

Craft Carillon

Craft Memorial

United Methodist Church

JANUARY 2025

When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon Peter son of John, Do you love me more than these?"

John 21:15 NIV

Hello Craft family!

"Jesus has a wonderful way of restoring us when we fail him. He does not humiliate us. He does not criticize us. He does not ask us to make a resolution to try harder. He takes us aside and ask us to reaffirm our love for Him." *Henry Blackaby*

As we begin our new year we may be painfully aware of how we have failed our Lord. But Jesus never shames us or belittles us He only ask us to remember our love for Him and He will reaffirm His will for our lives.

As we begin 2025 the most important thing we can do is not make resolutions but remember God's love for us. When we accept God's love for us our hearts will be opened to love our neighbor and even our enemy. Hate is the disease that is infecting our world. Let us be bearers of love and light in this new year. Let the people of Craft shine Christ's light into our world by our acts of love and kindness for the least of these, counting our blessings and remembering Jesus is always with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peace & Grace

Pastor Cynthia

Birthdays

Isaiah Massey January 16th

Allen Staley January 20th

Christy Taylor January 22nd

Anniversaries

Scott & Nadine Kemp January 9th



2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

January:

6th - Day School Board 4:30

25th - Ministry Team 10:30

27th - Church Council 5:30

February:

10th - Operations Team 5:30

24th - Recognition Team 5:30

March:

10th - Ministry Team 5:30

24th - Nominations if needed

April:

14th - Operations Team 5:30

21st - Day School Board 4:30

28th - Church Council 5:30

May:

12th - Ministry Team 5:30

June:

9th - Recognition 5:30

23rd - Operations Team 5:30

July:

14th - Ministry Team 5:30

28th - Day School Board 4:30

August:

11th - Operations Team 5:30

25th - Recognition Team 5:30

September:

8th - Nomination 5:30

15th - Ministry Team 5:30

29th - Church Council 5:30

October:

13th - Operations Team 5:30

27th - Day School Board 4:30

November:

10th - Ministry Team 5:30

24th - Recognition Team 5:30

December:

8th - Operations Team 5:30

22nd - Church Council 5:30

WEEKLY STUDIES AT CRAFT

Adult Sunday School 9:30
Children Sunday School 9:30
Youth 12:00

Weekday Bible Studies
Tuesday 1 pm
Wednesday 5:30
Thursday 10:30

Focusing on Him

Sermon Scriptures

For January

5th Matthew 2:1-12 Communion
12th Luke 3:15-17;21-22
19th John 2:1-11
26th Luke 4:14-21

Prayer Concerns

Kevin Goff	Roger Hayes	Doris Davis
Kyle Massey	Trent Phillips	Carma Gibson
Zach Reagan	Barbra Nicholson	George Horne
Michael Baugus	Joyce McCall	Craft Day School
Josh Workman	Elaine Cannady	Fresh START
Jacob Wammack	Roberta Dawson	
Nathan McCoy	Jeff Carroll	
Lisa Ellis	Donna Riley	
Travis Hayward	Norma Powell	

The Living Nativity was a huge success. Approximately 200 cars drove through our parking lot and experienced the story of God's Gift to the world. Thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes to make it happen! Camel sized thanks to Josh Francis & GWP Recovery Ministries for setting up and tearing down the scenes and to Fresh START for providing the "actors". Both ministries are ROCK STARS!!



The Ministry Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 25th to discuss the 2025 calendar and plan our ministry year. If you have ideas for a ministry that you would like to see at Craft, you are welcome to come to the meeting or contact Cynthia.



Blessing Box Needs:

Pop top canned food items, snack crackers, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, handwarmers, personal hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, toothbrushes, and toothpaste



Fresh START was the vision of Angy Trimmer Selck, former pastor at Craft. It began as a weekly meeting on Sunday nights in the Craft Fellowship hall we called “The Gathering”, a contemporary, recovery-focused worship service. It has grown to a successful non-profit organization ministering to those in recovery. They currently manage 6 transitional homes (3 for men & 3 for women) in Maury County. They aspire to create a world where the transformative power of Jesus Christ brings healing to society's most broken individuals.

Not only does Fresh START provide much-needed recovery programs for those trying to overcome addiction, it is a vital ministry partner to Craft. Our pancake breakfast and living nativity would not happen without them. In return, Craft provides love and support to those going through the program, giving them a unique opportunity to be Christ's light in the world.

If you feel led to donate, please visit their website, www.freshstartcolumbia.org and click “DONATE” at the top of the screen.



Photo Gallery



Christmas Caroling



PHOTO GALLERY CONTINUED...



Christmas Brunch



Living Nativity





Conference and

Harpeth River District Gathering with Bishop Graves Wednesday, January 8th 5:00-7:00 pm Columbia 1st UMC



Sunday, January 19th is Human Relations Sunday. The Human Relations Day offering supports social justice and outreach ministries that empower all God’s children to realize their full potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This fund helps encourage that potential through ministries like the Community Developers Program, multiethnic ministries and countless other projects across the United Methodist connection. These funds are administered by Global Ministries in collaboration with [The General Board of Church and Society](#).

United Methodists Around the World

	US Jurisdictional Conferences (2022)	Africa, Asia & Europe Central Conferences*
Total church membership	5,424,043	4,560,882
Total active churches	29,746	**9,714
Total clergy membership	36,822	12,129
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	3,141,242	2,452,479
<i>In Person</i>	1,425,352	2,452,479
<i>Online</i>	1,715,890	not reported
Annual Conferences	53	80
Episcopal Areas	46	20
Jurisdictions	5	7