



Dear Friends,

Welcome to my favorite time of year -- Advent! The word Advent comes from a Latin word meaning "coming." This is the time of year that many of us have always called the "Christmas season." In reality, the Christmas season starts at sunset on Christmas Eve and ends on Epiphany (January 6th). This is also known as Christmastide and the Twelve Days of Christmas. As a child, the time leading up to Christmas was always so special to me -- the hope, expectation, and joy was so overwhelming! That is still the case for me as an adult. Of course, Christmas Day and the days following are special, but the season that brings such overwhelming expectation and hope is Advent.

Advent begins on November 30th this year, and includes the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent began as a time of preparation for those who were going to be baptized, often on Epiphany. For you and me, this can still be a season of reflection and renewal of hope. We long to celebrate not only the coming of Christ into the world as a baby born in a manger on Christmas, but we long to celebrate the return of Christ at the Second Coming. At that unknown time, Jesus will come to raise the dead, judge the living and the dead, and will usher in the new heaven and new earth, where justice reigns and suffering ends. That gives us incredible hope as humanity.

In the midst of the season, prepare your hearts to give to others and give yourself the greatest gift of all. Take time to draw closer to God in prayer and reflection as we look toward the hope that Advent represents and the true meaning of the celebration of Christmas. May Jesus be born and come into our hearts in a new and special way this December. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all!

Blessings, Pastor Terry

Tis the Season to eat Pizza!



Everyone is invited to a Christmas pizza party Lunch after church service on December 21st, Fowler Hall. Do not bring anything but just yourself. Christmas season is very busy and hectic. This is just a relaxed lunch to spend time visiting and relaxing with your St. Andrew's family and eat pizza!



Candlelight Services

December 24th—6:30 pm St. Andrew's UMC and 5 pm Nolanville FUMC. Please join us.



*God grant you lightness in your step,
A smile on every face you meet,
Loved ones gathered at your hearth,
And at your door, good friends to greet
A Holy hymn upon your lips,
A window candle burning bright,
And may the Good Lord bless your heart
And come to dwell there Christmas night.*

—Irish Christmas Blessing

Our Holiday Giving Mission this year is for the Friends in Crisis Homeless Shelter. A flyer has been distributed reflecting needed items such as Travel size hygiene items, new socks, new underwear, wash cloths, towels, knit hats, gloves. We will not be collecting items after December 7th. If you need a flyer which shows additional items, copies available in the Sanctuary, the office or in Fowler Hall.

The communion offering for December 7th is for “Methodist Children’s Home”. This special offering provides hope to children and families throughout the year. Every dollar raised through this Christmas offering will be used to share the hope of Christ with those in care of the home and not for administrative costs. If you wish to donate to this mission, place donation in the envelope located in the pews and mark communion. If you donate by check, please make payable to St Andrew’s UMC and make a note on check for communion. Thank you.

You can watch the service live on Facebook starting at 11 am. Log in as follows: St Andrew’s United Methodist Church, Killeen, TX Facebook.

Happy Birthday!		Happy Anniversary!	
Janie Trudo	1st	Bud & Cindy Parrett	13th
John Leach	4th	Gary & Becky Hunt	29th
Rosa None	11th		
Judah Hershberger	13th		
Klara Radford	24th		
John Marley	25th		
Sherry Kay Morgan	28th		
Karl Fisher	29th		

Sundays: Sunday School class 9:30 am. (No Sunday School 14th, 21st & 28th Dec.)
Church service 11 am. Christmas eve service 6:30 pm

Tuesdays— Bible Study 10 am followed by Domino group at 12:30 pm, Fowler Hall

Wednesdays—Choir practice at noon (cancelled for Dec 24th and 31st)

Men’s Fellowship December 4th at 6 pm, potluck, & Christmas Bingo at Nolanville 1st UMC

December 5th— Parkinson Group meet in Fowler Hall starts 2:30 pm

Rainbow Emmaus, 6:30 pm, December 11th at First UMC, Elms Road

Fowler Hall is reserved on Saturday, December 13th

December 19th— Parkinson Group meet in Fowler Hall starts 2:30 pm

 December 21st—Pizza Party after church service Fowler Hall

December 23rd and 30th—Bible Study is cancelled

 The office is closed on December 24th and 31st

Rainbow Emmaus will meet December 11th with potluck starting at 6:30 pm, business and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag. Meet at First United Methodist Church, Elms Road.



Men’s Group —Christmas Bingo!!!

The Men’s fellowship group will meet at Nolanville 1st UMC, Thursday evening December 4th at 6 pm with a potluck dinner, devotional, fellowship, and a serious game of Bingo! Bring an unwrapped gift under \$10 suited for men. Please come and enjoy an evening of fellowship.



Parkinson Support Group will meet in Fowler Hall on Friday December 5th at 2:30 pm. A presentation will be provided by a HOP transportation representative to show you how the new HOP system is now being operated for the elderly and disabled. A real demonstration will be done this date on how to contact HOP from your cell phone to book a ride from St. Andrews and actually travel to Dave & Busters for a meal and return back to St. Andrews. You will be going with your group. Sounds like a fun day as well as informative. Be sure and bring your cell phones and money for your meal.

Nolanville 1st UMC will be hosting the Lord’s Acre Bazaar & Chili Day on Saturday, December 6th from 9 am-2 pm. Lunch Served from 11 am to 1 pm-- Chili/Soup, dessert & a drink—\$10 per meal. Crafts, Baked Goods & Lots more!! Raffle tickets available for drawings.

