

the Reminder

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ROSE HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | DECEMBER 2020

O Come All Ye Faithful!

What could be more special than an evening of singing your favorite carols, sipping hot cocoa, munching cookies, and enjoying an outdoor fire?

Invite your friends and family and come share the sounds and smells of the season with us!



Church Events

Sundays

- 8:30 am Traditional Service in Chapel (*masks required*)
- 9:45 am Contemporary Service in The HUB (*masks recommended*)
- 9:45 am Worship on Facebook
- 9:45 am Adult/Youth/Children Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Service in Faith Center (*masks recommended*)

Wednesdays

- 10:00 am Heart to Heart Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursdays

- 7:00 pm United Methodist Women's Book Study



Traditional Services: 5:00 and 9:00 PM. Contemporary Service: 7:00 PM.
All services include Communion and Candlelighting, and social distancing.



A Message from Pastor Jason

Don't you enjoy getting good news? I do because in our world there's an abundance of negativity. Turn on the TV. Read the newspaper. Look at social media. There's a steady dosage of depressing information bombarding us. I'm tired of it! I want some good news hot off the press... news that is life changing not life draining.

The Hebrew people at the time of Jesus' birth were in desperate need for good news as well. They were politically, socially, and religiously oppressed. The Roman Empire was ruling over them with an iron fist and socially enticing them with a hedonistic lifestyle. The Hebrews were also religiously pressured by a polytheistic culture and weary from the demands of the Law. The Hebrew people at the time of Jesus' birth were required to address their own sin; they were still required to offer sacrifices in the temple on a regular basis as payment for their sins.

Imagine the pressure of having to clean up your own spiritual mess every year in an effort to make yourself right with God! It was an impossible task! So yes... the Hebrew people were in a state of despondency and needed some good news. So God delivers, Matthew writes, and every person who has read or reads his gospel, and in particular, *Matthew 1:18-25*, is given the best news ever and it comes in the form of a baby!

An angel appeared to Joseph and told him to name this Mary's baby **Jesus**, and Joseph did! The name Jesus comes from the Hebrew word Yeshua/Joshua, which means *savior*. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and told him to give Mary's baby the name "*Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*"

Well, the ramifications of this are amazing! Jesus, will save his people from their sins, which means he will cleanse people and restore the severed relationship between humanity and God that was the result of sin, which means no more sacrificing in the future, no more lambs or doves will have to be offered up in the Temple as payment for the debt of sin people owe. Jesus, will take his people's sin away; he will bring healing and wholeness. His tiny hands will one day be pierced for their transgressions. His tender brow will one day be crushed by a crown of thorns for their sins. His fragile side will one day be speared for their iniquities. His little heart's blood will one day be spilled for their sake. This baby is Jesus, for he "will save his people from their sins."

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Sing for Christmas

One of the things I love most about Christmas is the music. I'm guessing you do too! Music has the ability to touch our soul and lift our spirits. After this year, we all need our spirits lifted with the Hope of Christ.

What melody rises up from your heart when you contemplate and enjoy the gift of the Messiah in your own life? May the God who sings fill your heart with love and peace this Christmas season.

I invite you to join us as we sing the music of the season and praises to our Lord.

Pastor Jason

The HUB!
Contemporary Service
Sundays
9:45 am

Connect and Grow with your Church Family!

The **Searchers Class** gathers on Sundays at 9:45 am. In the Library. They are studying *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. For more info, contact Rev. Greg Megill



gregmegill@yahoo.com or Brad Bowsher bb0hdcp@aol.com

The **Peanut Gallery Class**, which discusses various books and topics, will begin meeting soon. Contact Cathy Breeden

at: rcbreeden@sbcglobal.net

The **New Horizons Class** is meeting at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, and is studying the Book of Revelation. Contact Penny Lucas at pennylynndale@att.net.

An Advent Class is meeting in the Parlor in the Faith Center at 9:45 am. They are studying *Lifesong: The Melody of Your Heart*, an advent study written by Pastor Jason. Contact Cindy Henderson at

Henderson.cindy@sbcglobal.net



United Methodist Women meets on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Faith Center. They are studying the book, *The Women of Christmas*, by Liz

Curtis Higgs. For more info, contact Sharon Cook at SHCook56@yahoo.com

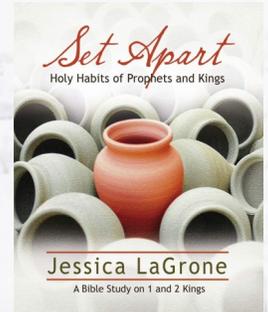


Heart to Heart meets on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 on in the Faith Center.

They are studying *Set Apart* by Jessica LaGrone. For

more information, please contact Paula Chatman at pchat05@yahoo.com

Rose Hill Crafters meets monthly on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Faith Center. They contributed 15 hats to the Waller Pregnancy Care Center donation drive in August. For more information, contact Judith Hackney, jude.hackney@gmail.com



Annual Chili Supper: February 6



To request prayers for yourself or others, just fill out a Prayer Request form [HERE](#) or email your prayer request to: office@rosehillumc.org.



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for our church emails to stay updated about the life and ministry at Rose Hill UMC!



Our tithes and offerings help empower us to reach out in love to our community and the world. To give online, visit www.rosehillumc.org and scroll to the bottom of the page.

If you would like to honor a loved one or a special event by dedicating flowers for Sunday Worship, please send an email to office@rosehillumc.org. Cost is \$30, and you take the flowers home with you!



Family Ministry News



Beginning Sunday, December 6th, our children are invited back to Sunday School and Children's Church!

Sunday School begins at 9:45 am, in two rooms:

- **Ages 3** (potty trained) through 1st grade with Miss Jennifer as the lead teacher.
- **2nd grade and older** with Miss Christina as the lead teacher.
- **Children's Church** is at 11:00 am. Children begin church with their parents so they can join the Pastor for the Children's Message. Afterwards, Pastor Julie takes them to their Children's Church Room. Parents pick them up at the conclusion of the service.
- **Nursery** is available throughout Sunday mornings as needed.



Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 pm
in The HUB!
(No meetings on
Dec. 23 & 30)

The Big Event is Coming!

Stay tuned for our **6th Grade Retreat**, "The Big Event," that will be hosted by the Nielsen family in January—tentatively on the 16th. Due to Covid, this conference-wide retreat was not able to happen, so we have the opportunity to host it ourselves. It will be great!



Dear Parents,

As we begin our regathering activities at Church, it's important to have these forms updated by the parent or guardian for each of our youth and children.

Please click or go to the website listed below for these forms. After completing them, please email back to me or return copies to the Church Office.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Pastor Julie

jpaulick@rosehillumc.org

[Children / Youth
Ministry Forms](#)



- 1 – Arlie & Nancy Beckendorf
- 14 – Bob & Janice Burns
- 23 – Joe & Lynne Dobbels
- 30 – Pete & Vicki Talbot



- 1 – Meghan Anguish
- 2 – Billie Jo King
- 6 – Pas Quinones
- 8 – Nancy Beckendorf, Jo Ann Engelking, Christy Kern
- 9 – Ethan Breeden, Anthony Lucas
- 12 – DeAnn Beckendorf
- 17 – Clementine Leto
- 18 – Ann Widmann
- 19 – Aubrey Heki
- 20 – Andrew Hamel, Savannah Moreno
- 23 – Kon Swee Chen
- 24 – Bob Burns
- 26 – Ruth Renfro
- 30 – Nancy Davis



RHUMC is helping to bring some Christmas cheer to families in our area who are struggling. You are invited to purchase gifts and bring to the Faith Center Gathering Area (unwrapped) and place them around the Christmas Tree. On December 11 we will take all unwrapped gifts to TEAM to be wrapped and distributed by them. Needed items include:

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| LEGOS (for any age) | Sleeping bags |
| Blankets, Sheets, Bath towels | Toaster ovens, Pots & pans |
| Wallets (men's) | Coffee makers, Flatware |
| Watches | Books, Puzzles |
| Shaving kits, Robes | Children's toothbrush sets |
| Sweatshirts or jackets (all sizes) | FROZEN toy items |
| Socks and underwear | MINECRAFT items |
| Gloves (men's & women's) | Deodorant, body wash, make-up |
| Sports team items (especially Houston teams) | Gift cards (for youth or adults) |
| Tools & tool belts | Gift wrapping paper |
| Jewelry | Bibles (English or Spanish) |
| | Grocery gift cards |

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.

— Henri Nouwen



Good News! Read All About It!

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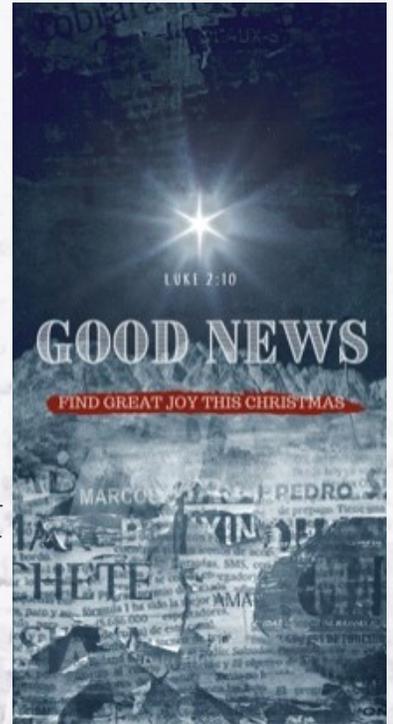
This baby is also the **Messiah**. In the beginning of this passage, when Matthew first refers to this baby as Christ; he's talking about the Messiah, the one who is the complete fulfillment of all Old Testament prophecy. Messiah is the Jewish term Matthew uses to describe this baby as the royal Son of David and the rightful King of Israel. But Matthew's use of the word Messiah is even broader than this. In Matthew 16:16 the Jewish title of Messiah is linked with a Greco-Roman title. In that verse, Jesus is, "The Messiah, the Son of the Living God."

The title Son of the Living God was a Roman title given to Octavian; the Bible refers to him as Caesar Augustus. After Julius Caesar died, many of his followers deified him. So since Caesar Augustus was Julius Caesar's adopted son, people called Caesar Augustus, the Son of the Living God. When Matthew uses this title in chapter 16 to describe the Messiah, he's purposefully telling his audience that Jesus Messiah is not only the rightful King of Israel, but he's the real Son of the real Living God, which makes this Messiah the King of Kings and the King of all, especially King over all power hungry, oppressive, arrogant, delusional, despotic emperors and their empires. This baby is Jesus Messiah, the King of Israel, and the King of Kings.

Matthew also tells us that this baby, Jesus Messiah, has yet another name, **Emmanuel**, which means *God with us*. Emmanuel took on flesh and blood; the Word became flesh and lived among us (John 1:14). God entered time and space, became a man, and lived with humanity. Emmanuel was born for us, to live for us

and to die for us, to suffer for us and to suffer alongside us. Emmanuel is fully God and fully Human. Because he's fully human, he understands our pain and because he's fully God, he brings divine comfort to those in pain. Emmanuel is not some aloof and pretentious King confined to an ivory tower in a kingdom far, far, away. He is Emmanuel, always with us, always present.

And this baby is exactly what humanity needed. He's exactly who we needed. What humanity needed was someone no ordinary human being could ever be or offer. We needed someone who could save us from our sins, rule over us with his love, and identify with us in times of suffering; and we received exactly what we needed (exactly who we needed) in Jesus Messiah Emmanuel. The single greatest news in existence is wrapped up in this baby boy. So, the main question for you today is: *Have you embraced the good news found in Jesus Messiah Emmanuel AND have you placed your life in his saving, royal, divine arms?*



Pastor Jason

A growing church serving a growing community

Pastor Jason J. Nelson

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Sunday Worship

8:30 am (Masks required)

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