



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

HENNING MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chronicles—Holiday 2019



Over a decade ago, a few pastors were lamenting how they'd come to the end of an Advent season exhausted and sensing they'd *missed it*—the awe-inducing, soul-satisfying mystery of the incarnation. For many of us, we were drowning in a sea of financial debt and endless lists of gifts to buy. We struggled to find the connection between our Christmas to-do lists and the story of Jesus' birth. An overwhelming stress had overtaken worship and celebration. The time of year when focusing on Christ should be the easiest was often the hardest. Somehow, this had become the new normal.

So, in 2006, three pastors, Chris Seay, Greg Holder, and Rick McKinley, decided to try something different. They called it the [Advent Conspiracy](#) movement, and came up with four tenets—[Worship Fully](#), [Spend Less](#), [Give More](#), [Love All](#)—to guide themselves, their families, and congregations through the Christmas season.

Worship Fully



Nearly every character in the Christmas story that encountered our King responded in the same way: worship. Let's make the conscious effort to reorient our hearts toward Christ. Christmas began with worship, may

Spend Less



In our hearts we know mindless consumption is not the way to celebrate Jesus. But spending less does not mean spending nothing. Rather we will thoughtfully evaluate what companies and causes we support through our purchases.

Give More



The best gifts celebrate a relationship and most often they require our time and energy. Relational giving means that we think about the other person—who they are and what they care about. We focus more on giving our undivided presence and less on a pile of presents under the tree.

Love All



Christmas is a chance to move closer to those in crisis. We will love others as Jesus has loved us. The poor and hurting of our world can be reached by God through the way we choose to celebrate Christmas.

Advent Conspiracy is about the entire body of Christ at work in the world. As we worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all, something begins to happen that is greater than any single person, church, or denomination. As the church we are telling the story of Jesus to the watching world. Come conspire with us this Advent season for Sunday worship and beyond.



Community Christmas Events



BREAKFAST *with* **SANTA**

Community Christmas Block Party

A gift to Sulphur



December 14th 10am - 2pm | Heritage Square, Sulphur



Sing We Now Of Christmas



**Christmas Cantata
December 15**

**9:00 AM Service
Sanctuary**

"A Child This Day"

**Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 22**

Meet in Key Hall at 5:00

After some snacks, we will head out to share
the joy of Christmas with our community,
then meet back in Key Hall at 7:00
for hot chocolate.

Night of
CAROLS!



Text: @henningkid
To: 81010



Henning Memorial
UMC Kids Ministry

Sunday School

(Meets weekly)

Nursery	1st Floor	Rm 142
3-Pre K	1st Floor	Rm 148
K-5th Grade	2nd Floor	Rm 240-248



During Sunday School—
kids get a chance to
dive deeper into
the stories

Outside of Sunday we meet to build the foundations of Christian community—fellowship, worshipping together and learning about God's love together.

December	January
Wed. 4 @ 6pm	Wed. 8 @ 6pm
Wed. 11 @ 6pm	Wed. 15 @ 6pm
Sun. 15 - Singing in Christmas	Wed. 22 @ 6pm
Wed. 18 @ 6pm	Wed. 29 @ 6pm



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HMUMC Youth

Things are ramping back up with youth group! We've had fun at Jr. High Retreat and hanging out with other youth groups as we volunteered at McNeese's Wesley Foundation.

Join us for **Sunday School** each week in **Rm 208** and **Youth** at the **Family Life Center**



December	January
Sun 1 @ 5-7pm	Sun 5 @ 5-7pm
Sun 8 @ 5-7pm	Sun 12 @ 5-7pm
Sun 15 @ 5-7pm	Sun 26 @ 5-7pm
Christmas Party—12/20/19	

Starting Point and Connect Classes

What does it mean to be a church member?
How do I discover my place in the church family?

Join us for an informal time with the pastors and some
key leaders of our congregation for *Starting Point*
Sunday, December 1 at 10:10AM in the Gallery.

The next step on the journey is our *Connect Classes* on Wednesday nights
through December, 6:00-7:30 PM in Key Hall.

12/4 Basic Christianity
12/11 Introduction to Methodism
12/18 Spiritual Gifts



Sulphur's new chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace is up and running!

Nearly 50 people gathered on a chilly November Saturday for the first Training and Build Day. Because of the great energy, turnout, and through the generosity of our community, we were able to build 10 beds!

The next Build Day is Sunday, December 15, 1:00-3:00 PM in the parking lot behind the Mustard Seed. No experience needed - just bring work gloves and a heart to make a difference for kids in our town.

Looking ahead: Our entire Christmas Eve offering at each service (5 pm, 7 pm, and 11 pm) on December 24 will be dedicated to materials and resources needed for Beds for Kids. In addition, a generous anonymous donor has committed to match the first \$10,000 given at that time!

If you have questions about the program or would like to volunteer or make donations, contact: Paul Warner, Chapter President—paul.warner@shpbeds.org.

Baptism



Thomas Alan Stegall

November 10, 2019

Also pictured: Travis, Danielle and Daniel Stegall

UMW NEWS



United
Methodist
Women

October's Stonebridge UMW meeting had a Halloween theme. Beverly Haden gave the devotional and presented a program with advice on senior exercises to prevent falls.. She also helped them with a cute craft, and helped them play "Halloween Bingo" where prizes were won. Nancy Muery provided refreshments. November's meeting will have a "thankful for our veterans" theme since it is the day after Veteran's Day {Nov. 12th} and close to Thanksgiving. Suzanne and Johnny Walker will give the program and provide refreshments, and Dianne Deason will give the devotional. Jubilee Circle will

sponsor the annual Christmas party for UMW at Stonebridge in December.

Sarah Circle (Suzanne Walker and husband Johnny were the wonderful cooks) served lunch for the Wesley Foundation Nov.6th. Our circle will cook again for them on Jan. 22nd. Sarah Circle is also making Christmas boxes for women of the Sulphur halfway house, which is partially sponsored through SC3 mission. Jubilee Circle continues to provide snacks to stock the cabinet at Wesley.

Our church UMW unit is providing cakes for the Community Christmas which will be held at The Grove this year on Dec. 14th. Our unit is also hosting the "Breakfast with Santa" to be held on Dec. 7th from 9-11 AM in Key Hall at our church. All children of the community are welcome. Children will have pancakes, make crafts, and take pictures with Santa.

Our unit continues to collect this year the Little Debbie Cakes for SC3, baby wipes and diapers for Guiding Light Ministries, school supplies for Methodist Children's Home, and the monthly items for Care Help and Backpack Blessings. Please bring the month's designated items to your circle meetings each month. We also continue to need volunteers for fixing SC3 women's lunch the first Tuesday of each month.

If you have not done so, please submit or complete your pledges for 2019 ASAP. Pledges can be mailed to Pat Halliwell or dropped in the UMW slot at the church.

Those in Need of our Immediate Prayers

Henry Belsha
Vicki Holder
Larry Joiner
Margaret Joyner
Carolyn McManus
Mary Ann Monk
Mike Pigott
Larra Visser



Those in Need of our Ongoing Prayers

Jim Blakeslee
Pat Halliwell
Lora Perkins
Leonard Vinson
Aubrey White
Jim Wood

Church Family in the Military

Matthew Carmack - Phoenix
James Cormier - Afghanistan
Chris Nelson - Afghanistan
Paul Hebert - Afghanistan
Caleb Fraizer - Ft. Rucker
Adam Billiot - Beale AFB, Ca.

Our Homebound Members

Colleen Chance
Georgette Jones
Mickey Penton
Joan Wallace

Our Members in Long Term Care Facilities

Dru Beglis - Stonebridge Place
Walter Dulany - The Verandah at Graywood
Maribel Ellender-Stonebridge Place
Bell McCall - High Hope Care Center
Refugees in crisis worldwide
Methodist Children's Home workers and youth
Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry
All disaster areas in the United States
Men and Women in the military

Prayer requests can be submitted by "prayer request cards" provided in the pews, phoning the church office at 337-527-5483 or email to church@hmumc.com. Names will appear for three weeks, if longer is desired, please submit a new request.



The church extends its sympathy to:

- ❁ Walt Dulany and family on the death of his father, Kenneth Dulaney.
- ❁ Cindy Qualls and family on the death of her stepfather, David Harris.
- ❁ Ted and Tara Lavergne on the death of his mother, Shirley Lavergne.
- ❁ Trudy Poole and Robert Wood and their family on the death of Mark Wood.
- ❁ Hailey and Austin Harris on the death of Hailey's father, Greg Veillion.
- ❁ Family of Bob Goodner on his recent death.
- ❁ Family of Dr. Kent Seale on his recent death.



Jesse Tree

The Jesse Trees are in the Gallery and in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Each ornament is a request for Christmas presents for an at-risk child from Kids Hope or the Children's Home.

- Choose an ornament and sign it out on the list next to the tree.
- Return wrapped presents with ornament to the Gallery or Branch by December 13 and place under the tree.
- If you have questions, please call the office at 337-527-5483.



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Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24th

5pm - Contemporary Worship

The Branch

7pm and 11pm - Traditional Worship

Sanctuary



Sunday Service Times

9:00 AM—Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

11:05 AM—The Branch Service in the Family Life Center

Sunday School for All Ages

10:10 AM-10:50 AM