



**Vilonia United Methodist Church**

*Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus*

## *Around the Table*

Pastor's Note

December 20, 2023

### **VUMC Staff**

**Pastor:**

**Rev. Chad Hornsby**

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**Sunday School at 10:15 am**

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VUMC Family,

Love, this is the culmination of advent. In the past several weeks, we have talked about the aspirations for Hope, Peace, and Joy are embodied in God With Us. Love is the greatest of these things and is something we can aspire for, but also is something we are empowered to do.

God calls Mary to be the first Christian, what is to come to, for her, is a life of love. As we encounter God in Christmas, let us remember that the Love which God offers us is not for us to hide, or to stockpile, its infinite giving and expansiveness is so great that the only way to fully utilize it is to share with others.

Luke's Gospel is where we hear Mary's voice the clearest and we see the inspiration of the divine in her song the *Magnificat*. She sings a song for the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized. These are the ones that Christ came to love, the ones who were without love. And these are the people we are called to love too.

Blessings,

Pastor Chad





Join us for the Vilonia UMC

# Christmas Eve Service

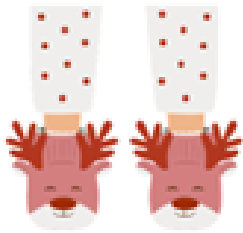
Sunday, December 24, 2023  
at 5:00 p.m.

1112 Main Street, Vilonia, AR  
or [facebook.com/viloniaumc](https://facebook.com/viloniaumc)



# 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)



## Christmas Poinsettias

Given By	In Memory Of
Bill & Diana Brasher	Our Parents
Dorrit Caufield	Pat Caufield
Dorrit Caufield	Tom Caufield
Jerrell Coker	Ellouise Coker
	& Art Pischke
Vicky Cox	Jeanne Weidl
	& Bob Cox
Lesia Edwards	Jack & Doris Osborn
	(Mom & Dad)
Patsy Evans	My Parents
Tina Evatt	James Edwards
Tina Evatt	Jolene Edwards
The Garner Family	Bob Garner
Paul & Melissa Jenkins	Our Grandmothers – Ruby,
	Rubye, Orell, and Naomi
Tiffany Jennings	John Jennings
Donna & Jeff Lewis	Leslie & Ella Bryant
Scott & Michelle Maddox	David & Linda Maddox
	Marlene Hall
Bertie Marcotte	Skeeter & Beverly Fraser
Ric & Jeannie Mayhan	Sandy Sharpe
Jon & Sharon Nichols	Gilbert Nichols
Donna Nielsen	Chris Nielsen
Donna Ooley	Ramona Grooms
Donna Ooley	Jerry Ooley
Karen Pierce	Jim Pierce
Karen Pierce	Mary Pierce
Richardson Family	Pat Rawls
Kevin & Mary Rigby	Bob & Millie Rigby
	Elaine & Cranston Gesell
Karen Seeds	Gary Seeds
Lydia Simmons	Elizabeth & Elbert Thomas
Lydia Simmons	Tony, June, & S.S. Simmons
Mary Stafford	Ted Dillaha

## Christmas Poinsettias

Given By	In Memory Of
David & Janean Stitt	Walter & Juanita Saare,
	and David Stitt, Sr.
Marc & Debbie	Keith Townsend
Townsend	
Julie Walker	Bill Walker
	& Nancy Mentgen
Randy & Cheryl	The Wiedmaier Family
Wiedmaier	
Randy & Cheryl	The Hawkins
Wiedmaier	& Kerby Families
Sherri Wood	Leona M. Jackaway
Sherri Wood	Leona M. Minster
Yarbrough Family	Karl & Hermes Ashby,
	Ursula 'Lola' Cabrera
	and Donald Beck
Given By	In Honor Of
Bill & Diana Brasher	Our Children
	& Donna Lewis
Melissa Freeman	Halie & Trace Freeman
Melissa & Paul Jenkins	The VUMC Worship Team
	and Volunteers
Randy & Lisa Nash	Our Grandchildren
David & Janean Stitt	Mary Stitt and our Children
	& Grandchildren
Yarbrough Family	Shirley Beck
	& Ginger Epley

Everyone is welcome to take your  
poinsettias home after the  
Christmas Day worship service.





## 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



**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\***

# Missed Sunday morning worship?

And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
Oh 'cause You have called me higher



Find us on our YouTube channel  
**Vilonia UMC!**



**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.**

## 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](http://www.viloniaumc.org/giving)



# ADVENT

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## 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 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



**Merry Christmas!!!**

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