

Lebanon FUMC

# NEWSLETTER

December 2020



SUNDAYS IN ADVENT | 8:30 & 11AM ON SITE AND ONLINE | [LEBANONFUMC.COM](http://LEBANONFUMC.COM)

## A Light in the Darkness

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT LEBANON FUMC

### Celebrate Christmas at Lebanon FUMC!

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1st Sunday of Advent Shelf-Stable Milk 29	Shelf-Stable Milk 30	1 Cold Cereal 2	1 Cold Cereal 2	Instant Hot Cereal 3	Instant Hot Cereal 4	Jelly 5
4:45PM: Tree Lighting on the Lawn	10AM: Advent Bible Study	#GIVING TUESDAY 6PM: Zoom Advent Bible Study <a href="http://lebanonfumc.com/Give">lebanonfumc.com/Give</a>	6PM: Youth Christmas Trivia Night	Poinsettia Orders Due		8AM: Community Food Giveaway
2nd Sunday of Advent Jelly 6	Applesauce 7	Applesauce 8	Canned Fruit 9	Canned Fruit 10	Crackers 11	Crackers 12
2PM: Lebanon Christmas Parade	10AM: Advent Bible Study		Christmas for All Gifts Due (Fel. Hall) 6PM: Zoom Advent Bible Study			
3rd Sunday of Advent Peanut Butter 13	Peanut Butter 14	1-lb. Box Pasta 15	1-lb. Box Pasta 16	Pasta Sauce 17	Pasta Sauce 18	Canned Tomatoes 19
4:30PM: Youth Christmas Party 4:30PM: Drive-In Movie Double Feature	10AM: Advent Bible Study		6PM: Zoom Advent Bible Study	11:30-2PM: Young at Heart Lunch & Games	7PM: Young Adults Christmas Social	
4th Sunday of Advent Canned Tomatoes 20	Canned Pasta 21	Canned Veggies 22	Canned Meats 23	Offices close @ Noon Canned Meats 24	Offices closed 25	
5PM: Longest Night/ Blue Christmas Service	10AM: Advent Bible Study		5:30PM: Zoom Family/ Children's Service 6PM: Zoom Advent Bible Study	5PM: Candlelight Service on the Square 11PM: Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)		
27	Offices closed 28			Offices closed 31	Offices closed 1	
United Methodist (College) Students Sunday - both svcs		← Youth Winter Retreat →			HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021	2

Worship with Us Sundays at 8:30 & 11AM On Site and Online  
See the Back for REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR Instructions.

[lebanonfumc.com](http://lebanonfumc.com)  
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## Advent Events

- 12/6 Lebanon Christmas Parade at 2:00 PM
- 12/13 Drive-In Double Feature  
4:30 PM - The Star  
6:15 PM - Elf  
Youth Party in the Gym at 4:30 PM
- 12/20 Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service, 5PM  
On Site & Online
- 12/23 Zoom Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 PM
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Services  
5:00 PM on the Square  
11:00 PM Online with live streaming (replay anytime) and On Site with lim. capacity

Printable Advent Calendar at  
[lebanonfumc.com](http://lebanonfumc.com)

# ERADICATE HUNGER IN WILSON COUNTY

## Lebanon FUMC Food Pantry

### *Lebanon FUMC Reverse Advent Calendar*

11/29	Shelf-Stable Milk
11/30	Shelf-Stable Milk
12/1	Cold Cereal
12/2	Cold Cereal
12/3	Instant Hot Cereal
12/4	Instant Hot Cereal
12/5	Jelly
12/6	Jelly
12/7	Applesauce
12/8	Applesauce
12/9	Canned Fruit
12/10	Canned Fruit
12/11	Crackers
12/12	Crackers
12/13	Peanut Butter
12/14	Peanut Butter
12/15	1-lb. Pasta
12/16	1-lb. Pasta
12/17	Pasta Sauce
12/18	Pasta Sauce
12/19	Canned Tomatoes
12/20	Canned Tomatoes
12/21	Canned Pasta
12/22	Canned Veggies
12/23	Canned Chicken
12/24	Canned Chicken

In 2019, Our Food Pantry distributed food for over 600 meals to the community. **In 2020 so far, we are already over 6000 - 10 TIMES that amount!**

Please consider participating in our **Reverse Advent Calendar** to collect food for the coming year, as we expect the need to continue to be great...and thank you for loving and serving Lebanon with us!



### How It Works

On a traditional Advent calendar, we count down the days to Christmas by receiving a new surprise each day. This year, Lebanon FUMC invites you to participate in our **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

Rather than receiving something each day, you collect the items indicated on the calendar and place them in a paper bag each day. **Beginning 11/29, bring your bags to the collection area in the Family Life Center.** Please follow the calendar list as closely as possible.

Thank you for your generosity in celebrating with us by giving to those in need!



# CONTACTS AND MORE

## **LEBANON FUMC STAFF**

Rev. Ryan Bennett, Lead Pastor

Rev. David (Bucky) Hesson, Minister of Discipleship

Cori Brantley, Business & Adults 55+ Ministries

Rebecca Dixon, Children

Windell Little, Director of Music & Worship Arts

Mandy Rogers, Youth & Young Adults

Lucinda S. Sutton, Communications & Operations

Pam Vandever, Congregational Care & Membership

Joseph Walker, Accompanist

Marcus Wanner, Sound & Media

## **WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Erin Stone: Director & Preschool 4

Tanja Manus, Preschool 3

Jennie Howell, Parents' Day Out

**For a Complete List of  
Our Lay Ministry Leaders,  
visit [our website here](#) or contact  
Pam in the Church office.**

## November Attendance & Giving

### **November 1**

Estimated Attendance: 546

online: 406 | on site: 140

Budget \$6,126 | Building \$1,250

Missions \$140

### **November 8**

Estimated Attendance: 463

online: 323 | on site: 140

Budget \$10,302 | Memorials \$65

### **November 15**

Estimated Attendance: 512

online: 389 | on site: 123

Budget \$10,686 | Building \$400

Missions \$1,415

### **November 22**

Estimated Attendance: 528

online: 418 | on site: 110

Budget \$5,304 | Missions \$80

Memorials \$25

### **November 29**

Estimated Attendance: 559

online: 451 | on site: 108

Budget \$5,078 | Missions \$25

## Celebrate with us!

On December 1st of 2017, Ryan Bennett came to serve as our Lead Pastor. We are SO thankful for him and for Heather and Tyler, and we hope for many more Advent seasons together!





LEBANON FUMC  
415 W. Main St.  
Lebanon, TN 37087

Worship with Us Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

On Site (limited capacity) and Online



## *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*

from  
the Staff at Lebanon FUMC

May this season bring hope,  
love, and light to you and yours!

The light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness can never extinguish it. -John 1:5



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## December Birthdays (80+)

- 2) Margaret Partee
- 11) Ruby Armstrong
- 13) Shirley Brawner, Pat Oakley
- 14) Linda Alessi
- 24) Doug Kell
- 27) Mary Dona Barksdale

## Congratulations to...

- Kathy and Rusty Richardson on the birth of their granddaughter, Kathryn Anne (Annie) Rasche

## Sympathy and Love to...

- Janet & Mack McCluskey on the passing of Janet's mother, Betty Puryear
- Katie Fleming on the passing of her husband, Reid

## Memorials

- Joe Fagan
- Betty Puryear

## Prayer List

- Katie Fleming
- Those suffering from COVID and their care givers
- Our homebound friends: Ruby Armstrong, Dee Buterbaugh, Amelia Gibson, Bob and Virginia Givan, Bobby Gwynn, Trisha Hughes, Irene & Roland Jones, Kathy Lowery, Jane Overall, Margaret Partee, Charlene Reeves, Charles & Reba Sheetz, Geneva Thomas, Bob Wilfong

**Martin Thielen, our former senior pastor, has launched a new website called “Doubter’s Parish.”** The purpose of the site is to help thinking people navigate faith in the 21st Century. The books, articles, stories, and posts are all free, including his new downloadable novel, *An Inconvenient Loss of Faith*. Visit the site at [www.DoubtersParish.com](http://www.DoubtersParish.com).

"God comforts us  
in all our troubles  
so that we can  
comfort others.  
When they are  
troubled, we will  
be able to give  
them the same  
comfort God has  
given us."

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4

