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DECEMBER 2025

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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

We are rapidly approaching one of my favorite times of the year. Perhaps by the time you're reading this we've already begun the Advent season. I love this period of anticipation and preparation. So often it feels like we are in such a hurry to get to Christmas. There is so much to do, so much to see, that we wish it would just hurry up and be here. People start putting up trees and lights earlier and earlier, holiday soundtracks slip through the cracks at odd hours, and it seems like the modern world has planted a flag that "Christmas" starts on November 1st no matter what anyone else says. But I think we need this moment of saying "not yet." I think we need to get to Bethlehem the long way, the slow way, instead of racing to the finish line.

I have made a brand for myself as an "Advent Respector," someone who would prefer to luxuriate in the anticipation of the season rather than hurry up and get it over with. Advent means for us to take stock of where the world is and realize that what we are missing is what we know is coming: Emmanuel, God With Us. This season necessitates a longing for God to arrive and change everything. We miss out on that by starting everything too soon. Yearning for the transformative presence of God is what makes the realization of that hope special. So I hope you will join us this Advent season as we slow down and gather up our expectations. May our anticipation and excitement grow as we prepare our hearts and homes for the arrival of the Lord.

Blessings,
Rev Jeff Hinton
Email: hintonesquire@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

Heaven and Earth

Join Pastor Jeff on December 3rd, 10th and 17th for an Advent study of the book "Heaven and Earth" by Will Willimon. We will meet at 6PM on these three evenings in the old parlor.

Blessings,
Lynda Maney
Email: office@goodrichmemorial.org



Goodrich Church Mice

Our last meeting of this calendar year will Tues., Dec. 16. We will start back Jan. 13. Come and join us in the new year. We are looking for new projects. Share your ideas.

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



What a wonderful time we had at our Friendsgiving lunch! Thanks to the Hills for providing the meat and to Carrie Davis for providing the door prizes! We appreciate all the donations from the congregation for Bridges.

Our Christmas lunch/party will be December the 9th at the church at 11:00am. All are invited to join us. The meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We will have a gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a \$10.00 gift.

There WILL NOT be a 4th Tuesday lunch at Golden Corral the month of December.

Please remember those that are home bound, in nursing facilities or assisted living with calls, cards or visits.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Blessings,
Kathy Hooker



CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

Dec. 7 – Matthew Prepares us for Jesus Matt. 1:1-17

Dec. 14 – Mary Prepares for Jesus Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 21 – The Shepherds Visit Jesus Luke 2:1-20

Dec. 28 – The Wise Men Meet Jesus Matt. 2:1-12

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Youth

Friday, Dec. 5th – District Youth Ice Skating

Leaving at 4:30pm and heading to Edmond Arctic Edge Ice Rink for skating and pizza. \$5 to eat. It is cold in there, so wear a coat and pants.

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
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The Amazing Advent Challenge

"A thrilling race that combines the excitement of a reality competition with a profound journey of faith." Even if you don't have a team, you are welcome to come and watch the fun.

Sunday, November 30

3:00pm – 5:00pm

WINTER CAMP SPARK

Winter Camp Spark

January 17 – 19. Get registered now @okumc.org . Cost is \$225. Scholarships available. The transfer code is Good73070. Contact Sherry with questions.

Goodrich Lunch Ladies

There is a new group for Ladies that is going to meet for lunch on the second Thursday of each month at 1PM . All women are welcome, but we need a headcount before the event in order to make a reservation.

The two contacts for information about where we are meeting for lunch and to us know if you will be there are as follows:

Janice Shockley 405-630-8744

Pam Cook 214-906-3121

We hope to see you on December 11th!

Blessings,

Lynda Maney

A Ladies Christmas Tea

The United Women in Faith invite all of the ladies of the church to a Christmas Tea Party Thursday, Dec. 4th at 6:00pm. Bring a finger food to share and a gift (\$20 limit, be creative, may be homemade) to exchange.

Prayer Team



Join the Monday Morning Prayer
Group at
10:00 in Room 212 . We will pray
for members
of the church and those beyond all
walls in need.
All are welcome!

United Methodist Men

There will **not** be a Community Breakfast in December.

Blessings,

Kenny Presson



In November, our expected tithe budget is 19K and we only received 16K, so we are 3K short.. Our expenses for November were better than expected. However, for the year, we are about 7K in the negative. We would like to bring this up to break even at zero by the end of the year. Thank you .

Blessings,

Lynda Maney

GOODRICH UNITED METHODIST
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CELEBRATION CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
ALL VOICES AND PARTS ARE ENCOURAGED!

Practice:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM

Service Performances:

Sundays 11:00 AM



December	
1	Nada Sappington
2	Jim Ryan
3	Sue Haralson
5	Chris Collins
8	Belinda Jain
9	Alana Schaffler
11	Roger Blackwood
12	Kristi Billiot
19	Doris Morris
20	Kay Wilkins
21	Tom Boone
22	Chris Hunt
23	Larrissa Curtis
29	Glenda VanDusen
31	Joe Matthews



December	
None	

PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't list you on your birthday or anniversary, please contact Lynda Maney in the Goodrich Office and give her your birth date and/or anniversary date.

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Eric Engh, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Glenda VanDusen, South Park East, OKC
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon Younkin, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Jane Gay, Grace Living
Wes Curtis, Home
Rose Elugardo, Arbor House Reminisce



For January, the Goodrich Book Club continues with the Christmas spirit! The Twelve Topsy,- Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas is James Patterson and co-author Ted Saffran's, book that combines mystery and humor to take us through the New Year's chaos! The review below is from the website, 'Read with Lindsey'.

"On the first day of Christmas, my True Love gave to me...

This classic Christmas tune tends to fill school choral performances this time of year, but Christmas joy isn't something the Sullivan household has had since their matriarch died a few years ago. Their dad has completely outlawed Christmas in the house – no gifts, no music, no joy. The kids think if they can just get their dad out of his slump, they might get Christmas back. They even set up an online dating profile for him to try to get him back out there, but when dad finds out, he tells the one person that messaged him (MsTrueLove) "no thanks". But when a mysterious crate shows up from True Love Nurseries the next morning containing a young pear tree and a partridge chick, Christmas was the farthest thing from their minds. Who sent this thing and what do you even feed a partridge chick?

The duo-author's The Twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas is the perfect light-hearted holiday read to get you in the mood for Christmas. This is the first release from this pair who are known for their thriller novels and journalism respectively. With humor and a bit of magical realism, this is a great book for all ages. Focusing on the importance of family and working through your grief, this novel is about what is truly important this holiday season."

We hope you will join us for this book that might have you turning cartwheels into 2026 as you read!



DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Girl Scouts 6PM Choir 7PM	UWF Tea 6PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM	Anonymous 7AM Youth Ice Skating 4:30PM Bethel 7PM	LifeLine 8-5PM Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM Staff Christmas Party 6PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Book Club 1PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	GCG Christmas Lunch 11:30AM Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Choir 7PM	Goodrich Lunch Ladies 1PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM	Anonymous 7AM Scouts LockIn 6PM to Saturday Morning Bethel 7PM	Recital 9-4PM Scouts LockIn to Saturday Morning 8AM Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Girl Scouts 6PM Choir 7PM	Care Closet 11AM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM Longest Night Service 7PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM Charity Gaming 1-8PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Cantata 11AM (1 Service this week) Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	Christmas Eve Services at 7PM and 11PM	HOLIDAY NOC Basketball 5:30-7PM	HOLIDAY Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
28	29	30	31			
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