

December 2019

Birthdays

- 12/01 Brett Johnson, Yvonne Stoltz
- 12/02 Toni Landry
- 12/03 Dougie Fischer
- 12/04 Terry Crawford
Andrew Edmonston
- 12/13 Wanda Evans, Kandy Ward
- 12/18 Deseray Bartley,
Silvia Polderman
- 12/19 Amelia Mayfield, Joe Turner
- 12/20 Hunter Mayfield
- 12/22 Ray Heberling, David Nortman
- 12/23 Carolyn Davenport
- 12/24 Catherine Marino
- 12/25 Becky Pecot
- 12/26 Jane Canella
- 12/28 Bill Gallaher
- 12/29 Leroy Jenkins,

Anniversaries

- 12/02 Gene & Debbie Faurie
Lawrence & Barbara Lynchard
- 12/06 Brian & Amanda Urich
- 12/11 Luka & Shirley Cutura
- 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
1 Nursery: Susan Griffith & Kathy Maillet 3yr-Kind: Christina Bordelon 1st-3rd Grade: Lori Wallace	2 6pm, Family Advent Night	3 6pm, Ladies Christmas Dinner @ Joe's Italian Ristorante	4 9:30am —POP (Power of Prayer), <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am —“Sunday’s Scriptures” Bible Study, <i>Grace Center</i> 11:30am , Primetimer’s, Felder’s Home 6:30pm —Praise Band, <i>Sanctuary</i>	5 6pm, Children’s Ministry Team, Grace Center	6 7pm , Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center 6:30-8pm Living Nativity both Friday and Saturday	7
8 Nursery: Joyce Branaman & Anna May Provost 3yr-Kind: Kristin Matranga 1st-3rd Grade: Valerie Little	9	10 6pm , Finance Meeting, <i>Grace Center</i> 7pm , Church Council, <i>Agape Center</i>	11 9:30am —POP (Power of Prayer), <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am —“Sunday’s Scriptures” Bible Study, <i>Grace Center</i> 6:30pm —Praise Band <i>Sanctuary</i>	12 11am Prayer Shawl Team, Grace Center	13 7pm , Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	14 6-8pm Children’s Christmas Party
15 Nursery: Dee Dee Mullins & Catherine Marino 3yr-Kind: Becky Pecot 1st-3rd Grade: Renee DiVincenti	16	17	18 9:30am —POP (Power of Prayer), <i>Sanctuary</i> 10am —“Sunday’s Scriptures” Bible Study, <i>Grace Center</i> 6:30pm —Praise Band <i>Sanctuary</i>	19 6:30pm, Ladies Meeting, Agape Center 7pm, Men’s Meeting, Gathering Room	20 7pm , Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	21 2-4pm, Rev. Susie’s Open House
22 Nursery: Charlotte Calandro & Marsha Felder 3yr-Kind: Valerie Little 1st-3rd Grade: Irene Wenner	23	24 5pm, Family Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed Merry Christmas!	26	27 7pm , Celebrate Recovery, Agape Center	28
29 Nursery: Peggy Colon & Valerie Little 3yr-Kind: Wendy Fulks 1st-3rd Grade: Catherine Marino Youth Sunday	30	31 5:30pm, New Year’s Eve Celebration & Fireworks				

Advent Family Night Monday, December 2nd

A family-focused evening that will help our families and anyone else who’s interested in preparing their hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Join us on **Monday, December 2nd 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. Sign up in the Gathering Room!

**Living Nativity
Friday, Dec. 6th &
Saturday, Dec. 7th
6:30 pm – 8:00pm**



Come see our Bethlehem!! It’s time for our annual “Living Nativity.” This is our biggest community event of the year. 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 6:15pm**. If you would like to bring your favorite dish to share in the meal please call Anna Mae Provost @ 985-285-0654

Cookies Needed for Living Nativity

Each year as a “Thank You” to our guests 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. 5th**

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



Primetimer's - December 4th

Primetimer's will meet immediately after Wednesday Bible Study at the home of Jerry and Marsha Felder for lunch and Christmas fun. The Felder's address is 66053 St. Michael Circle, Pearl River. Please bring \$5.00 for the meal and a \$10.00 wrapped gift to exchange. Any questions, please give Jerry or Marsha a call at 985*290-5366.

Ladies Christmas Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 3rd @ 6pm



Ladies, join the women of the church at our annual Christmas dinner at **6:00pm on Tuesday, December 3rd at Joe's Ristorante, 300 Oak Harbor Blvd., Slidell.** The cost will be \$26.00 which includes salad, bread and dipping sauce, entrée and a drink. You will have a choice of either a chicken or pasta entrée and also a Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad entrée. Dessert will be provided. We will also trade gifts and reveal identity of Secret Santa. If you have a secret pal but are unable to make it to dinner, you can give and get your gift on the following Sunday. We will begin signing up for next year's Secret Santa at the Christmas dinner. We are also asking that you bring a \$5.00 gift card to a fast food restaurant for us to send to the children at the Methodist Children's Home. Please give your money to Irene Wenner or Joyce Branaman by November 24th. Contact Irene Wenner at 985-290-9740 for more information. Hope to see you all there.



Children's Ministry Team - Dec. 5th

The Children's Ministry Team will meet on **Thursday, December 5th at 6:00pm**, in the Grace Center. Anyone interested in teaching or helping with the children and youth of our congregation are welcome to join us. We will be making our final plans for our children and youth's holiday events. We will also be talking about Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Susan Kolb a call at 985-788-3790 or Valerie Little at 985-285-9117. New folks always welcome!



Children's Christmas Party Dec. 14th · 6:00pm-8:00pm

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 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. 21st

Please join Pastor Susie and Britt for a Christmas Open House at her home on the river!. Drop in any time between **2pm-4pm on Saturday, December 21st** for some good food and great fellowship. If you'd like, please bring a non-perishable food item for our Blessing Box. And - Back by popular demand, we'll hold an Ugly Sweater Contest once again this year! Susie's address is 63533 Cobb Hammock Road, Pearl River. Look for the Santa hat on the mailbox. Call 225-205-2883 if you get lost. See you then.



Pearl River Feeding Ministry Saturday, December 28th

Join our Missions Team at 9am to 11am (8:45am for Volunteers), on **Saturday, December 28th**, as they hand out food boxes at the old Precious Pearls parking lot on Hwy. 41. This is a much-needed mission in our community. They are collecting peanut butter this month. For more info, call Jerry or Marsha Felder at 985-290-5366. New volunteers always welcome!

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, 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! Let's welcome 2020 as a church family!*



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 2019. 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!

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 Dec. 8th and Dec. 15th.** 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 15th, and then distributed equally between our staff on December 22nd, 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.



2019 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. **PRUMC Missions:** 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.