



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus

Around the Table

Pastor's Note

November 29, 2023

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VUMC Family,

Happy New Year!

As Christians the beginning of Advent symbolizes the beginning of our Christian year. With new beginnings come hope for what the future could be. We talk a lot about the Kin-dom of God as Christians and Advent is the time that we make way for the reign of Christ to be a reality.

This week I wonder, what are you most hopeful for in the coming year? What do you hope God will do through you, this church, and the Church universal?

Peace,

Pastor Chad

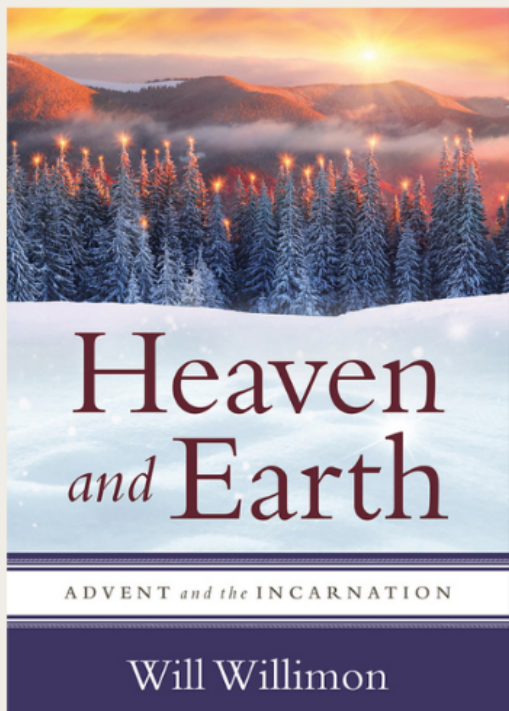




**METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH
ANGEL TREE**

Reminder: All angel gifts should be turned in by Sunday, December 10th. Please do not wrap the gifts... just place in a bag with the red angel attached and place around the large Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Thanks!

Advent Lunch Bible Study



**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!

POINSETTIAS

The cost for poinsettias is \$15.00 and any extra funds will be used for worship needs next year, including Confirmation Sunday.

Sign-up online by clicking [HERE](#), sign up during worship on Sunday mornings, or call the church office at 501-796-2624. Orders close on Sunday, December 10th.
Thank you!

Christmas Poinsettias

PURCHASE IN MEMORY OR
IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES
BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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

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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

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Service Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Join us for a Candlelight Christmas Eve service with lessons and carols, communion and candlelight at 5:00 pm in the Worship Center. All are welcome.

Christmas Day Pajama Worship Monday, December 25, 9:00 am

Join us for worship on Christmas Day in your pajamas or comfy clothes! We'll sing carols and tell the Christmas story in a surprising way! All are welcome!

Advent Adult Study

Join us for an Advent Luncheon Study, *Heaven and Earth* by Will Willimon
Wednesdays beginning Nov. 29, 12:00-1:00 pm, Room 101, led by Pastor Chad

In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation, Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way.

Special Events

Vilonia Christmas Parade, Sat., Dec. 2,

1:00 pm Help bag up cookies to prepare for upcoming Advent and Christmas events.

5:00 pm Serve cookies and hot chocolate to people attending the parade.

Youth Progressive Dinner, Sat., Dec. 9, 5-8:30 pm

The Youth will travel to different homes for a progressive dinner. If you'd like to be one of the hosts for this youth event, please contact Andrea Stitt at andy.stitt21@gmail.com.

United Women in Faith Christmas Luncheon, Sun., Dec. 10, 12:30 pm

The Vilonia UWFaith invite all of the women of the church of all ages to join them for a Christmas Luncheon held in the Worship Center. All are invited. RSVP by December 6 to the church office at 501-796-2624.

Youth Childcare Night, Sun., Dec. 17, 1:00-5:00 pm - The youth are accepting donations for childcare.

Luminary Walk, Sun., Dec. 17, 5:00-6:00 pm

Join us in the church Parking Lot for a walk through the Christmas story. You will be guided on a walk with stops along the way to hear the story of Jesus' birth through scripture and songs. Hot chocolate and cider will be provided to keep you warm. All are welcome! Invite your friends!

Wednesdays at the Well Christmas Party, Wed., Dec. 20, 6:00-7:30 pm

Join us for dinner, music and games as we celebrate Christmas with our children, tweens and youth!

Christmas Eve Carols, Communion and Candlelight Service, Sun., Dec. 24, 5 pm

Join us as we prepare for Christmas Day with a special carols, communion and candlelight service.

Christmas Day Pajama Worship Service, Mon., Dec. 25, 9 am

Join us for worship on Christmas Day in your pajamas or comfy clothes! We'll sing carols and tell the Christmas story in a surprising way!

More information at vilonaumc.org/christmas.

**Wednesdays
at the Well**

*Come be renewed as
we join in fellowship.*



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

**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!**

**VILONIA UMC
CLOTHES CLOSET**

We excited to share with you that we have started a Clothes Closet at VUMC for children, tweens and youth that attend church at VUMC! We are now accepting gently used clothes and shoes for girls and boys in all sizes. Please bring donations to the church office or place in Room 202. Thank you so much!





*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



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

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)764-7488
ANDY.STITT21@GMAIL.COM**



2023

NOVEMBER



NOTE

Refuge Weekend-10th-12th
Service Saturday-25th
 If you or a Family member
 want to host the Annual
Progressive Christmas Dinner
 on Dec. 9th let Andrea know
 before Thanksgiving. We need
 4 hosts!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Youth-Love Wins Lesson	2 	3	4 
5 Church Sunday School Jonah Study	6	7	8 Youth-Love Wins Lesson	9	10 Refuge	11
12 Refuge Church Sunday School Jonah Study	13 	14	15 Youth-Love Wins Lesson	16	17 	18
19 Church Sunday School Jonah Study	20	21	22	23	24	25 Service Saturday
Thanksgiving Break						
26 Church Sunday School Jonah Study	27	28	29 Youth-Advent-Hope Lesson	30		



December



Special Events!	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3rd- DCYM Unite 2-8pm- Please Let me know if you would like to attend	26 	27	28	29 Youth-Advent-Hope Lesson	30	1 	2
9th-Progressive Christmas Dinner 5-8:30	3 Church Sunday School "Our Shocking Hope" Unite 2-8pm	4	5 	6 Youth-Advent-Peace Lesson	7 	8	9 Progressive Christmas Dinner 5-8:30 
17th-Youth Childcare Night 1-5pm. We will watch your children for a donation!	10 Church Sunday School "Our Just Peace"	11	12	13 Youth-Advent-Joy Lesson 	14	15	16
Veritas and OMP Sign- ups due Dec. 24th	17 Church Sunday School "Our Fierce Joy" Youth Childcare Night	18	19	20 Youth-Advent-Love Lesson	21	22 	23
	24 Church Sunday School Love That Transforms Us Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas! 25 (Christmas Morning Service) 	26	27	28 	29	30
	31 Church Sunday School "Watch Night" 	1	2	3	4	5	6

CALENDAR

- **Wednesday, November 29 @ 12 noon—Heaven and Earth Advent Luncheon Study (Rm101)**
 @ 6 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner
 @ 6:30—7:30 pm—Classes for children, tweens, youth & adults
- **Saturday, December 2 @ 1 pm—Make up cookie bags (volunteers needed-meet in kitchen)**
 @ 5 pm—Vilonia Christmas Parade (volunteers needed to serve cookies and hot chocolate.)
- **Sunday, December 3 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)**
 @ 10:15 am—Sunday School
 @ 11 am—Choir Practice
- **Wednesday, December 6 @ 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
- **Saturday, December 9 @ 5-8:30 pm—Youth Progressive Dinner**
- **Sunday, December 10 @ 9 am—Worship service (In-person and Online)**
 @ 10:15 am—Sunday School
 @ 11 am—Choir Practice
 @ 12:30 pm—United Women in Faith Christmas Luncheon
- **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
- **Wednesday, December 20 @ 12 noon—Heaven and Earth Advent Luncheon Study (Rm 101)**
 @ 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**
- **Wednesday, December 27 and January 3—No Wednesday Night Dinner or Classes**
- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 31—CFL Potato Bar Fundraiser—Signups coming soon**