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CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Join us on Christmas Eve at 5pm. in the Family Life Center for a joyful, family—friendly celebration of the birth of Jesus! This special service is designed with children and families in mind and will include: **The Christmas Story** shared in a kid-engaging meaningful way, **Crafts** for little hands to enjoy, **Candlelight** to remind us of the Light of the World, **Hot Chocolate & Treats** to share in sweet fellowship. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy a warm, Christ-centered evening together as we celebrate the hope and joy of Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE IN OUR SANCTUARY

Join us at 6:30 pm. in our Sanctuary as we remember that Mary was very young when an angel came to her and told her she would give birth to our Savior! We will remember that Joseph also was young, but was so brave to do what God was asking him to do by being the baby's father on this earth! And what about the animals? They were important, too! You know that a donkey carried Mary to Bethlehem...and other animals were right there in that place where Jesus was born! And the shepherds who took care of the sheep were the first to know about the birth of Jesus! How exciting! As we place all these important characters in the creche, we will sing the familiar carols we know and love, as well as hear some very special songs of Christmas! And then we will raise our lights to celebrate as we sing *Silent Night, Holy Night!* Come with us as we remember the amazing birth of Jesus!

JOINT WORSHIP SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

We will have a joint worship service on Sunday, December 14th in the Family Life Center. This is an opportunity to come together to enjoy the Children's Choir Present "Kids Sing Christmas!" and we will honor Pastor Alan's ministry here at Mineral Springs Methodist Church with a video and testimonies.

Let's celebrate and thank Alan for
his leadership at Mineral Springs!



We are collecting memories, well wishes, and/or notes of thanks for Alan from our church congregation, the community and anyone that may have been impacted by Alan. Please share your thoughts and messages by December 9th via the QR code link. These will be printed out and given to Alan in a keepsake box for him to read. You may also write a letter or card to add to the keepsake box if you prefer. There will be collection boxes in the sanctuary and FLC.



Pastor Alan Mears, Ric Wlodkowski,
Robert Addington, Anne King, Marshall Enwright,
Tyler, Shelley & Rich Catalano, Violet Cook,
Alyce & Jerry Griffin, Kristin Keener, Kelly Smith,
Leah VanNetta, Brad, Jerry & Dot Hartis,
Holland Walker, Veronica Bachtel
Meg Giddings, Don & Kathy McGinnis, Denny Bryson,
Wayne & Leila Maske, Sandy Strawn, Doris Carpenter,
Raymond Helms, Debbie Watkins, Lana Lamkin,
James Helms, Barry Roberson, Elizabeth & Cramer
Phillips, Nell Starnes, Melanie Brennan, Myckle Griffin,
Greg Horton, Sue Thornton, Cindy & Kate Zidanic,
Chris Lemmond, Ruby King, Pat Harris,
Darlene Blackburn, Dale Watts, Erika Perez, Tom Ross,
Lisa Cox, Dave Pandoli, Frank Buchannon,
Tammy Little, Melinda Fisher, Wilburn (Bud) Cutshaw,
David Broome, Father Brad Smith, Kent & Nancy Shoe,
Dale Hopkins, Elizabeth Brooks, Joyce Starnes,
Toby Holland, Shannon Gray, Cooper Knowles,
William Miles, Marsha Cundiff, Brandon Carver,
Mark McSheehan, Martha Robinson Kiker,
Robert Wlodkowski, Wayne Geddings, Donald Combs,
Claire Howell, Danny Sanders, Marlene Reeck,
Jennifer Ross, Anne Carson, Sam Kosterman,
David Gordon, Venn Helms, Mary Engler, Annette Fox,
Sara Porter, Wyatt Cartertary, Gary Lane,
Barbara McKim, Kathy Dublin, Kathy Knight,
Larry Bell, Marie Harwood, Rusty Miller,
Nancy Tawney, Tom Pope, Johnny Penegar, Jeff Gross,
Evelyn Wilson, John Larry Fite, Loretta O'Neal,
Doris King, Linda Mosley-Hess, Robin Boehler,
Cathy Kalista, Terry Fallick, Peggy Bradley,
Melvin Glass, Lynn Stickleather, Betsy Huneycutt,
Kevin Smith, Kathy Newman, Donna Flanders,
Fred Artibee, June Hornberger, Teresa McGowan,
Craig Plummer, Charles Fowler, Alex Hudson

*Help us to keep the prayer list current and updated,
please contact church office with any changes or
information.*

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METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 11, 2025 in the church office. This will be our Christmas luncheon. Please bring "finger foods or another goodie to be shared. Also a \$5.00 gift to be used in our wild and whacky gift exchange. We will meet in the office at 10:00. All ladies are welcome.

April and Shawn presented an informative program about Hospice. Methodist Women have supported Hospice for years.

Pam Brenwald installed the Methodist Women officers for 2026. Pam had a very inspiring message closing with the hymn, Pass It On. Thank you, Pam.

Plan ahead before the Christmas rush or recovering after Christmas. We will be collecting towels as our January mission. White towels only because of the use of bleach in the laundry. This drive was very successful last January. Lets do it again.

A reminder of the community Thanksgiving meal provided by Reachout. Sweet potato casseroles are needed along with volunteers. Call Cara if you can help. 704 289 4237

Attention: the Christmas Extravaganza is coming fast. November 22 in the FLC. Once again the Methodist Women will be selling homemade soup and other goodies. Come early for your favorite soup. Stop by just to visit.

Poinsettias will be available to remember loved ones, family and other special friends. A beautiful addition to the Sanctuary for the Christmas celebration.

The Mineral Springs Methodist Women will once again be delivering Christmas Cards beginning November 30. Please leave in the designated area in the breezeway.

Our next Blood Drive is in January. Watch for information.

Donate to the Back Pack Ministry in the FLC or the Sanctuary breezeway. No glass jars, please.

We sell flavoring and the best knives in the world. These things help support our ministry.

Thank you for your support.



Worth Whitaker

Wayne & Becky Geddings
Diane White

Friendship Class

Mineral Springs Methodist Women
Springer's

Jerry & Alyce Griffin



Chrismon Tree

Row 1:

Lamb - The Lamb is the symbol of Jesus Christ. John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes Away the sins of the world."

Row 2 (Left to Right):

Cross - The letters IC XC NIKA stand for Jesus Christ conquers.

Cross with Orb - Symbolizes Christ's dominion over the world.

Row 3 (Left to Right):

Christmas Rose - Symbolizes the Nativity of our Lord.

Double Triangle - Representing Perfect God and Perfect Man.

Chalice - Used to symbolize the Passion, Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End.

Row 4 (Left to Right):

Fleur-de-lis Cross - Consists of a Fleur-de-lis, the symbol of Purity, at each arm end.

Seven Flames - Symbol of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Sand Dollar - Known as the Holy Ghost Shell, the markings recall events in the life of Christ.

Brazen Serpent on a Tau Cross - Refers to John 3:14, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

Row 5 (Left to Right):

Cross of Christ and the Twelve Apostles.

Coptic Cross with Birds - Represents the Faithful.

Lamp - Stands for Wisdom and Knowledge. Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path."

Ship - Symbolic of the Church as it was opposed by persecution during the early days of Christianity.

Cross Crosslet - Stands for the spread of the Christian faith to the four corners of the earth.



Happy December!

“Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25
We still need volunteers. Even if you are a back up in case someone can’t make it due to a sickness.

Unfortunately, if we do not have enough teachers we cannot offer classes to all our children.

We want to provide this opportunity to share, grow, and learn for all our little ones, so we ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering to help provide this ministry. If you are able to volunteer please email me at springkidsmsmc@gmail.com or text me at 980-721-7162.

We are in the middle of our advent lessons. Our memory verses for this month are:

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

“The Joy of the Lord is your strength”

Nehemiah 8:10

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Please help and encourage your child to learn and memorize our bible verses. It helps them to understand the lessons a little better.

I believe that’s it for this month. I hope you all have a great month and enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

Love and prayers always,

Miranda

SCOUTS

Monday nights:

Cub Scout Pack 18 meetings at 6:30pm. in CLC.
Troop 18 meets at 7:30pm. in the CLC.

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

AIR FORCE -Jay Connelley, Bradley Little

ARMY - Cody Guion, Marshall Little, Zack Wolfe
Staff Sergeant Ryan Toth, Army National Guard

MARINES - Patrick McCann, Caleb Simpson, Averi Lavoie, Connor McCann, Juan Hidalgo, Sean Summers

COAST GUARD – Jaylen Sullivan

CPL McCann, Patrick N.
Mals 36, Mag-36
FPO
AP 96372-7141
800 Division, Unit 37141

LCPl Lavoie, Averi P
814 Radford Blvd
P.O. Box 20179
Albany, GA 31704

LCPl McCann, Connor L
6423 McWhorter Rd
Waxhaw, NC 28173
Temporary

PFC Simpson, Caleb M
MCESG MSG School
27277 Browning Rd
Quantico, VA 22134

LCpl Hidalgo-Vega, Juan
HQHWRON (weather)
Unit 35202
FRO AP 96372-5202



WELLNESS CIRCLE

Welcome to the 2025 holiday season, filled with joy, celebration, and togetherness. Yet in this time of anticipated happiness, we can also experience stress, overcommitment, and distraction. As Christians, we are called to approach this season with hearts centered on Christ, remembering that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in busyness, but in the gift of God's Son. This December, I wanted to share a few thoughts on keeping good balance from a Christian perspective during the holidays.

Balance begins with priorities. Matthew 6:33 reminds us, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* When we place Christ at the center of our celebrations, everything else—family gatherings, gift-giving, and traditions—finds its proper place.

Practically, this means setting aside time for prayer and Scripture, even when schedules are full. It may mean saying "no" to certain events so that we can say "yes" to rest, worship, and meaningful connection with loved ones. Balance also involves stewardship—managing our finances wisely, resisting the pressure to overspend, and remembering that generosity is not measured by the price of a gift but by the love behind it.

Finally, balance calls us to embrace peace. The angels declared, *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men"* (Luke 2:14). That peace is not found in perfect plans or flawless gatherings, but in Christ Himself.

This holiday season, may we slow down, breathe deeply, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus—the reason we celebrate. In Him, we find the balance our souls truly need.

Continued

Continued Wellness Circle

I always like to conclude with the reminder that I am here to help if you feel overwhelmed or experience sadness during this season. Though it is a true season of joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we can experience deep sadness at the same time. Through our wellness ministry, I can meet with you to discuss resources and strategies that can help you cope with these feelings. Anytime you feel the need to talk with someone or want to discuss counseling options you can reach me through the church office.

Also, on December 17th at 6 pm we will have our Blue Christmas service of remembrance in our Sanctuary. We host this service each year for those that have experienced a loss of any kind. It is a time to light a candle, reflect, pray, seek encouragement, and God's guidance through this season that can stir difficult emotions for us all. Whether you have experienced a loss or want to attend to support others, we would love for you to join us for this service. Reminders will be in our weekly announcements and in our bulletin.

Blessings,

Rodney Little, MHDL Wellness Coordinator

Light the Light

Hosted by Operation Reach-Out

Luminaries to honor a loved one or in memory of a loved one
can be purchased for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 at
Lakeland Memorial Park or at Operation Reach-Out

Deadline to place order: December 10, 2025

Lakeland Memorial Park 704-289-3166 Operation Reach-Out 704-289-4237



Saturday December 13th, 2025
6:00 - 8:00pm

Lakeland Memorial Park
1901 Lancaster Ave., Monroe NC 28112





Note from Chris

Hello and Merry Christmas!!

It's that wonderful time of the year again.

We will have a lot of activities going on this month. Hope you will make an extra effort to join us. I promise you will be blessed. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00. It's a family friendly service. Kristen Mothershed has a lot of cool stuff planned. And I do believe there will be snacks!!!

I truly hope you and your family have a very blessed and joyous Christmas.

In His Service,

Chris

Children's Choir

Sundays 4-5pm in the CLC. Ages 2-Fifth Grade.

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive- Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

Sponsored by MSMC Children's Choir

We accept all types of gently used shoes for children and adults. Gather your slightly loved boots, slippers, heels, tennis shoes, athletic shoes and help us meet our goal of 200 pairs of shoes. Donation boxes are located in the FLC foyer, CLC hallway, Sanctuary breezeway and church office. If you have questions please contact Dawn Roberson at 704-291-0712.

Mineral Springs Preschool

Happy December and Merry Christmas Church!

Our preschoolers are bursting with excitement as we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth. This month we are learning about God's greatest gift to us all. The children are busy creating crafts, singing Christmas songs, and preparing for our Christmas Program. And we want to invite all y'all to come share our Christmas Program on December 9th at 6:30 in the FLC.

Thank you for supporting our little learners as they grow in faith and knowledge this season!

Ms Tammy

DECEMBER 2025

Open Gym Wednesdays – 3rd, 10th & 17th, 6-8pm

Sunday Night Youth Group- Youth Dinner,

Sermon, Games – 7th, 14th & 21st from 6-8pm

No High School Dinner or Middle School Night in December

Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 7th

Our Annual Youth Christmas party will be on Sunday December 7th from 6-8pm at the Hammerstone Residence. If you don't drive we ask that you are at the Church by 5:30 pm so we can load the bus and get to the party.

Our "Gift Exchange" has a \$15 limit on gifts. Our Gift exchange this year comes with a twist.

Completely updated and revamped for maximum fun and frustration. Each Youth participating in the event will need to bring a gift. We will have snacks and drinks at the party.

Youth Operation Christmas

Every year the Youth is an integral part of helping our Church help our Community. This year throughout December we will help box up the food donations received and get them ready for Operation Christmas give away. All this is done during our normal Youth nights.

Open Gym- Wednesdays,

December 3rd, 10th & 17th from 6-8 PM

Join us on Wednesday night for an open gym. This is a time where we simply play games and fellowship with one another. During this time, we play an organized game for half of the time (volleyball, kickball, dodgeball, etc.) and the remaining time is your choice. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come check us out! This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.

Sunday Night Youth Group,

December 7th, 14th & 21st 6-8 PM

Join us Sunday nights from 6-8pm in the FLC for a time of games, Bible study, fellowship and games. This is a good time to get challenged and uplifted in your walk with God. This is open to ALL 6th-12th graders.

December Birthdays

- 1 Anna Bruschi, Kyle McLean
- 6 Matt Nichol
- 8 Adelista Ballew, Jack Bruschi, Cooper Reed
- 9 Kaitlyn Bernas, Tyler Catalano, Ric Wlodkowski
- 10 Jordan Case
- 11 Justin Hayes, Cole Hodgson
- 12 Chris Hartis, Kami Mears
- 13 Max Bruschi, James Kohler
- 14 Ryan Clark, Christian Giordano
- 15 Violet Cook, Kristin White
- 17 Christa Lemmonds, Benny Neal
- 19 Robert Toth III
- 21 Kristen Gardner, Carsyn Ingle, Gary Lemmonds,
Lynn Stone
- 22 Diane White
- 24 Miranda Young
- 26 Elaine Marker
- 27 Aubree Tyson
- 28 Julia Mann
- 29 Johnnie Bernabe
- 30 Matt Geske
- 31. Larry Miller, Kayliana Gallo

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Alan & Kami Mears
- Kevin & Lisa Stephens
- 22 John & Margaret Worley
- 28 Joe and Amy Johnson



If your birthday or anniversary has been overlooked or you know someone whose name needs to be added, please call church office 704-843-5905 or email: mineralspringsmethodistchurch@gmail.com



Grief Support Group

The Grief Group meets the fourth Monday night monthly. They will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, December 22nd, in the Asbury Room in the church office.



Ladies Wednesday morning Bible study at 10am in the Wesley room. December 3 & 10th only. Will resume January 2026.

Women's Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30-8pm. December 4th only. Will resume January 2026.

Men's Thursday night Bible study at 6:30 pm in the Christian Life Center.



A "Blue Christmas" Service .Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for 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 disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and gatherings painful for many people in our community. This year we are going to offer a place and an experience of worship to admit this truth. On December 17th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary, we invite you to come and cry out to God about the pain of loss that you might be experiencing and to allow the light of Christmas to meet you in the 'blue' Christmas. This will provide a quiet, contemplative service as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings as a way to care for those who are sad or struggling at Christmas.

Mission December Updates

November 11 started off at 28°, but warm-hearted volunteers from Mineral Springs Methodist Church, including our Youth, and Waxhaw's Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, were there to serve



**238 Households and
812 Individuals
(252 Children,
397 Adults,
163 Seniors).**



Operation ReachOut Meal - Thank you to **Wanda Stillwell, Brian Smith & Mary Tucilla** for serving our November meal of BBQ with all the fixing's at Operation ReachOut.



November 23

**All nonperishable
food donations due**

**Last day to take a
Wish Wall "tag"**

November 30

**All gifts are due.
Unwrapped**

**"Tag" securely
taped to the gift**

The meal on **December 12** will be served by The Illuminators small Group, **David Boyce and Tracey McDanel**.

Wreaths Across America Event for December 2025

We are all set with Wreaths Across America sponsorships of Veteran Wreaths. We will participate in a nationwide ceremony on December 13th at 11:00 am. We will have a couple of guest speakers, presentation of Service Wreath representing all the U.S. Armed Forces, the Merchant Marines and First Responders. Then the Veteran Wreaths placement at the Veterans' graves on 13 December (immediately after the ceremony). Those Veteran's Wreaths destined for other cemeteries as noted in the list here are ready and set aside pick up by the family members taking them to those cemeteries for placement at the respective gravesites. Please remove Wreaths no later than the 25th of January before the Veteran Wreaths start to decay. The Pack/ Troop 18 Scouts and volunteers will remove the Wreaths in Mineral Springs Cemetery by the MLK Holiday Weekend in January. The cost of a wreath, \$17 apiece, applied to future years now that 2025's sponsorship goal has been met. Please for those folks that paid to have a Veterans Wreath requiring placement at another cemetery besides Mineral Spring if it's not a registered Cemetery we'll continue to need details regarding the name of the cemetery and Veteran information so that we can include their name in our program in future years. The Wreath Placement off site remains the responsibility of the person sponsoring those Veteran's Wreath. Remember it is one wreath per Veteran Grave site. If your family sends them three times, we will hopefully have that amount applied to your Veteran for the current and following two years into the future. As far as we are aware this year this has not occurred.

We received the donations by 15 November along with the Veteran information on Veteran's Wreath gravesites. Please, if there are any remaining errors on this December Pipeline List provided let John, Stephanie or Pam know just as soon as possible.

This is our very first year holding this ceremony in Mineral Springs and it's been a labor of love and respect with daily learning involved. Should you have any questions You can contact local WAA Chairman John Mohor direct at 704-400-9687 or e-mail him at airbornemohor@gmail.com

To the ladies who patiently let me know the name of the Marine I missed more than once, thank you for making sure I have him on list and for your due diligence!

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's first Wreaths Across America event being held exactly 250 years since our nation founded the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. I'll also mention we are honoring service members from the Revolution to present day.

The following are the Veterans we'll be honoring:

William Cameron Coan

(Co G 3rd SC Light Artillery
Confederate States Army)

Wilson Alexander Coan

US Navy Reserve (WWII)

George Geddes

US Army (Vietnam)

W.T. Wolfe

(Co. B 15th REGT. NC State
Troops, Civil War)

Warren S Coan

US Navy (WWII lost at sea)

Ray Calvin O' Shields

US Navy

Thomas Roland Doster

US Army

Isaac McGuirt Jr.

US Army (WWII)

Mark Leon McDonald

US Army (WWII)

Warren Earl Dover

US Army (Vietnam)

Callie Franklin King

US Navy (WWII)

Raymond E. Robinson

US Army (HQ Co 317th FA 81st
DIV WWI)

Carl Edwin Rodgers

US Marine (Vietnam)

Jerry A. Rodgers

US Marine (Vietnam)

Archie A Tyson

US Navy (WW II)

Michael Hilton White

US Navy (Vietnam)

Robert Lee Steele Jr.

US Army (Korea)

Dewy Nall Robinson

US Navy (WWII)

Drew Harris

US Air Force (WWII)

Henry Kelly McManus Jr.

US Navy (WWII)

Harold L. Carter

US Army (WWII)

James Oscar Wooten

US Army (Vietnam)

Donald Lloyd Carter

US Army

E.B. Wallace

US Army Paratrooper 506th

PIR 101st AB DIV (WWII)

Alex Haywood Jackson

US Navy (Korea)

Charles Patrick

“Pat” Connelley

US Marine Corps (Korea)

John Will Newell

US Air Force

Billy “Bill” Howie

US Army Air Force (WWII)

Henry A. Linker Jr.

(US Army 1963-1966)

Veterans Graves not buried in
Mineral Springs Cemetery:

Ira Penegar

US Navy/ US Air Force)

Robert Lee McGinn, Jr

Navy WWII

John A. Mohor

US Army (Cold War during
Korea)

Mike Searles

Marines

Charles Roundy

Marines

Lyn Searles

Army

O. B. Kirby

Army WWII

Samuel S. Starnes

TEC5 251st FA BN US Army
(WWII KIA April 20, 1945,
on Island of Luzon)

Mary Elizabeth
Baptist Church Waxhaw:

Pvt Thomas Drake Starnes

US Army (WWII) PH

Recipient

Wesley Chapel UMC Old
Cemetery

John H. Winchester

Co A 48th NC Inf CSA (Army)

Peter Rape SR

1760-1825 American

Revolution (Army)

William Houston

1742-1825 Captain, American

Revolution War Soldier &

Patriot (Army)

Ben B. Winchester

SGT US Army (WWII)

CAPT SG Howie

(1841-1909) Army

Membry Helms

CO I 53rd NC Inf Army (CSA)

MR Finley

PVT Co C 9th NC State

Troops Army (Civil War)

SGT Thomas Lawson Price

Army

Lakeland Memorial Park:

Pvt William Horace Helms

US Army (Korea)

Wilbur E. Dowing

US Army Air Force WWII

William Donald Glenn

US Army (Korea)

Carolina Memorial Park

Harrisburg, NC:

Johnnie Hall Roberson

US Army National Guard

The Global Methodist Church (GMC) North Carolina Conference Pastor Appointment Comments

1. The Global Methodist Church Pastor appointment process is focused on the local churches in North Carolina (That's Us) which it serves and is not driven by needs of the GMC General Conference or the North Carolina Conference of the GMC. **It might be added these steps are less rigid rules or guidelines than those used from previous denominations.**

2. We believe God has a good will for the local church, which includes God's choice of a pastor. Therefore, appointment-making is an exercise in spiritual discernment for all who are involved—the Pastor/Staff Parish Committee (SPRC), the presiding elder, prospective pastors, the NC Conference Superintendent & NC Associate Conference Superintendent of the mission of the church and the mission of the broader church to the glory of God. Therefore, each must be discerning of God's will.

3. I fall who are involved have offered effective service, Christ will be proclaimed, the Father will be glorified, and the congregation will be positioned in the will of God for effective ministry and mission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. Presiding Elder

a) Serves as an extension of the office of the bishop who works with the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of the local church in its advisory role in Pastor appointment making.

b) Leads the Consultation and Appointment-Making Process

5. Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

a) The Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee represents the Charge Conference (Congregation) to whom is delegated the authority to work with the Presiding Elder and other conference leadership to consult, advise, and discern towards the next appointed pastor.

b) Prepares the church profile and communicates the “needs, characteristics, and opportunities for mission of the congregation

c) Practices spiritual discernment with the presiding elder.

d) Prepares the “Covenant Agreements” between the local church, NC Conference and the appointed Pastor for signatures.

e) Aids and guides the church in receiving the newly appointed pastor.

f) Receives the “Notice of Pastor appointment Form” from the GMC NC Conference.

News from Staff Parish

As an expression of gratitude for our church staff, the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to give a Love Offering from the Congregation this Christmas season to each member of our church staff. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to MSMC and place Staff Love Offering on the memo line by no later than December 7th.

You may give your donation to, any SPRC member, turn in to the offering plate or give to Pam in the church office. Thank you for supporting our staff.



December



No Committee meetings are scheduled for December, will resume January 2026.



**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!**

The Church office will be closed
December 23 through January 4, 2026.

Church Office 704-843-5905

Email: mineralspringsmethodistchurch@gmail.com

Pam will be on vacation December 23 – January 4, 2026

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



The **Mineral Springs Methodist Women** are taking orders for Poinsettias \$8.50 each. You may purchase poinsettias for your home or to be placed in the sanctuary during Advent. Poinsettias placed in the sanctuary will be available for pick up after worship service on December 24th, Christmas Eve.

Order early, limited to 60 poinsettias this year.

You may send your order to the church office.

Mineral Springs Methodist Church, P.O. Box 67, Mineral Springs, NC 28108, or to give any Methodist Woman. Any questions, please call Ann Wlodkowski 704-843-5858.

I want _____ poinsettias at \$8.50 each.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

**Checks should be made payable to
Methodist Women.**

I wish to have:

_____ # of my plants set aside for pick up

_____ # of my plants placed in the sanctuary

*Please list information exactly as you want it in the bulletin.

In Honor of _____

By _____

In Memory of _____

By _____



A Thrill of Hope!

Doesn't that verse just sustain you? It has the heart racing, anticipation that something wonderfully incredible, a life changing event is about to take place!

Oh holy night the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till HE appeared and the soul felt it's worth. A thrill of HOPE the weary world rejoices. For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn... Fall on your knees... O hear the Angels singing.... O night divine. O night, when Christ was born.

Praise the Lord we are on the side of hope realized, the hope that sustains us, the hope that continues; sin and error are still pining (definition) but they have been forgiven and the weary world feels the weight of suffering but we must remember that "Christ" was born! AND what that meant for each of us Christ; power and authority within, the worth of the soul, or the cost of the soul. This plan of rescue and resurrection was set in place on this Holy Night! Hope actually by definition includes a waiting period for a future event. 400 years of waiting, of war and of oppression trying to wear out any shred of "hope" that remained in God's people Until one day when someone "spoke" The Savior was coming! We must walk in the light and declare peace and redemption and rescue through the challenges, through the long laborious nights, through the waiting, through the chaos and through the doubt!

While we wait for those things which are yet unseen, let us celebrate with the faithful confidence that whatever we ask, if we abide, it is already done in heaven and we wake to the Glorious Morning! So come and join your faith, your hope and your love with us on December 14th at 4:00 pm when we celebrate this Christmas **"A Thrill of Hope!"**

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
1st Sunday of Advent	Operation Christmas PLC					9a Yoga
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	Illumination small group	9a Sew Blessed	9a Preschool Chapel	7p AA meeting	2p CLC Reserved
11a Bible study	5:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball	10a Ladies Bible Study	6:30p Ladies Bible Study		6p PLC reserved
11a Springer's Luncheon	6:30p Pack 18	7p AA Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18,CLC		6p Open Gym			
4p Children's Choir			6:30p Adult Choir			
6p Youth						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Sunday	8:30a Staff Meeting	5p Men's Basketball	9a Sew Blessed	9a Preschool Chapel	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Worship	5:30p Pickleball	5:30p Preschool Christmas Program	10a Ladies Bible Study	9:30a Methodist Women		11a Wreaths Across America
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pack 18	7p AA Meeting	1:30p Crafts For Christ	6:30p Men's Bible Study		3p CLC rental
9:45a Baptism/PLC	7:30p Troop 18,CLC		6p Open Gym			
11a Bible study			6:30p Adult Choir			
2p Men's Basketball						
4p Children's Choir						
6p Youth						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45a PLC Worship	5:30p Pickleball	Illumination small group	9a Sew Blessed	9a Preschool Chapel	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Kids Sing Christmas	6:30p Girl Support	5p Men's Basketball	1:30p Crafts For Christ	6:30p Men's Bible Study		
9:45a Spring Kids	6:30p Pack 18	7p AA Meeting	6p Open Gym			
11a Bible study	7:30p Troop 18,CLC					
11a Trustees						
2p Men's Basketball						
4p Christmas Cantata - Adult choir						
6p Youth						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	5p Men's Basketball	5a PLC Christmas Eve	Christmas Day - church office closed	7p AA meeting	9a Yoga
9:45a Spring Kids	5:30p Pickleball	7p AA Meeting	6:30p Sanctuary Christmas Eve - candlelight			
11a Bible study	6:30p Pack 18					
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18,CLC					
6p Youth						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:45a Worship	8:30a Staff Meeting	Illumination small group		Happy New Year! church office closed	7p AA meeting	9:30a Yoga
9:45a Spring Kids	5:30p Pickleball	5p Men's Basketball				
11a Bible study	6:30p Pack 18	7p AA Meeting				
2p Men's Basketball	7:30p Troop 18,CLC					



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