

# THE CONNECTION

## CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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### Dear Cherokee Springs Family,

And just like that, Advent is upon us. I for one am excited about this Advent season more than most. Mainly because I get to begin to sharing the rich traditions and meaning of this season with a precious and beautiful little daughter. Granted, this year we're just going to show her how pretty the lights are and perhaps sing her some Advent and Christmas carols! Now that I have a child of my own, I am once again reminded of the sense of wonder and enchantment that comes with this season. Flames dance on candles, tiny lights twinkle and dance, breaths billow out like clouds, "In the air there's a feeling of Christmas" as a beloved song goes. For children, this enchantment comes somewhat naturally. But much like the grown-up Peter Pan in the movie *Hook*, we adults need a little extra push to jog our memories. And we might say things like, "well Christmas is magical for kids, because they haven't been faced with the 'harsh realities' of the world." Here's the thing though... It's possible to choose to be enchanted. I mean Jesus' birth was a miracle after all. In a sense—magical. We may be reading "the same old story," but it's up to us how we receive and celebrate that story. It's up to us how we celebrate and receive Christ.



Love,  
Pastor Mason

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:15am

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
10:00am

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Bible Study: Tuesdays 6:30pm***  
***Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:30pm***

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Church Council – 7:15pm*
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Adopt-A-Highway 8am*
- 5<sup>th</sup> - LUMC Food Pantry donations*  
*- Kids Connect Christmas 2-3:30pm*  
*- LUMC Campfire Christmas - 6pm*
- 14<sup>th</sup> - UMW Christmas Party – 6pm*  
*Donna Webber's home*
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Cantata*
- 21<sup>st</sup> - The Longest Night – 6:30pm*
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service – 5:30pm*  
*LUMC*



Virtual services offered through our Facebook page.

*Calendar changes will be announced during Sunday services and on the CSUMC Facebook page.*



3<sup>rd</sup> – Cynthia Codespoti



## Sunday Servers

**Ushers:** Gene Cantrell and Greg Newton  
**Acolyte:** MerriElizabeth Cable

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – He Shall Be Called: Bright and Morning Star**

John 1:1-9  
Revelation 2:28  
2 Peter 1:19

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – He Shall Be Called: The Prince of Peace**

Isaiah 9:6 & 2:4  
John 14:27

**December 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Cantata**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> – He Shall Be Called: Immanuel**

Isaiah 7:14  
John 1:14  
Revelation 21:3



### ***Kids Connect Christmas Party***

*Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
2-3:30pm*

*Children of all ages are welcome!  
Please bring a pair of new adult socks to be donated.*



### ***UMW Christmas Party***

*Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm*

*All the women of the church are invited to Donna Webber's home for the annual Christmas party.*

*Please bring a dish to share.  
Everyone is asked to bring a \$15-\$20 gift to participate in the gift exchange.*

*Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list.  
If you have a new prayer request or update, please text them to 864-921-0662.*

*Deadline to submit next month's newsletter info is: December 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email [info@cherokeespringsumc.org](mailto:info@cherokeespringsumc.org)*