St. George’s UMC Weekly Update
December 13, 2020

IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE SUSPENDED

Due to the rising COVID rates, in-person worship services are suspended indefinitely. Please check our website and your email for all updates.

VISIT THE ST. GEORGE’S UMC WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

Visit the St. George’s pre-recorded Sunday Worship Service on our website by clicking Online Church. Pastor Sandi’s new sermon message is titled “Company’s Coming – Deck The Halls”. We’d like to let you know that many members are watching the worship services together on Sundays at 10:30 am. We log into Zoom and watch the service that is posted on YouTube. People can join starting around 10 am (for fellowship) and we start the video at 10:30 am. Get the Zoom link by going to the top of the Worship page of our website.

SYMPATHY

A beloved member of our Church Family, ALICE HOWE, entered the Kingdom of Our Lord on Tuesday, December 8. Please keep her husband Joe and their families in your prayers. Please contact the office if you would like the family’s contact information at office@stgumc.org or 703-385-4550.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jay Williams and Joan McDonald

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY

It’s not too late to join the the Advent Bible Study, “SENT” on Sundays this Advent season. Meetings will be held remotely via Zoom beginning November 29 at TWO (2) times: 8:30 – 9:30 am, AND 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Participants may purchase the book for the advent study online at Cokesbury (https://www.cokesbury.com/Sent-1) or Amazon (https://www.amazon.com/Sent-Delivering-Gift-Christmas-Advent/dp/1501801031), including for Kindle.

WHITEHOUSE ORNAMENTS

The United Methodist Women have a few White House Ornaments left. Please contact Robin Sachlis at robinsachlis@gmail.com or Lisa Copeland at lcopeland@cox.net if you would like one. The price is $25.00. Please support the many United Methodist Women’s Missions: World Mission, Red Bird Mission, Susanna Wesley House, Bethany House, Camp Highroad.

BOOK CLUB – DECEMBER READING SELECTION

The Women’s Book Club has selected a great seasonal reading - “Christmas Bells: a Novel” by New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini. She celebrates Christmas, past and present, with a wondrous novel inspired by the classic poem "Christmas Bells," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Jennifer Chiaverini’s resonant and heartfelt novel for the season reminds us why we must continue to hear glad tidings, even as we are tested by strife. Reading ‘Christmas Bells’ evokes the resplendent joy of a chorus of voices raised in reverent song. Meeting date is Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
AMAZON SMILE

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS: The Finance Committee would like to remind everyone that they can make additional donations to St. George’s UMC every time they make a purchase from Amazon. You can do this by designating St. George’s United Methodist Church as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of each qualifying purchase you make from them to the charity that you designate. Setting up this charity is simple: type “Amazon Smile” into any internet browser (url: smile.amazon.com). Type in St. George’s United Methodist Church and our church’s profile should appear. Place your order and then St. George’s will benefit. Thank you for your support!

THE BISHOP’S BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

For 2020, Bishop Lewis has challenged the entire conference to read the Bible with a thematic reading plan. For December 2 – December 23 the theme is Cares of this World. Please make reading the Bible a spiritual priority in 2020!

| December 15 | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | December 19 | Psalm 66:5-7 |
| December 16 | Hebrews 12:1-2 | December 20 | Psalm 66:8-12 |

- How can you summarize this passage in two to three verses?
- What does the passage teach about kindness?
- What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this message?