



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus

Around the Table

Pastor's Note

December 13, 2023

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VUMC Family,

Joy, I think we live in a time when joy seems far from us often. Where do we find it though? If we listen to the commercials, Christmas joy comes from buying the "perfect gift," or usually, whatever that company is selling. I think this is one of those moments where joy and happiness need to be separated. Because sure, happiness can come from receiving a "perfect gift," but joy is something much deeper.

Joy for us in Advent is a state of being, recognizing that we can't purchase our way to happiness, but that God has already provided for us. What is more important for life is the people that we share it with. This Advent I invite you to take Joy in the experience of fellowship with other people.

Blessings,

Pastor Chad



Come into the worship center, and pick up hot chocolate or hot cider and chat with others until your tour starts. Tours will be at 5:15, 5:30, and 5:45 pm. Please arrive a few minutes before one of these times to join us! Each tour will take you on a journey to hear the story of the birth of Christ!



The Christmas Story Luminary Walk

An Outdoor Lessons and Carols Adventure
Sunday, Dec. 17 from 5:00-6:00 pm



Station 5



Station 1



Station 2



Station 3



Station 4



Wednesdays at the Well

Come be renewed as we join in fellowship

Dinner at 6 pm. adults \$3, Kids \$2
Bible studies for all ages 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

NOTE: We will not meet on Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd.
We will start back with van pick-up on Jan. 10th.
Everyone have a Merry Christmas!

YOUTH CHILDCARE EVENING

Fundraiser



DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN SO YOU
HAVE TIME TO CHRISTMAS SHOP
AND WRAP GIFTS!

NO SET PAYMENT IS NEEDED, WE
JUST ASK THAT YOU LEAVE A
DONATION FOR THE YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS MOVIES
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
GAMES AND MORE!

(SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

*YOUTH WILL BE SUPPORTED BY
BACKGROUND-CHECKED ADULTS*

**VILONIA UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

DEC. 17TH

1-5PM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA STITT - (501)744-7488
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Advent Lunch Bible Study



Heaven and Earth

ADVENT and the INCARNATION

Will Willimon

Wednesdays at Noon

November 29-

December 20

Led by Pastor Chad

Book Study:

HEAVEN AND EARTH

by Will Willimon

Bring your lunch and join us for this study!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR DONNA LEWIS

**DECEMBER 31ST
AFTER WORSHIP
AT 10:00 A.M.**

BAKED POTATO BAR

Sunday, December 31st

from 10 am - 11:30 am



All Proceeds go to the
Church Family Life Team,
so they can continue to
create an environment for
fellowship for our
community!

POTATO OPTIONS

1 Potato - \$6.00

2 Potatoes - \$10.00

Toppings

Butter

Sour Cream

Cheese

Bacon bits

To go containers will be available



Join us for the Vilonia UMC

Christmas Eve Service

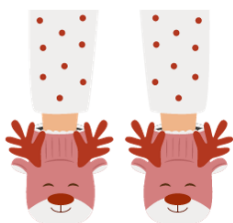
Sunday, December 24, 2023
at 5:00 p.m.

1112 Main Street, Vilonia, AR
or facebook.com/viloniaumc

and

Christmas Day Pajama Service

Monday, December 25 at 9 am



Join us for a casual service
Hot chocolate and games
to follow (In person or online)

Food of the Month December

Spirit Of Vilonia is collecting holiday food for the food pantry. They will distribute this food in December for Christmas. You can take items to the Food Pantry on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays from 9 am-12 noon, leave non-perishable items on our Food Pantry shelf, or coordinate with the church office to drop off items. Thank you!

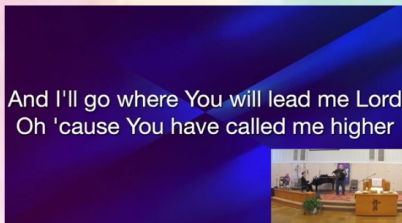
Here is the list of needed items:

- whole turkeys and whole chickens
- sweet potatoes (canned or fresh)
- gravy packets (or canned)
- stuffing mix



Please let us know how you're doing and if you have a prayer request. Click this [Group Messaging Link](#) to share prayer requests and receive information.

Missed Sunday morning worship?



Find us on our YouTube channel
Vilonia UMC!

Three easy ways to give to Vilonia United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity! Every gift matters!



Mail a check to
PO Box 460
Vilonia, AR 72173



Give online via
PayPal.



Set up Bill Pay
with your bank.

To find out more or to give, go to www.viloniaumc.org/giving

ADVENT

@ V i l o n i a U M C

ADVENT WORSHIP

"HEAVEN AND EARTH"

9 AM, SUNDAYS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 3

CHRISTMAS EVE

CAROLS, COMMUNION
AND CANDLELIGHT

SERVICE

5:00 PM

MFH

ANGEL TREE

THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE THAT
ADOPTED AN ANGEL
BRING GIFTS
UNWRAPPED BY
SUN., DECEMBER 10

ADVENT STUDY

WEDNESDAYS,
12 NOON TO 1 PM
ROOM 101
LED BY PASTOR CHAD
BEGINNING
WED., NOVEMBER 29

CHRISTMAS DAY

PAJAMA
WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25,
9:00 AM

DECEMBER CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

2: CHRISTMAS COOKIES BAGGED, 1:00 PM

VILONIA CHRISTMAS PARADE, 5:00 PM

(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOTH EVENTS)

9: YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER, 5-8:30 PM

10: UWFAITH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, 12:30 PM

17: YOUTH CHILDCARE NIGHT, 1-5 PM

(CHILDCARE FOR A DONATION TO YOUTH)

17: LUMINARY WALK:

THE CHRISTMAS STORY, 5-6 PM

24: CHRISTMAS EVE: CAROLS,
COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE, 5:00 PM

25: CHRISTMAS DAY PAJAMA
WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:00 AM

31: CFL POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER 10-11:30 AM

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Wednesday, December 13 @ 12 noon—Heaven and Earth Advent Luncheon Study (Rm 101)
@ 6 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner
@ 6:30-7:30 pm—Classes for children, tweens, youth & adults
- Sunday, December 17 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)
@ 10:15 am—Sunday School
@ 11 am—Choir Practice
@ 1-5 pm—Youth Childcare Night
@ 5-6 pm—Luminary Walk
- Monday, December 18 @ 6:30 pm—Leadership Board Meeting (Rm 101)
- Wednesday, December 20 @ 12 noon—Heaven and Earth Advent Luncheon Study (El Rancho)
@ 6-7:30 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner
@ 6:30-7:30 pm—Christmas Party for children, tweens, youth
@ 6:30-7:30 pm—Adult Radicals class meets
- Saturday, December 23—Spirit of Vilonia Food Pantry will be Closed
- **Sunday, December 24 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)**
@ 10:15 am—Sunday School
@ 11 am—Choir Practice
@ 5 pm—**Christmas Eve Carols, Communion and Candlelight Service**
- **Monday, December 25 @ 9 am—Christmas Day Pajama Worship Service**
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
- Wednesday, December 27 and January 3—No Wednesday Night Dinner or Classes
- Sunday, December 31 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)
@ 10 am—Retirement Reception for Donna Lewis
(No Sunday School)
@ 10 am to 11:30 am—CFL Potato Bar Fundraiser
@ 11 am—Choir Practice

