

PRAY WITH US

WITHIN OUR CHURCH

The Family of Pearlle Byrge	Angela Nipper	The LeCoultre Family	The Doig Family
Orville Beeler	Leroy Lynn	Charles Bales	Marian Laurendine
Joyce Beeler and Family	Linda Skaggs	Joyce and Voyd Keck	Ruth Comer
Linda Jones	Gwen Overton	The Hatfield Family	The Norris & Vandergriff Families

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bill Moates	Mark Laurendine	Mark Stone	Bob Mitchell
Dean Bailey	Ed Ward	Jonah Goddard	Sam Jelf
Carolyn Hatfield	Mike Vandergriff	Mike Dixon	Barry Arden
Mary Lakin	Greg Vandergriff	Robin Levy	Donnie Woods
Bill Norris	Cathy Branham	Kimmy Mackiewicz	

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

April Nieuwkoop (Doug & Lori)	John Jones (Linda)	Jimmy Guinn (Judy)	Dustin Freshour (Kay Freshour)
Brad Nelson (Faye Heydasch, Jennifer Atkins)	Bradley Beeler (Lisa & Larry, Orville)	Doug Harris (Ted/ Carla Hatfield)	Aaron Norman (Sherman & Patty Mitchell)
Brandon Grabill (Vicki Clair)	Chad Blakely (Elsie Todd)	Andrew Dixon (Don and Kelly)	Darren Guinn (Judy)
Jonah Goddard (Cathy/Vince Miller)			

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. J. David Tabor	Senior Pastor	Rev. Megan Boatwright	Associate Pastor
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STAFF

Cheryl Massey	Office Coordinator	Jimmy Lee	Director of Youth Ministry
Vicki Clair	Church Secretary	John McPherson	Custodian
Nancy Counts	Financial Secretary	Mike Beckley	Organist
Sarah Beth Day	Children's Director	Nancy Hodges	Pianist
Sarah Holloway	Music Director	Kaileigh Lakin	Worship Leader

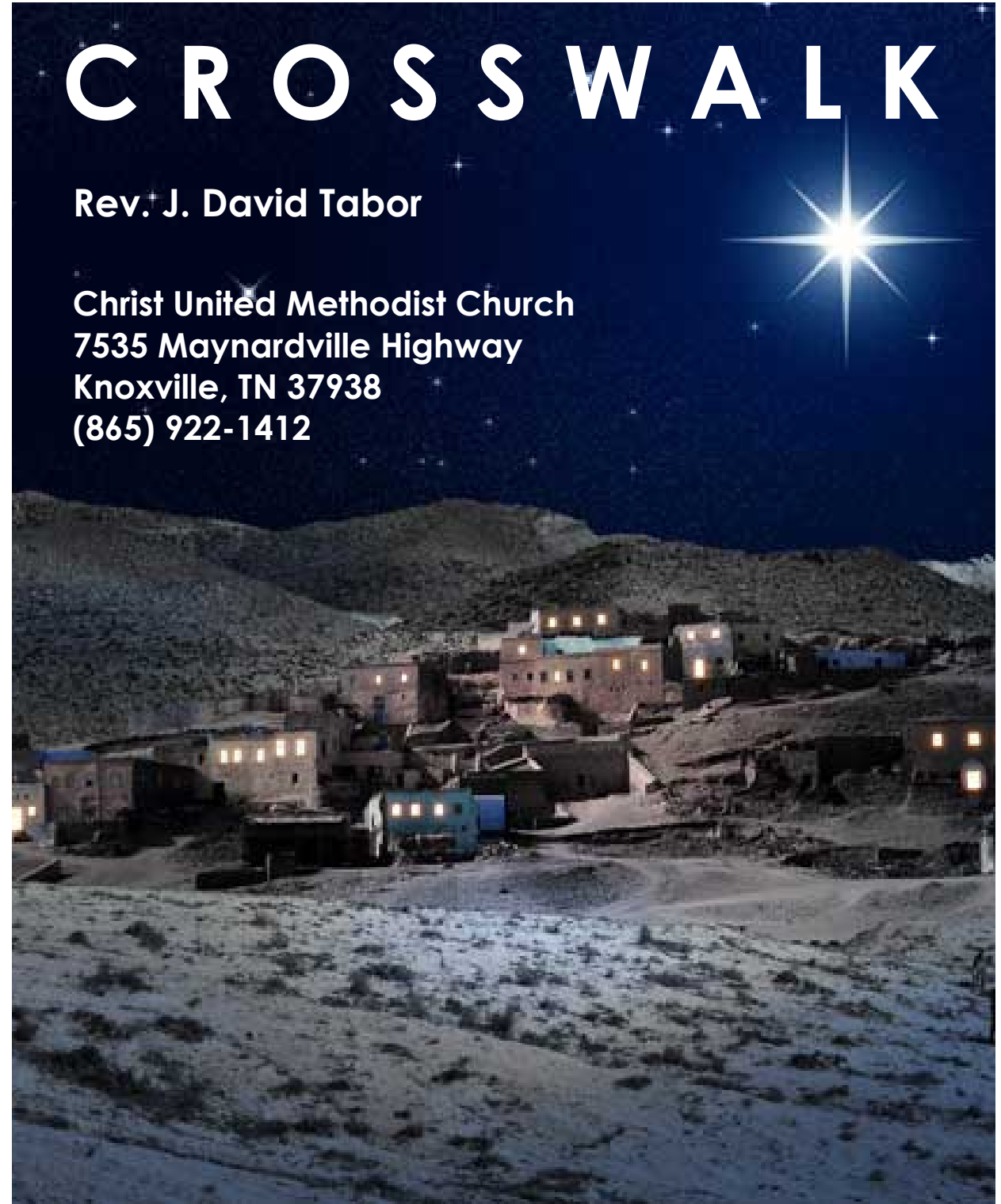
LAY LEADERSHIP

Bobby Stair	Lay Leader	John R. McCloud	Treasurer Emeritus
Jim Davis	Chair of Church Council	Jim Davis	Sunday School Superintendent
Becca Treece	Chair of Trustees	Fred Russell	United Methodist Men
Larry Beeler	Chair of PSPR	Myra Buffaloe	United Methodist Women
Marty Tallent	Chair of Finance Committee	Becca Treece, Jane Hunley,	Lay Members to Annual
David Morris	Treasurer	Nancy Dayton	Conference

CROSSWALK

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Grace and peace to you, and welcome to Crosswalk at Christ United Methodist Church! This morning, we invite you to participate as we worship through singing, praying, and hearing God's word. Our nursery for babies and toddlers is down the hall, and entrances to restroom facilities are in the back of our worship space. The hospitality table against the far wall in our worship space has coffee and donut holes for you to enjoy at any time. Please feel free to get up to fill up your cup (or your stomach!) at any point during the worship service. The table on the near wall contains our offerings for the week. We believe that our offerings are not merely dollars that we share, but tangible ways that we work together to make earth look a bit more like heaven each week. To share a monetary offering with our church to help meet the needs of our world, please place it in the basket on either of the small tables. On the center table, we invite you to join us in collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for our food pantry here at Christ Church. In the center of each table, you'll find a double sided prayer and visitation card. If it's your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the visitor card so that we might properly thank you for being with us today. If you have any prayer concerns, please feel free to share those with the staff team and/or add them to our prayer list. To learn more about Christ United Methodist Church and our ministries for people of all ages and stages of life, please visit our website at www.christumcknox.com and connect with us on social media. We are grateful that you are here with us, as we worship God together!

WHAT IS ADVENT?

Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's so much more to it!

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. In the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, his baptism, and his first miracle. Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome	Pastor David
Opening Prayer	
Go Tell It On the Mountain	Crosswalk Band
O Come, All Ye Faithful	Crosswalk Band
Joys and Concerns	
Offering: O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Crosswalk Band
Offertory Prayer	
The Lighting of the Advent Candle	Pastor David
Today's Message	Pastor David
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:39-56
Rocking Around the Christmas Tree	Crosswalk Band
Announcements	
Dismissal With Blessing	Pastor David

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-56: In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.