memory of *Charlie Hino* from Jane Hino
In memory of *Steele Families* from Maureen & William Steele
In memory of *David Harding* from Eileen Harding
In memory of *Mary Kaminsky* from Eileen Harding
In memory of *Hazel Reeves* from George & Carol Decker
In memory of *Elizabeth Decker* from George & Carol Decker
In memory of *Janet Ortner* from Ed Ortner
In memory of *John and Esther Gill* from John & Terri Gill
In memory of *Ed & Lena Johnson* from Ed & Sharon Johnson
In memory of *Ole Borchsenius* from Donna Borchsenius
In memory of *my Mother & Father, Mildred & George Bryan* from Donna Borchsenius
In memory of *Rolland & Bernice Percelle* from Rex & Carol Percelle
In memory of *Sparky & Ferris Winegarden* from Rex & Carol Percelle
In memory of *Art Lampe* from Bob & Betty Stull
In memory of *Al Braun* from Bob & Betty Stull
In honor of *Friends of Sebastian Church* from John & Jodi Antosia
In honor of *Gail Griffin* from Pat Mays
In honor of *Ben Aston* from Al Conniff



Confirmation Class starts January 5
Please pray for our youth

Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, it gives teens and tweens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the divine truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. Confirmation helps youth to investigate to depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.



January 15, 2020 Potluck
6 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Sandra Santiago of the Florida United Methodist Foundation will do a 45 minute mini-workshop on different giving options “Faithful Expressions”

Hosts for the Potluck will be the Finance Committee



Handbell Concert
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Friday, January 31, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Remember Them In Prayer

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18 ~

Sunday Worship Prayer Requests (three weeks)

Sara Rich and family at the passing of her sister, Rosalie Martinez, Alice Huber, Jessica, Blake Greishaw, Families of those killed or wounded from the shooting in Pensacola, Cindy Christstani, Catherine Gray, Charity Gallagher, Alana, Chloe & Victoria, All mothers who have buried children, Floyd Standley, Cathy Herring Lynn Bergman

Ongoing Prayers

Jane Hino, George Schultz, Mary Lou Rothfuss, Al & Jon Ray Conniff, Vic Grabis, Sheri Peterson, Alan Shepper, Ray Royall, Betty Stull, Eugene Whitmore, Jeanette Schumacher, Jacque Crick, Mary Jo Barton, Jim Gallagher, Debi Rodriguez, Lloyd Thomas, Sean Cousins, Pauline Adams, William Hutterman, Harold Banta

Pray for the Homebound and those is Assisted Living

Minnie Hungerford, Nellie Brookens, June Crain, Janice & Ed Ertel, Doris McNutt, Carmen Wilson

Pray for Our Men and Women In the Military

Amn. Justin Tuck, (USN), Major Eric Killoran (Army), Lt. Jeremy Venske (USN), MSgt. David Schumacher (USAF), SPC Nicholas Davis (Army), Pvt Thomas Ferraro (Army), Airman Blake Greishaw (USAF)



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Thrift Store: (772) 388-0405
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday



Noisy Offering Sunday

3rd Sunday

This is a second offering and money goes to the children's programs

Bring your loose change!

(but we take checks and bills too!)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Update from the Trustee's



The Trustee Committee is presently working on a plan to help with parking around the church. We now have the crosswalk sign and will be going to **handicap parking only in front of the church office on Sunday mornings**. There is parking all around the church

office now that eliminates the need to cross the street. Painting of curbs and parking lines as well as safety stripes will commence after the first of the year.

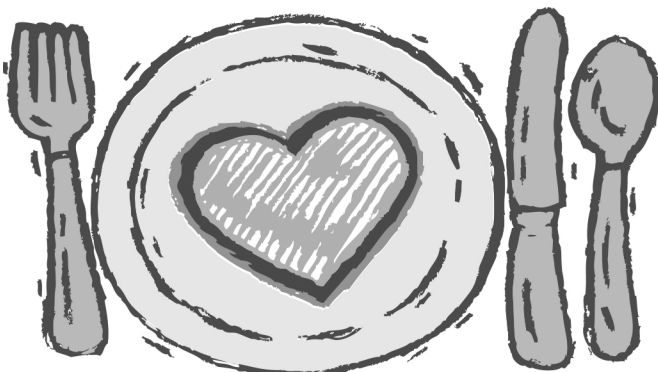
January Beacon Articles due December 20

Committee Chairs, Article Writers, Bible Studies, Small Groups and anyone submitting information for newsletter, please get your information to the office to be included in the January Beacon newsletter.

If you have not submitted your information please email to Sharon Johnson at johnsonumc@bellsouth.net.

In subject line write January Beacon

Peace, Sharon Johnson



Welcome Table Dinners for Grace's Landing and By the River will resume in January. Please watch for the sign-up sheet for donations.

Thanks

Donna Osborne

WELCOME TABLE

Opportunities This Week

12/15 Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. U of L Sunday classes 4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert followed by potato bar supper
12/16 Monday	Bible Study & Small Groups check with your facilitator
12/17 Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Aphasia (FH) 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (LCR) 12:00 p.m. Rug Hookers (FH) 12:00 p.m. Men's Out to Lunch Bunch, Roadside Restaurant 1:00 p.m. Computer (CO) help with cell phones, computers, etc. 6:30 p.m. AA Closed Session (FH) 7:30 p.m. Alanon (LCR)
12/18 Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (FH) 3:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers (S) 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (CCR) 7:00 p.m. Handbell (S)
12/19 Thursday	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (S) 7:30 p.m. Alanon
12/22 Sunday	10:00 a.m. Worship –Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH) 11:30 a.m. U of L Sunday classes Adult and Children (LCR & CCR) 3:00 p.m. LOL Youth (YR)
12/24 Tuesday	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Communion & Special Music 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service , Candlelighting, Communion & Special Music
12/25 Wednesday	Merry Christmas , Church Office Close

CO—Church Office FH—Fellowship Hall SG—Small Group Room

LCR—Large Class Room S—Sanctuary CCR-Children's Class Room—YR LOL Youth Room—

Fellowship Hall is east of the Sanctuary at the end of the education wing

Classrooms are located on the north and south sides of the education wing

Attendance Last Sunday

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