

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS RESCUE / CHRISTMAS HOPE!

### LASAR TOY DRIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 16

Please pick up the flyer concerning the Toy Drive for hurricane victims from the table in the sanctuary foyer.

### CHURCH CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE DECEMBER 1 - 22

Starting December 1, you can begin dropping off and picking up Christmas cards from our LMC church family in the fellowship hall foyer. Please mail cards for those listed as homebound on our prayer list.

### EMBRACE ALABAMA/FLORIDA KIDS CHILDREN'S HOME "EMBRACE CHRISTMAS"

Throughout December and at our Christmas Eve service, we are receiving an offering to support the Embrace AL/FL Kids Ministry. Please write checks to LMC, and on your memo write Embrace AL/FL Kids.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH BRUNCH & PROGRAM DECEMBER 9 11:00 AM

All women are welcome and asked to bring brunch items, a Secret Santa gift around \$10 and wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater!

### MEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS SUPPER DECEMBER 9 5:30 PM

We will finalize our missions distributions for 2025.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Lillian Christmas Parade December 14:** Meet at the church at 12:00 PM to load the church float. Everyone is asked to wear Christmas red, green, gold or white, if possible. Our theme is "Happy Birthday Jesus"!

**Christmas Outing December 15:** Following Sunday School and 10:00 AM Worship, we will be going to CiCi's Pizza for lunch and then to see the movie, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Wharf.

**Optimist Club of Perdido Bay's Breakfast with Santa December 21 9:00 AM** at the Lillian Community Club

### CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA DECEMBER 15

### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER DECEMBER 16 5:30 PM

Bring an entrée, a side dish and/or dessert that can serve 8. The Church will provide ham, beverages, plates & utensils.

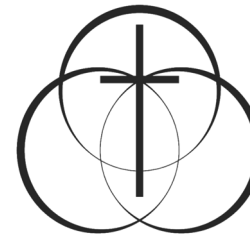
### BRIGHT BRIDGE MINISTRIES SERVICE DAY DECEMBER 17

We will carpool from the church at 8:30 AM, or you can meet us there at 9:00 AM. Contact Betty Erwin at 850-776-7125 so we can know who is helping. Bright Bridge Ministries is located at 2600 W. Strong St., Pensacola.

### CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND DECEMBER 18 10:00 AM

We will depart on the church bus to bring some Christmas cheer to our homebound members. Text 251-234-1122 if you can participate.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE DECEMBER 24 5:00 PM



# LILLIAN METHODIST CHURCH

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE

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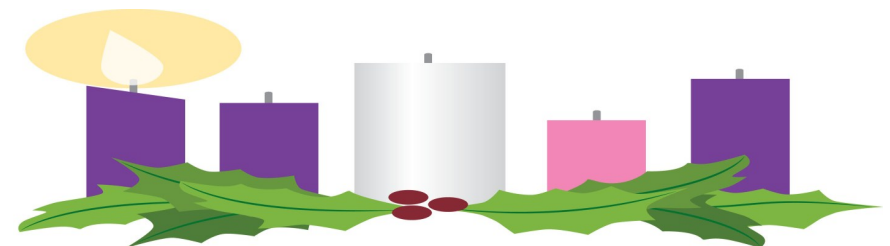
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**Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**The first candle of the Advent wreath is a symbol of Christ Our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.**

**TO VIEW WORSHIP LIVE OR LATER, GO TO  
www.LillianMC.org & Click On Worship.**

**Email The Office To Receive Weekly Email Updates  
& To Place or Remove Someone On The Prayer List.**

**8:00 & 10:00 AM WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**\* INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION** Pg. 730

**\* HYMN #163** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**\* HYMN #691** The Apostles' Creed

**\* SCRIPTURE** Luke 3:1-20

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God's salvation.' John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely, be content with your pay." The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

## CHOIR SPECIAL

**HYMN #162** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

**SERMON** Receiving Righteousness for Christmas

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pg. 731

**\* HYMN #192** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**\* BENEDICTION** "Emanuel, Emanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

\* Please Stand, If Able.

# WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We pray you feel the love of Christ throughout the service. To help us get to know you better, please complete a **Welcome Card** located in the pews, and give it to the pastor after the service. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Daniel at 251-234-1122 or DanielWRandall@gmail.com.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Jean Fritts      2 John Stewart      4 Fred Chandler  
4 Jim Merryfield      5 Mickey Hudson      7 Perry Cunningham  
9 Bruce Clements

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2 Jean & Don Fritts      2 Elsie & Robert Kirby  
2 Janice & Mike Spooner      4 Garnet & Al Eubanks  
7 Faith & Craig McCormick

# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, December 1

8:00 AM      **Worship**      9:00 AM      **Sunday School**  
10:00 AM      **Worship, Children's Church & Nursery**  
for Children Birth to 2nd Grade Only

## TUESDAY, December 3

11:00 AM      **Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness**  
(Sharyon Miller, Certified Educator 850-221-8630)  
7:00 PM      **AA & ALANON**

## Wednesday, December 4

7:30 AM      **Men's Prayer**      8:45 AM      **Discipleship Study**  
1:00 PM      **Discipleship Study**      5:30 PM      **Choir Practice**

## Thursday, December 5

10:00 AM      **Ageless Grace, Brain Fitness**  
1:00 PM      **Healing Hope Grief Support Group**

## Saturday, December 7 CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

3:00 PM      **Games & Activities**      **Hot Chocolate & Cookies**  
**Secret Santa Shop**      **Train Rides**  
4:00 PM      **Santa Arrives by Helicopter**  
5:30 PM      **"Launching the Lights" Followed by Fireworks!**

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Thank you to those who chose a child from this year's Angel Tree. Gifts are due back to the church by December 8. If you have questions, please contact Betty Erwin at 850-776-7125.