

*FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

# **THE MESSENGER**

**JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER**





## **Give Them to Jesus**

### **Trust Jesus with what's the matter.**

*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." (Luke 5:5)*

The cleaning lady was obviously upset as she entered Grace's hospital room. She banged and clanged in a huff while tidying up the intensive care unit. Grace, hooked to several wires and unable to speak, grabbed a pen and scrawled a note: "What's wrong?"

The surprised cleaning lady stopped, sat down next to Grace's bed, and began to unburden her soul. She shared disappointment with her children, who made hurtful, unwise decisions. Weeping, she worried about their future, feeling helpless as they followed the path of foolishness. Once again, Grace scribbled a note: "Give them to Jesus."

The cleaning lady was overwhelmed by this simple message. "Of course! That's exactly what I need to do. I have worried and tried to control them. I've been angry and upset at them. I've scolded and threatened them—but the one thing I haven't done is give them to Jesus. I'll try that. Thank you for speaking the truth to me. I think you are an angel."

Grace smiled and prayed silently.

When you're coming up empty, give it to Jesus, cast your net on the other side of the boat, and see what he can do. I don't know whether the cleaning lady's kids improved, but her spirit certainly did. The next day, when she came into Grace's room, she didn't bang or clang—she sang.

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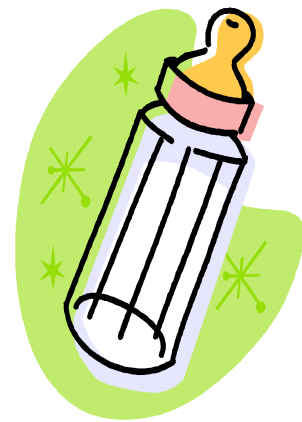
**Mark O. Wilson** is assistant professor of discipleship, multiplication, and renewal at Southern Wesleyan University (SC) and author of "Filled Up, Poured Out." Mark and his wife, Cathy, have five children.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Your weekly recharge

Starts back Wednesday, January 12

5:00-5:30	Children's Choir (Education Building Room 308)
5:30-6:15	Church Meal (Hanna Building)
6:15	Children's Classes (Education Building Third Floor)
	Youth Small Groups (Loft)
	Adult Bible Study (Education Building Room 207)
	Carillon Handbell Practice
7:00-8:00	Motet Choir Practice



### Hannah Pregnancy Center's GOT CHANGE? Baby Bottle Campaign



**What is the Baby Bottle Campaign?** It is an easy and fun way for the whole family to help women and children by donating their spare change to the ministry of the Hannah Pregnancy Center. You'll be surprised how quickly your change adds up and how far your donation stretches.

*Simply take a bottle home and place it in a popular spot like the kitchen counter. Use the bottle as a reminder to pray for the many women who come to the center during stressful times in their lives.*

Bottles will be available on January 23 at both services. Pick up your bottle and return it full of coins by February 28.



DECEMBER

IN HONOR OF:

**Joanie and David Bush**  
Mary Jo and Steve Scott  
**Becki and John Lusk**  
Mary Jo and Steve Scott  
**Angie and Nelson Post**  
Mary Jo and Steve Scott  
**Paula and Rob Reynolds**  
Mary Jo and Steve Scott

IN MEMORY OF:

**Herman Ratcliff**  
Kenny and Dinah VanHook  
Vicky DeLone  
Mary Thomason  
**Betty Stover**  
Kenny and Dinah VanHook  
Mary Thomason  
**Robert Ragsdale**  
Kenny and Dinah VanHook  
**Sue Bacon**  
Mary and David Guthrie  
Vicky DeLone  
Mary Thomason  
**Todd Cherry**  
Jeff and Laura Cherry  
**Mildred Latimer**  
Jeff and Laura Cherry  
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Randy and Sylvia Thompson  
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McMillan and Mary Turner Cox  
Dick and Anne James  
Tom and Mary Carolyn East  
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Melinda and Johnny Wright  
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Les Chandler  
Mary Thomason

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Scott Robinson

**Johnny Gray**  
Frances Fitzgerald, Emily N. Lepine  
Edna L. Bennett  
Lynn Fitzgerald Randy Fitzgerald  
and Family

**Mary Jane Cobb Sasser**  
William and Judy Gaddy

SPECIAL JANUARY DATES

- \* New Year's Day - January 1, 2022
- \* Epiphany - January 6, 2022
- \* Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2022
- \* Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance - January 17, 2022
- \* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25, 2022



Interfaith Help Services has asked that we bring cereal for the month of January. You can bring your donations to the office and we will see that they get to IHS. You can also support IHS with your monetary donations or volunteer at the food pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Guthrie at 862-2943. Thank you for your support.





where women delight  
in God's grace

**CAFE CHOCOLAT WOMEN'S RETREAT**

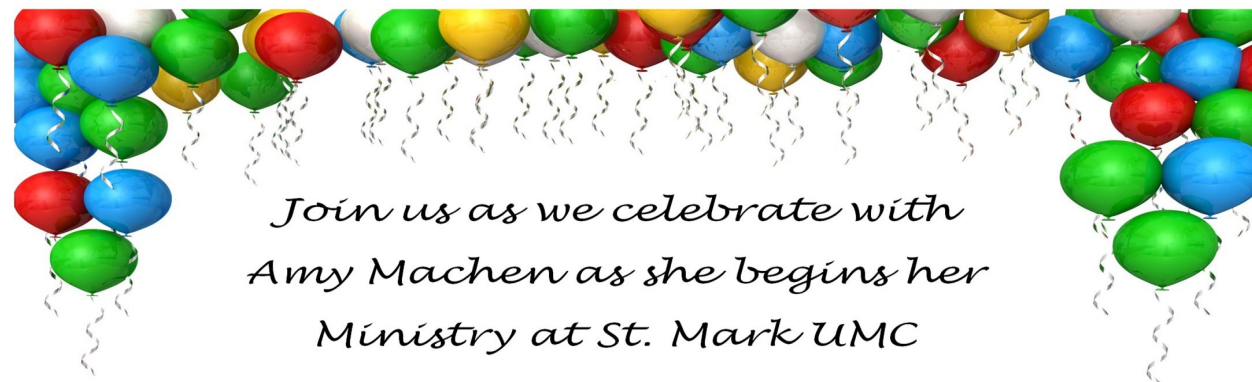
**JANUARY 21-23**

**MOUNT EAGLE**

**\$125.00 EACH**

**INCLUDES MEALS, LODGING AND RETREAT SUPPLIES**

There is still time and slots available to sign up for the Women's Retreat at Mount Eagle. Call or text Amy Machen at 870-310-4637, or call the church office at 862-1341.



*Join us as we celebrate with  
Amy Machen as she begins her  
Ministry at St. Mark UMC*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, January 30*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Refreshments will be served*



Karla Long	January 1	Canon Lester	January 16
Dolores Nunnally	January 2	Laura Cherry	January 21
John Baine	January 4	Loren McLelland	January 22
Trey Jackson	January 5	Charlotte Abbott	January 23
Shaun Jennings	January 5	John Lusk	January 23
Whitney Moreland	January 6	Hayes Lester	January 24
Bruce Brakeman	January 6	David Guthrie	January 24
Annette Garrett	January 7	Amy Machen	January 25
Tommy Johnson	January 8	Anne Alderson	January 25
Brianna Smith	January 8	Brooks Burson	January 27
Bonnie Onstott	January 9	Lauren Monteith	January 28
Tommy Patterson	January 11	Jay Brooks	January 29
Suzanne Murphy	January 12	Shane Lewis	January 31
Bob Dudley	January 16	Blake Frisby	January 31
Bobby Edmonds	January 16		



**DONUTS & COFFEE ARE BACK!**

If you want to sign up to bring donuts to the First Light Service  
Call or Text Amy Machen @ 870-310-4637



The 10:50 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on KAGL 93.3 FM and livestreamed on Facebook

# JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:50 First Light 10:00 Sun. Sch. 10:50 Sanc. Ser.	3 OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED	4 6:30 Men's Frat 8:30 Men's Frat	5 11:00 Prayer Min.	6	7	8
9 8:50 First Light 10:00 Sun. Sch. 10:50 Sanc. Ser.	10 9:00 Staff Mtg. 5:30 SPR Comm. Meeting	11 6:30 Men's Frat 8:30 Men's Frat 5:30 Trustees' Mtg.	12 11:00 Prayer Min. 5:00 Cherub Choir 5:30 Church Meal 6:15 WNL 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Choir Prac.	13	14	15
16 8:50 First Light 10:00 Sun. Sch. 10:50 Sanc. Ser. 5:00 Charge Conference	17 OFFICE CLOSED 	18 6:30 Men's Frat 8:30 Men's Frat 10:45 Fellowship of the Sent	19 11:00 Prayer Min. 5:00 Cherub Choir 5:30 Church Meal 6:15 WNL 6:15 Handbells 7:00 Choir Prac.	20	21	22
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30 8:50 First Light 10:00 Sun. Sch. 10:50 Sanc. Ser. 5:00 Party for Amy Machen	31 9:00 Staff Mtg.					



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