

Cayce United Methodist Courier



DECEMBER 2024

Pastoral Reflections:

Birthdays are to be joyous celebrations. Birthday parties are for giving thanks for the honored person whose birth and life are celebrated. A homeless friend of mine always starts letting me know several months ahead that his birthday is coming up and he reminds me every time about a gift for him. It's usually a gift card that he wants that he can use at any number of stores for food or personal items. He also reminds regularly as Christmas approaches for me not to forget a gift for him. I'm starting to get those reminder emails from him now. I can just see him at one of the public computers in the Richland County library sending me the email.

A number of years ago I came across a campaign being waged at Christmas time called, "Whose birthday is it anyway?" The idea is that since we are supposed to give gifts to the one who is having the birthday then why at Christmas when it is Jesus' birthday are we giving gifts to others whose birthday it is not? And many of the people to whom we give gifts just aren't in need of those gifts.

So if it's Jesus' birthday at Christmas then how do we give gifts to Jesus? The answer is partly found in Matthew 25. "In as much as you have done it to/for the least of these, you have done it to/for me." Jesus said. Who are "the least of these"? Jesus tells us. They are the hungry, the thirsty, the poor without necessities like clothing, the sick, those in prison and the strangers/ aliens. We get the idea and the list could be expanded to include the homeless, the vulnerable and powerless ones, victims of oppressive systems and ideologies.

Jesus is found in my homeless friend who is mentally ill, often hungry, in need of clothing like a warm winter coat and is on probation because of some charges against him. With the umpteenth email reminder about a Christmas gift I should give him, I must say that it irritates me sometime. In my more generous moments I am able to see Jesus in him and am thankful for the reminder that Jesus is not some gentle buddy that's nice to me and always has my back, but Jesus is all around me in real people who need compassion and help. I think of the kids at Cayce Elementary, many of whom live below the poverty line and who need snacks and blankets to keep them warm.

We tried the "Whose birthday is it anyway?" idea in our extended family on several occasions at Christmas. I have to be honest that it was met with some resistance. Popular culture and advertising, "me centered" consumerism along with common attitudes that paint the poor as lazy and undeserving get in the way of seeing and responding to Jesus who appears in front of us regularly. Despite my irritation and small heartedness, I do need my friend to keep reminding me to treat him as I would treat Jesus. That reminder and the presence of my homeless friend is a gift I do need. A blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas to you all!

Cayce United Methodist Church

1600 12th Street, Cayce, SC
29033-3104

www.cayceumc.com

Phone: (803)794-3200

Fax (803)794-6191

Email : office@cayceumc.com

www.facebook.com/cayceumc

Instagram: [cayceumcchurch](https://www.instagram.com/cayceumcchurch)

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Staff

Rev. Tom Wall

Senior Pastor

pastor@cayceumc.com

Mrs. Debbie McDonald

Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Cynthia Hutchison

Office Administrator

office@cayceumc.com

Ms. Camille Jones

Director of Music Ministries

caboose6426@gmail.com

Ms. Kathryn Williams

Hand Bell Choir Director

kwmsmusic@gmail.com

Melissa Brookshire

Nursery Coordinator

Rev. Sam Harmon

Pastor Emeritus

CONTRIBUTIONS	Week of 11/17/2024
Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,730.77
Received 11/17/24	\$22,223.50
Surplus/Deficit	\$15,492.73
Year to Date Prorated Budget	\$353,846.26
Year to Date Budget Giving	\$277,317.92
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(76,528.34)
Actual Received to Date	\$277,317.92
Actual Expenses to Date	\$270,595.19
Surplus/Deficit	\$6,722.73


ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to inform you that our church now offers a convenient QR code option. By simply scanning this code using your phone's camera, you will be directed to our church giving website.



Cayce UMC needs your help. For the first time in a number of years we have the opportunity to finish the year in the black. That means our gifts will be more than our costs. It will be close. So please continue to be generous. We realize Christmas and Thanksgiving are coming and many of you will be out of town or busy with holiday preparations. But gifts can still be counted toward 2024 if received in the office by 12/31/24. Mailed contributions must be postmarked no later than 12/31/24. Online giving is always available. We are so near our financial goal. Please help us reach it.

The Cayce Adult Choir would like to invite you to our Christmas Cantata Worship Service on Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 AM. We will celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

through  and word. Our guest musicians will include Tammy Lorick on PIANO, Jonathan Burns on BASS, Matthew Jones on PERCUSSION and Kathleen Wilson on HARP. Our choir is blessed with much talent and we look forward to leading the service on this day of celebration of our coming Lord!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Communion & Candlelight
5:00 PM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close Friday, December 20, 2024 for the holiday season and will re-open on Monday, December 30, 2024.

For Pastoral needs, you may contact
Rev. Tom Wall at 803-556-1039



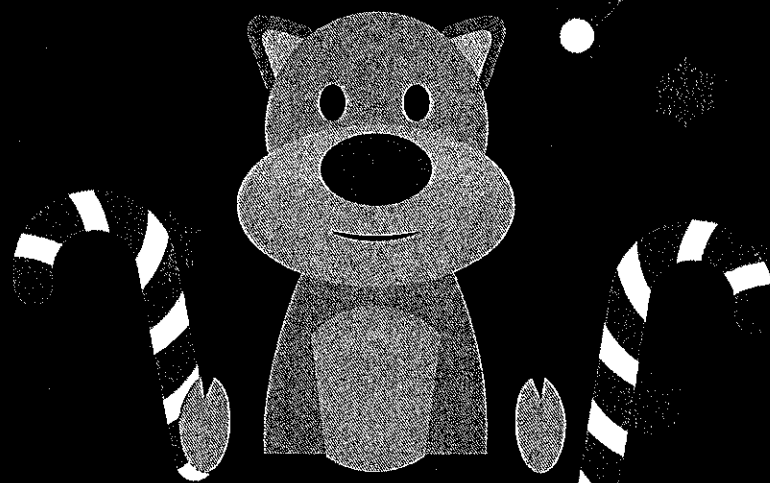
Everyone is invited to join us for

Christmas Caroling



Sunday, December 8th

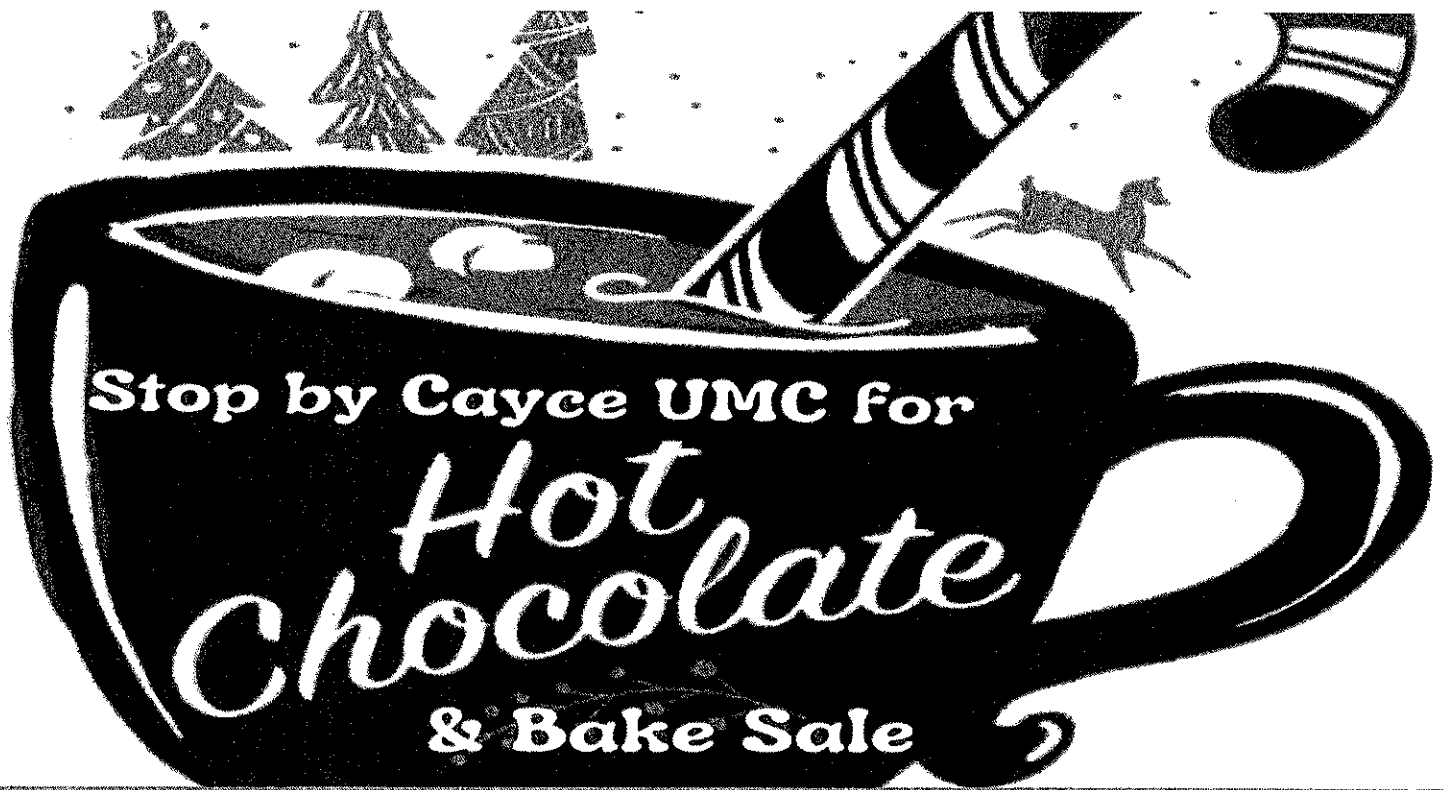
3:00 - 5:00 pm



Cayce Kidz Christmas Party "Parents Night Out"

Friday, December 13th

6:00pm - 10:00pm



CWC Parade of Lights

December 14th, 5:00 - 7:30pm

All donations will benefit Project Snack Sack

Happy Birthday *Jesus!*

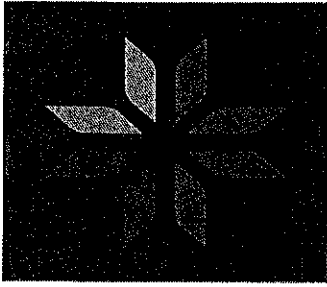
Join us for a party celebrating
the birth of Jesus!

Sunday, Dec. 15th

9:30 am

Chambers Hall





Cayce United Women in Faith News

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Upcoming Events - Newswatch

December 3 Cayce UMC Unit meeting at 4:00
Location to be determined

Looking Ahead

Ongoing Missions

- Drink tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Feed the Yellow Piggy bank with change for Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter.

** Note: Both are collected by the drinking fountain outside Chambers Hall.

Want to stay up to date on UWF events & projects?

Visit the UWF Bulletin Boards! You'll find lots of great information there.

CARD CONNECTION!

Please remember our Senior Saints with a card and a note! A big Thank You to those of you who have sent cards. Thanks for adding a note of cheer to someone's day. It makes their day to receive these cards and notes.



CAYCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HEAD NURSERY COORDINATOR

JOB POSTING SUMMARY

Cayce UMC is seeking a Head Nursery Coordinator to plan, coordinate, and supervise the Infant and Toddler Nurseries (newborn to 3 years of age) during the Sunday school hour and the worship service from approximately 9:15 am to 11:45 am.

Successful completion of Red Cross First Aid Training and SLED background check are required.

Hours: 3 to 4 hours per week

Salary rate: \$20 per hour.

Please contact the church office for complete job description or contact Robin Nicholson at rnicholson140@gmail.com.

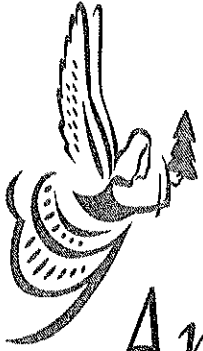
Members or friends of the CUMC congregation should submit resumes via email to Robin Nicholson or mail to the church Attn: SPRC, 1600 12th St., Cayce, SC 29033 by midnight, **Monday, December 9, 2024.**

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering to help care for our little ones in the Nursery. We need at least eight people (18 and older) so each one can help only once in two months. We are also looking for those willing to substitute if needed. This is truly a mission. Please call the church office if you can help.



Project Share



Angel Tree

God's Helping Hands "**Angel Tree Ministry**" will be focusing again this year on helping our neighbors. GHH has determined that helping to pay heating/electric bills is the most pressing need again this year. The GHH Angel tree is now displayed in the sanctuary. Our tree is decorated with envelopes for you to use to make your donations. **Please make your check payable to "God's Helping Hands Project Share"**. These funds will be used in addition to the regular funds that GHH uses to assist people. **We will collect these through the end of the year.**

Prayer List

At Home Members: Elisa Williams, Nettie Livingston, Lavern Shull, Larry Mitchell, Cindy Davis, David Hill, Ray Meetze, BJ Williams, Harold & Gayle Byrd, Jerry Youngblood.



Members in Care Facilities: Pat Flowers, Betty McLellan, Bob Nelson, Evelyn Coggins, Jackie Smith, Edith Siniard.

Other Members and Friends who need our prayers: Charles Beason (Lindy Garrick's nephew), June Touma (friend of Cindy Davis), Ashley (Sandra McElveen's daughter), Jackie McLendon (friend of Gerry & Jan Bonnette), Andy Tevepaugh, Emily Smoak (Jeremy Smoak's wife), Dixie Dugan (Susan Dugan's mother), Jeff Hutchison, Rick Grounsell (Debbie McDonald's brother), Andy Gambrell (Janis Ouellette's dad), Jerry & Velma Cobb (friend of Betty Moore), Bucky Hudson, JoAnne Culler (friend of Linda Edmonds), Kandi Pietrowitz Perry (daughter of Bill & Arleen Pietrowitz), Jessica Porter, Caroline Jamison (friend of Cynthia Hutchison).

Members in Military: Ryan Vassey, Brett Brazell, Sarah Ouelette

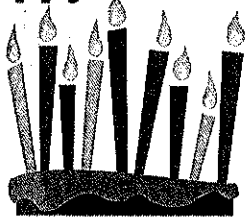
Please notify the church office at 803-794-3200 to add or delete any family or friends.

Thank you!

DECEMBER 2024

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
		4:00 pm UWF	6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir		Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Room 32 Christmas Party at Jan & Gerry's	
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship 3-5:00 pm Cayce Kidz Christmas Caroling	9 6:00 SPRC	10 6:00 Trustees	11 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	12	13 Church Office Closed 6-10:00 pm Cayce Kidz Christmas Party	14 5-7:30 pm Christmas Parade Cayce Kidz Hot Choco- late/Bake Sale
15 9:30 Sunday School Happy Birthday Jesus Party Chambers Hall 10:30 am Worship CANTATA	16	17	18	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	23 Church Office Closed	24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Church Office Closed	25 CHRISTMAS  Church Office Closed	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	30	31				

Happy Birthday!



12/01	Scottie Newman	12/13	Judy Pooser
12/01	Addison Hudson	12/14	JJ O'Dell
12/02	Preston Dufries	12/15	Reagan Ford
12/03	Steve Wichmann	12/16	Craig Hipp
12/03	Kathryn Williams	12/18	Jackie Smith
12/06	Cane Elrod	12/23	Karen Stone
12/06	Sarah Ouellette	12/25	Nettie Livingston
12/08	Tommy Rivers	12/26	Diane Rollison
12/08	Steve Drab	12/26	Susan Yobs
12/08	Cal Atwood	12/27	Gayle Byrd
12/10	Ari LaRosa	12/28	Linda Edmonds
12/13	Alice Stewart	12/31	Ty Hudson



12/03 Lynn & Judy Hutchinson
12/15 Keith & Sabrina Williams
12/16 Bland & Katie Wilkerson

NEEDED FOR GOD'S HELPING HANDS

December

Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Peas, Juice,
Oatmeal, Breakfast Cereals



USHERS

December 1
Judy Hutchinson
Barney Lindley

December 8
Diane Rollison
Ben Taylor

December 15
Cal Atwood
John Whitaker

December 22
John Tjaarda
Allyson Tjaarda
Debbie McDonald

December 29
Youth

ACOLYTES

December 1
Brylee Gunter

December 8
Aubrie Cobb

December 15
Jaxon Cobb

December 22
Kynslee Gunter

December 29
Ari LaRosa

AV TECHS

December 1
Lisa Fisher

December 8
Elliot Bridges
Dylan Bridges

December 15
Cynthia Hutchison

December 22
Elliot Bridges
Dylan Bridges

December 29
Cynthia Hutchison

TRUSTEES OF THE MONTH

December

Brittany Tevepaugh

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are available for Sundays in

January 2025

January 5 - both vases
January 12 - both vases
January 19 - both vases
January 26 - both vases



If you would like to donate flowers, you may enter your name on the Flower Calendar posted across from the church office, call us at 794-3200 or email us at cayceumcfice@gmail.com.

CAYCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1600 TWELFTH STREET
CAYCE, SC 29033
PHONE (803) 794-3200 ** FAX (803) 794-6191
Email address cayceumcoffice@gmail.com
Web address: www.cayceumc.com

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
COLUMBIA, SC
PERMIT NO.1011



SUNDAY MORNING

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Online at CayceUMC.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



www.facebook.com/cayceumc

www.cayceumc.com



[@cayceumcchurch](https://www.instagram.com/cayceumcchurch)