

December 2018



Birthdays

- 12/01 Brett Johnson, Yvonne Stoltz
- 12/02 Toni Landry
- 12/03 Dougie Fischer
- 12/11 Payton Colon
- 12/12 Jeremy Johns
- 12/13 Wanda Evans, Kandy Ward
- 12/14 Cory Fulks
- 12/18 Silvia Polderman
- 12/19 Amelia Mayfield
- 12/20 Hunter Mayfield
- 12/21 Victoria Edwards
- 12/22 Ray Heberling, David Nortman
- 12/23 Carolyn Davenport
- 12/24 Catherine Marino
- 12/25 Becky Pecot
- 12/28 Bill Gallaher
- 12/29 Leroy Jenkins, Dean McCollough

Anniversaries

- 12/02 Gene & Debbie Faurie
Lawrence & Barbara Lynchard
- 12/16 Ray & Patsy Heberling
- 12/22 D.J. & Dora Fischer
- 12/27 Jerry & Marsha Felder


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			9am, Living Nativity Workday—Dec. 1st			1
2 Nursery: Dee Dee Mullins & Catherine Marino 3yr-Kind: Christina Bordelon 1st-3rd Grade: Lori Wallace	3 NO Care and Share, Gathering Room	4 6pm, Ladies Christmas Dinner @ Joe's Ristorante 	5 9:30am—POP (Power of Prayer), Sanctuary 10am—"Sunday's Scriptures" Bible Study, Grace Center 11:30am, PrimeTimers, Felder's house, Slidell 6:30pm—Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary	6 6pm, Children's Ministry Meeting, Grace Center	7 NO Celebrate Recovery, 7pm, Living Nativity, Each night 	8 CCC Ministry
9 Nursery: Donna Chartier & Charlotte Calandro 3yr-Kind: Peggy Colon 1st-3rd Grade: Stephanie Sherlock	10	11 6pm, Finance Meeting, Grace Center 7pm, Church Council, Agape Center	12 9:30am—POP (Power of Prayer), Sanctuary 10am—"Sunday's Scriptures" Bible Study, Grace Center 6:30pm—Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary	13 11am—Prayer Shawl, Grace Center 6pm, Family Advent Adventures	14 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	15 2-4pm, Pastor Susie's Open House
16 Nursery: Kathy Maillet & Susan Griffith 3yr-Kind: Becky Pecot 1st-3rd Grade: Renee DiVincenti	17	18	19 9:30am—POP (Power of Prayer), Sanctuary 10am—"Sunday's Scriptures" Bible Study, Grace Center 6:30pm—Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary	20 7pm—Men's Group, Gathering Room 7pm—Ladies Ministry Team, Agape Center	21 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	22
23 Nursery: Charlotte Calandro & Joyce Branaman 3yr-Kind: Carol Fife 1st-3rd Grade: Irene Wenner	24 5pm, Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 9:30am—POP (Power of Prayer), Sanctuary 10am—"Sunday's Scriptures" Bible Study, Grace Center 6:30pm—Praise Band Practice, Sanctuary	27 11am—Prayer Shawl, Grace Center	28 7pm, Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	29
30 Nursery: Charlotte Calandro & Becky Pecot 3yr-Kind: Carol Fife 1st-3rd Grade: Irene Wenner	31 6—9pm, Potluck and Fireworks	New Year's Day—Office Closed				



Ladies Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 4th @ 6pm
 The ladies of the church will celebrate their annual Christmas dinner at **6:00pm**

on Tuesday, December 4th at Joe's Ristorante, 300 Oak Harbor Blvd., Slidell. The cost will be \$26.00 each. You will have a choice of one of four designated meals from the regular dinner menu, (2 are chicken entrees and 2 are pasta entrees), salad and drink. Dessert will be provided. All women are invited to join us for this fun evening where we sing, play games and reveal our Secret Santa. Please give your money to Irene Wenner or Joyce Branaman by November 27th. Contact Irene Wenner at 985-290-9740 for more information.

Living Nativity
Friday, December 7th & Saturday, December 8th
7:00pm – 8:30pm



Come see our Bethlehem!! It's time for our annual "Living Nativity." This is our biggest community event of the year. We need all hands on deck as we present the greatest story ever told to our family, friends and community.

Volunteers can share a light meal beginning at 5:30PM on both Friday and Saturday nights. Following the meal everyone will be putting on their costumes at 6pm and getting into place by 6:45pm. If you would like to bring your favorite dish to share in the meal please call Joyce Branaman @ 863-5154.

Cookies Needed for Living Nativity

Each year as a "Thank You" to our guests who visit our Living Nativity we give a bag of 6 homemade cookies to each car/family. Bags are labeled with information about our Sunday worship service and the Christmas Eve worship service. If you can bake a few dozen cookies for this special event, please give Beth Barger a call at 850-206-3717. Please put 6 of your homemade cookies in a quart size zip-lock bag and bring them to the church no later than 5:30PM on Thursday, Dec. 6th

Thank You in advance for your help and participation!!!



Christmas Poinsettias - \$10.00

If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please use the envelopes provided in your bulletins **Nov. 25th—Dec. 16th**. Be sure to **circle** if the poinsettia is in honor or memory of your loved one. Each poinsettia is \$10. Please make your checks payable to PRUMC and in the memo section of your check, write POINSETTIA, or you may place cash in the envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Love Offering for Our Staff

What a gift we have in those who make the day-to-day operations of PRUMC run smoothly on Sunday mornings and throughout the week! With that in mind, **a Love Offering will be taken through December 16th, and then distributed equally between our staff on December 23rd, who are:** Kandy Ward, Jennifer Miller and Sarah Schultz. Checks are to be made to PRUMC with "Staff Gift" in the memo section, or you may place cash in the envelopes provided on Sunday mornings. Place your gift in the Sunday morning offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Questions can be directed to Valerie Little, our Staff Parish Relations (SPR) Chair, Pastor Susie or Pastor Cindy.

Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 1st · 5:30pm-7:30pm



The Children's Ministry Team is having a Christmas Party for our children. The children will be playing games, making crafts and watching a Christmas movie. They will enjoy a light dinner of chicken nuggets, tater tots and a homemade cookie for dessert. Please sign them up early. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Little at 985-285-9117 or call the church office at 985-863-7452. Look for more info in your Sunday bulletin.

Pastor Susie's Open House—Dec. 15th

Come and enjoy the fellowship and Christmas treats at the home of Pastor Susie. She is having her 2nd annual Open House on **Saturday, December 15th from 2:00pm—4:00pm**. Her place is located at 36553 Cobb Hammock Road, Pearl River. Any questions, call the church office at 985-863-7452. Wear your best Ugly Christmas Sweater. You may win a prize. Bring a canned good to feed the hungry.

Year-End Giving

With the end of the year just around the corner, now is an excellent time for you to review your tithe for 2018. You might want to make a list to ensure that you have taken full advantage of all the tax-saving deductions available to you. Don't forget to take a look at our Christmas Mission Offering list. For more information about year end giving check out the website at: <http://umfgiving.org>.

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Are you ready for the new year? We are! Come celebrate with a bang from **6:00-9:00PM on Monday, December 31st** for our annual New Year's Eve Celebration. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and fireworks. Bring your favorite dish to share or some sweets for everyone to enjoy. There will be a bonfire, hayrides, and indoor games to play. It'll be a great night of fellowship and family fun! *Friends are welcome!*

2018 Christmas Mission Offering

The Christmas Mission Offering has become a tradition here at PRUMC, and this year is no different. The **entire offering on Christmas Eve will be given away** to very worthy causes. As you begin budgeting for Christmas gift buying and start your holiday shopping, we hope you will allocate a portion of your Christmas spending to the three offerings listed below. We challenge each family to give an equal value of what you spend on Christmas gifts towards our Christmas Mission Offering. Together our offerings will make a difference in the lives of children, youth, and adults both locally and globally.

This year, our Christmas Mission Offering will support:

1. **Our Church:** As a congregation, we are actively engaged in building a bigger, more vibrant children's program, programs for our young adults, and a greater outreach to our community.
2. **Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home:** For over 125 years, the Children's Home has cared for children and their families throughout Louisiana. These funds will assist in helping the Children of the home in Mandeville, Ruston, Sulphur and coming soon, Robert
3. **Community Christian Concern:** Community Christian Concern is located in Old Town Slidell. They provide basic necessities to those in crisis. They have built a ministry through compassion, love and most importantly, a relationship with God to build our community members back up when they have lost their way. They provide food for the Second Harvest Food Banks, help with clothing and other necessary items for the homeless.

Advent Adventures

Thursday, December 13th

A family-focused evening that will help our families and anyone else who's interested to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Join us on Thursday, December 13th at 6:00pm, for a light meal, followed by a craft, an activity, a game fun and fellowship. Enjoy time together amidst this busy time of year, remembering the Reason for the Season. More info to come in you Sunday bulletins.



Are you looking for ways to get more involved in your church? Here are a few suggestions of great ministries that you are welcome to participate in!

Care & Share Support Group

Join Rev. Cindy Kaupp, JB and Becky Brown on the **first Monday of every month at 6pm**, for a time of sharing, listening, and prayer. If you have something weighing on your heart that you feel you need to talk about and get some loving support, join Rev. Cindy, Becky and JB for this monthly gathering. All discussions kept confidential.

Children's Ministry Team

1st Thursday

The Children's Ministry Team meets the **1st Thursday of each month at 6:00pm**, in the Grace Center. Please join us if you are interested in the children of our church and community. We make plans for lessons, fun times and fellowship. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Susan Kolb at 985-788-3790 or Valerie Little at 985-285-9117.

Pearl River Food Ministry Distribution

Our church helps distribute food boxes provided by Community Christian Concern (CCC) **once a month** in the parking lot of the former Precious Pearls on Highway 41. If you would like to help with this mission please give Jerry or Marsha Felder a call at 985-290-5366. It's a blessing to serve our community!

Men's Covenant Group

3rd Thursday of the month

Join Rudi Polderman and the men of our congregation as they share time in fellowship and study. If you have something you would like to share, please join them in the Gathering Room at 7:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you would like more information, call Rudi Polderman at 985-290-6164.

Prayer Shawl Group

Do you like to knit, crochet, latch-hook or embroider? Then this is the group for you! They are always looking for people to add to their group who are interested in providing a warm cover or piece of faithful color to someone's life. This group makes our prayer shawls and the baptismal blankets that we give to people who need a warm and prayerful touch. If you would like more info please give Joyce Branaman a call at 985-863-5154. Prayer Shawl Group meets on the second and fourth **Thursday mornings at 11:00am** in the Grace Center.