



## Roger's Ramblings

by Rev. Dr. Roger Clayton, Jr.

Faith is something that only happens between entities that trust one another, and the depth of that faith can be equally measured by the depth of trust. We have faith in friends who have stuck by us through easy and hard times, we have faith in our spouses because they have proven that they will love us no matter what, and we have faith in our parents and children because of the love and relationships that have been nurtured over our/their lives. When we say that we have faith in God, the depth of that faith is going to be measured by how much we trust Him.

This Advent season we will seek to deepen our faith by deepening our trust. We will spend time looking at all the promises of the coming Messiah from the Old Testament in order to help us put our whole trust in Him because He has never let us down.

This season, as you put your lights up, your tree up, and your manger scenes up; spend time in thanks and joy that God continues to make good on His promises.

Merry Christmas!



Advent Series  
11/30/2025 - 12/24/2025

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## Passing Through Life

by Michelle Cousineau, Office Administrator

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you." (Isaiah 43:2 ESV)*

God promised through the prophet Isaiah that He will be with us, that our circumstances will not overwhelm us or burn us or consume us. He is steadfast in all His promises. He promises to *"make all things new"* (Isaiah 43:19) and *"be with us until the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20b)

God's promises to us are faithful and true, starting with His promise to Abraham that *"in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed..."* (Genesis 22:18). This promise is brought to fulfillment in Christ, who died for the sins of all of us, and who lives and reigns over all the nations now; blessing those who believe in Him.

God has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. He has promised that our circumstances will not overwhelm us or consume us. He has promised to make all things new for those who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. Imagine, the God of the universe promises YOU that He will never leave you nor forsake YOU, that He will walk with YOU on the mountaintops and through the valleys of life. He tells us 365 times in His word "do not fear." I pray you believe God when He tells you that and find comfort in it.

I challenge you this month to read your Bible each day, making sure to mark in your Bible or write down in your journal all the promises of God that are for **YOU**. Find peace and comfort in the knowledge that God keeps His promises. May God's blessings pour out on you and all those you love in perfect abundance this season.



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## December Birthdays

12/01 - Nikolai Helton  
12/01 - Evelyn Mitchell  
12/03 - Martha Arizpe  
12/06 - Linda Nix  
12/08 - Rhonda Kondo  
12/09 - Tina Lawhon  
12/09 - Chuck Russell  
12/09 - Sharon Tanner  
12/10 - Christine Kortschak  
12/16 - Clark Bottlinger  
12/17 - Nancy Bottlinger  
12/19 - Nancy Shelton  
12/23 - Larry Baker  
12/25 - Merry Wetherell  
12/29 - Glenda Rutten  
12/31 - Melanie Noles  
12/31 - Katie Weyant

## December Anniversary

12/01 - Charley & Rita Cherry  
12/07 - Scot & Kris VanSickle  
12/27 Kent & Judy Conner  
12/27 - Clint & Rejeanna Fraser  
12/27 Dean & Carolyn May  
12/29 - Richard & Marilyn Seemann

## December Wesley Value Meals

- 12/03 - Chicken Tortilla Soup
- 12/10 - Enchilada Casserole
- 12/17 - Gingerbread House Build with Sandwiches & Chips
- 12/24 - NO MEAL - Family Christmas Eve Service
- 12/31 - NO MEAL - Devotional Around the Table

## December Events

12/05 & 12/06 - Christmas Stroll Parking Lot Fundraiser  
12/13 & 12/14 - Georgetown Preservation Home Tour featuring St. John's Sanctuary  
12/13 - Saturday with Santa 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
12/14 - Old Fashion Christmas Dinner 6:00 PM  
12/15 - St. John's Charge Conference 6:00 PM  
12/17 Gingerbread House Build  
12/20 - St. John's Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata 6:00 PM  
12/21-12/23 - Live Nativity Scene: Nightly 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
12/24 - Christmas Eve Services: Family at 6:00 PM; Candlelight at 8:00 PM  
12/25 - Julotta Christmas Morning Service 6:00 AM

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## St. John's Methodist Church History

St. John's has been a part of the Georgetown Community for over 140 years.

We started as a group of Swedish immigrants who joined together in their homes to study, worship and pray and built our first church building in 1882. At that time, we were known as the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Brushy Church (Svenska Metodistkyrkan at Brushy). The original church stood at the intersection of Westinghouse Road and FM 1460. Our church cemetery is still at this location.

In 1906 we moved to town, to our present home at 311 E. University Avenue, and in 1938 we changed our name to St. John's Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, St. John's became St. John's United Methodist Church.

In 2023, St. John's disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, changing our name to St. John's Methodist Church and joined the Global Methodist Church.

Come join us and share in our rich history and heritage of celebrating God's love.



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