

Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.



If you are unable to attend a worship service, we invite you to join us on live stream, or you can watch the service later, on our Website, Facebook, YouTube, or Vimeo.

### **SERMON SERIES**

#### **DECEMBER**

##### **"Advent Themes"**

12/21: Philippians 1:3-9  
Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-20  
12/28: John 1:1-14

#### **JANUARY**

##### **"Come and See"**

1/4: Ephesians 3:1-12  
1/11: Isaiah 42:1-9  
1/18: John 1:29-42  
1/25: Psalm 27

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## **CITY POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **THE POIN** **DECEMBER 25** **JANUARY 26** **Newsletter**



It's Christmas time. It's the time when the light of Christ can shine anew in each of us. Here's my prayer for us - not just for Christmas - but for all of 2026.

I pray that hope illumines how you we see the world. I pray that in a world that seems to be falling apart, a world that seems to be teetering on the brink of the abyss, I pray that we never sink into despair. I pray that hope is a light for us shining in the darkness, reminding us that things can get better, reminding us that we can *do* better. I pray that hope glows within us so brightly that it warms the hearts of everyone around us.

I pray that peace soothes our soul. As anger, tribalism, and intolerance rage around us, I pray that we find peace within. I pray for our souls to be shielded against the violence and cruelty of the world. I pray that we find the strength, wisdom, and courage to faithfully follow the Prince of Peace.

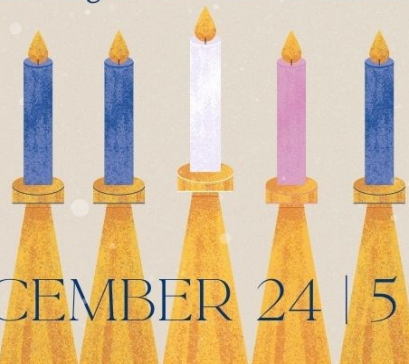
I pray that we find ever-increasing moments of pure joy. I pray we make a habit of stopping in awe to appreciate the splendor of God's creation. I pray we bring moments of joy to others, especially to those who feel lost and forgotten.

I pray that we know how much God loves us. I pray we see God's love in others. I pray that the love of Christ informs, guides, and sustains everything we do. I pray that this church is known throughout our community as a place where love grows. I pray that we accept the love being showered upon us, so that we can share it with the world. Amen.

P.S. Merry Christmas and happy new year!  
Pastor Ramiro

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary



*Service will be  
Live Streamed  
on our Website,  
Facebook, YouTube,  
and Vimeo.*

**DECEMBER 24 | 5 PM**

# JOYS AND CONCERNS



## Prayer REQUESTS

To add someone to the prayer list please email  
Laurie at [Laurie@citypointumc.org](mailto:Laurie@citypointumc.org)  
or call the church office at 817-284-9371.

### CHURCH FAMILY

LARRY ATKINSON	HELEN MCCARLEY
MEG FEULA	DAKOTA RUDZIK
JAY HUDAK	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

DON FRASER (*friend of Ralph Houy*)  
JENNIFER MCQUEEN (*Amy Bridegam's sister*)  
JOHN THEISEN (*family friend of David Wynn*)  
BRUCE SULLIVAN (*friend of Ana Cristina Reymundo*)  
FINE TONGIA AND FAMILY (*friend of Heather Rudzik*)  
SUZANNE (*Steve Huffstettler's sister*)  
BRAD SCOTT (*Tracie Wilkins' brother & Betty Scott's son*)  
RACHEL HARRIS & KEISHA THOMAS  
(*Prayer Requests from Room in the Inn*)

**Expressions of love and sympathy  
are extended to the following families...**

*The family of Doris Elliott (Moss) who passed away on October 3.  
A private family service was held.*

*Doris joined this church February 22, 1998 and was a  
part of the Friendship and Fidelis Sunday School Classes.*

*Gary & Peggy Tolbert in the passing of their  
sister-in-law, Brenda Tolbert on October 17.*

*David Wynn and family in the passing of his  
brother, Roy Wynn, on October 29.*



#### December 1

Mary Hackfeld

#### December 2

Greg Vanhooose

#### December 5

Henry Hawkins

Linda Kirkdorffer

#### December 6

Della Cromeans

#### December 10

Craig Wilkins

#### December 11

Wavah Fore

#### December 15

Jack Henry

Richard Homer

#### December 26

Gary Patterson

#### December 28

Noel Rudzik

#### December 30

Rick Grindley

#### January 2

Dande Snowden

#### January 3

Kevin Davis

#### January 11

Trace Rodriguez

#### January 15

Trudi Free

#### January 16

Robert Beale

#### January 17

Zadella Gilliam

#### January 18

Ron Pippen

#### January 23

Jim Allen

Brenda Bates

Emma Rodriguez

#### January 24

Kent Sanders

#### January 25

Amy Bridegam

#### January 28

Bonnie Doss

#### February 1

Jack Knowles

#### February 9

Jake Allen

#### February 18

Candiss Krug

#### February 19

Patty Hawkins

#### February 21

Linnea Grindley

#### February 22

Ronda Hantz

#### February 23

Betty Morris-Wallace

#### February 24

June Brook

Bill Munson

#### February 26

Jim Bustamante

*If your DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY birthday  
is not listed, please contact the church office.*



*Happy Birthday to the following contributors to the Birthday Fun-d.*

NANCY ALLEN MONA BAILEY EMERSON CRAFT MACY CRAFT WAVAH FORE PAT LLOYD  
LOUIS MURRAY FELIX TEDDLIE JEANNIE TREVINO TEDDLIE GREG VANHOOSE

Celebrate your birthday with the church. All donations given to the Birthday Fun-d  
this year will be used to pay the following Special Offerings at the end of the year.

**Human Relations Day, UMCOR Admin Needs, UM Student Day, Peace with Justice,  
Native American Ministries, World Communion, Methodist Home Waco, Providence Place  
San Antonio, and Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso.**



# AROUND THE CHURCH

*Welcome*

New Members

Please welcome our  
newest members.

**JAMES & YOUNGHEE HENDERSHOT**

*Joined on Sunday, November 23.*

**GEOFF & HEATHER HORSWOOD  
STAR HORSWOOD**

*Joined Sunday, November 23.*

**STEVE & DONNA HUFFSTETLER**

*Joined on Sunday, November 16.*

**JAMES LEVINE**

*Joined on Sunday, November 16.*

**JEFF & CHRISTINA POSEY**

*Joined on Sunday, December 7*





# FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 11 and was well attended by the congregation as well as the community. There were free hot dogs and children's games out in the front of the church and a silent and live auction inside Reeves Hall. Brisket and other grilled meat were also sold inside. The event was held to raise funds for our Connectional Missional Giving commitment through the Horizon Texas Conference of the UMC. We are happy to report that we made \$4,000.72 that was paid toward our yearly commitment. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a huge success and to all that attended!





# GET PLUGGED IN

## JOIN ONE OF CITY POINT'S WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

NOT MEETING ON DECEMBER 22, 29  
STARTS BACK JANUARY 12

Mondays 9:30 a.m. - Duncan FLC

Study, discussion, and fellowship!

#### JANUARY STUDY:

*"Daring Greatly"* by Brene' Brown

If you would like more information please contact  
Mary Knowles or the church office.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NOT MEETING ON DECEMBER 24, 31  
STARTS BACK JANUARY 7

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - Duncan FLC

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men!

#### CURRENT STUDY:

*"Jesus' Alternative Plan:*

*The Sermon On The Mount"* by Richard Rohr

All men are invited to join us on Wednesdays.

If you would like more information please contact  
Jim Allen or the church office.

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

NOT MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 25  
STARTS BACK ON JANUARY 8

Thursdays - Room 104

Morning Study - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Study - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*The Gospel of John*

Bring your Bibles.

If you would like more information or if you need a Bible,  
please contact Pastor Ramiro or the church.



The Lunch Bunch meets the third  
Monday of each month at 11:45 a.m.

**Monday, January 19**

**Outback Steakhouse**

**813 Airport Fwy, Hurst, 76053**

*Everyone is invited! Contact Wavah Fore  
or the church office for more information!*



**CP United Methodist Men Meetings**  
**Saturdays: January 3 & February 7**  
**Duncan FLC - 8:00 a.m.**

The UMMen meet monthly on the first Saturday of each month  
at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, short meeting/planning,  
and then some work around the church.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

For more information contact CPUMMen President, Ralph Houy.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Sunday Morning Worship

**10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

At City Point, we believe **worship is for everyone**, including the littlest among us! When children join us in worship, they remind us of the joy, curiosity, and energy that are part of a life of faith. Their wiggles, whispers, and giggles are a necessary part of the Body of Christ.

## Worship Buddies

If you attended the Quarterly Meeting last month, you might've heard Pastor Ramiro mention our hope for helping kids stay engaged in worship. For families who have multiple children attending church on Sunday mornings, staying calm and focused in worship can be extremely difficult. **We would like to offer families the choice of having an adult Worship Buddy sit with their child during the service and help keep them interested and engaged in worship.** We are creating a "pool" of volunteer Worship Buddies who are available to sit with kids during the service as needed. We don't plan for Worship Buddies to be used for first time visitors and guests who are not actively involved in our church family. The nursery will remain open and available for all kiddos who have not yet entered Kindergarten.



## K-6 Sunday School

**9:30-10:30 am | Room 108 & 109**

Children's Sunday School meets every Sunday starting at 9:30 am. After signing your child in at the kiosk and receiving their nametag, drop your Kindergarten-6th grader off in room 108 and pick up at 10:30 am in their assigned classroom. Each week, we will gather in room 108 for music class led by our Assistant Music Director, Sarah Gould. Then, we will have a large group lesson before splitting into two separate classes based on grade levels: K-2nd and 3rd-6th. You can pick your child up from their respective classrooms at 10:30 am each week.

## December Curriculum Themes

During the month of **December**, we will explore the two stories of Jesus' birth in Matthew and Luke and learn that Jesus is **The Light of the World** through hands-on activities such as games, art, and music. **PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT meet for Children's Sunday School on Sunday, December 28 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays!** Nursery care will be available for children who have not yet entered Kindergarten.



## Nursery

The nursery is open and available for kiddos who have not begun Kindergarten yet. Nursery doors open at 9:15 a.m. each week and children can be picked up following the conclusion of worship. Be sure to sign in your child at the kiosk and receive a nametag and pager before dropping them off!



**Contact Rev. Macy Craft for more information at [Macy@citypointumc.org](mailto:Macy@citypointumc.org).**



# COMMUNITY MEAL





# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



**Thursdays**  
**February 12**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Duncan FLC**

**Contact: Wavah Fore or Linda Harden**



**Wednesdays**  
**January 14**  
**February 11**  
**Tuesdays**  
**January 24**  
**February 24**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Room 104**



**Contact**  
**Karen Murray**

**Saturdays**  
**Duncan FLC**  
**December 20**  
**January 17**  
**February 21**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Duncan FLC**



**Contact Rosemary Huneycutt**



**General Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 22**



**UWF**  
**Covenant Circle**  
**Join us in 2026!**

**UWF**  
**Craft Group**  
**Join us in 2026!**





# UWF SUNDAY



**Sunday, October 26 was our United Women in Faith Recognition Sunday. Charlotte Clement was the acolyte. The Carillon Bell Choir provided special music. The Women's Choir sang "My Sister's Hands" and Rev. Nancy Allen gave a message on "Looking for a Sock." Recognition Pins were given to Heather Rudzik, Debbie Seitter, and Rev. Nancy Allen. After the Worship Service a great time was had at the General Meeting.**





# ADVENT AT CPUMC



Thank you to everyone who came out to help decorate for Advent/Christmas.  
The Sanctuary and Covered Walkway look beautiful!

Thank you to the Monday Morning Bible Study Group for helping purchase the Christmas presents for Binion Students in need and thank you to the United Women in Faith Covenant Circle for wrapping all the presents! What a blessing each of you are!





# MISSIONS INFORMATION



## CITY POINT UMC HOMELESS MINISTRIES

### **Presbyterian Night Shelter Sandwich Making**

Reeves Hall Kitchen

2nd Tuesday, of the month, at 1:00 p.m.

**January 13, February 10**

### **Presbyterian Night Shelter Lunch Bags Needed!!**

Drop off in Reeves Hall during PNS  
Sandwich Making on 2nd Tuesdays

Upcoming Drop off dates-

**January 13, February 10**

### **Suggested Items for Lunch Bags**

*(Items need to be non-perishable)*

**PLACE ITEMS IN**

**GALLON BAG OR GROCERY BAG**

Peanut butter crackers      Granola bars  
Chips      Vienna Sausages      Applesauce etc.  
Please include a bottle of water in each bag.

### **ROOM IN THE INN**

**Tuesday evenings through  
Wednesday mornings during  
December, January, February**

City Point UMC hosts **Room in the Inn** providing hospitality to 10 homeless men in the form of a hot home cooked meal, a safe night's sleep, a hot breakfast, sack lunch, and transportation from and back to True Worth, a center for homeless services. This is our 13th year hosting some very appreciative men putting some normalcy in their lives. If you think you might be interested in showing some City Point hospitality to some men who have had and are still having a difficult time, consider volunteering.

**Contact Jack Teddlie or the  
church office for information or  
questions about City Point UMC  
Homeless Ministries.**

## **4FAMILIES** AN ACADEMY 4 PROGRAM

4Families is an Academy 4 program designed as a tool to equip local churches to encourage and build Christian community among families. The 4Families program facilitates the development of sustainable relationships while meeting the needs of the local community. Parents and families journey alongside each other through ***Raising Highly Capable Kids***, a proven 6-week course created to help build stronger families by giving parents confidence, tools, and the skills they need to raise healthy, caring, and responsible children.

City Point UMC will be helping with a 6 week course in late January into February. Watch for more information to come on this exciting new opportunity.

North East Emergency Distribution

## **N.E.E.D. Donations**

### **NEED - Northeast Emergency Distribution Center Food Pantry**

CPUMC collects non-perishable food items for NEED and Trudi Free takes those items to NEED in Haltom City. You can bring your items to church on Sunday mornings and drop these items off in the  
NEED box across from the choir room.



**Dec. 14 & 28  
Collection:**

**PASTA  
NOODLES**

**PASTA  
SAUCE**

### **January List for Food Pantry**

Powdered Milk  
Baby Formula  
Sugar

Salt & Pepper  
Cooking Oil  
Flour



# CAROLING



What a blessing it was for those who were able to go caroling on Sunday, December 14 to four different locations. It was great to sing Christmas carols and see three of our Home-Centered Members, Helen McCarley, Wanda Yaggi, and Mary Hackfeld along with singing carols for others at Holiday Lane Estates where Mary lives and also at Brookdale. Make plans for next year as it was a very special time for those that were able to go.





# BINION MINISTRY



## EYES & EARS TEAM

*thank you*

### THANK YOU SILENT GUARDIANS

Several years ago, at the direction of the Trustees and with the assistance of the North Richland Hills Police Department, an assessment of the security needs of our church was developed. In response to this assessment a group known as the Eyes and Ears Team came into existence.

The Eyes and Ears Team are a group of individuals in our church who volunteer to give up Sunday School and Worship one Sunday a month to patrol our church grounds to assure all doors are secure, to meet and greet individuals who come to our church, and to help assure that our vehicles are secure. Should an unusual circumstance occur they are trained to either notify a designated staff person or member of our church or to contact the necessary emergency agency.

If we tried to list all individuals who have participated, we would probably miss someone. The current individuals who serve in this ministry are Leigh Ivey, Thomas Cribbs, Greg Vanhooose, Shawn Bridegam, Jack Knowles and Jeff Posey.

Thanks all who have participated in the ministry and to those who are currently serving. You are our "Silent Guardians".

Louis N. Murray



# INFORMATION ABOUT YEARLY OFFERINGS



## Apportionments

also known as Connectional Missional Giving

2025 Goal - \$36,698.00

As of the end of November we have paid \$33,639.87 towards this goal.



The 2025 Advent/Christmas Special Offering will go to our Connectional Missional Giving and to Clothes Connection which is part of the Birdville ISD Council of PTAs that provides clothes to BISD students in need.

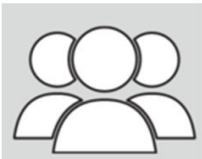


**The Church Office will be closed from Friday, December 19 through Sunday, January 4.**

**In case of emergency please call the church office at 817-284-9371 and leave a voicemail and we will get back with you as soon as possible.**

**Although the church office will be closed at the end and beginning of the year, deposits will still take place and all giving dated for December 2025 will be coded as 2025 Giving. This includes online and giving mailed in. If you have any questions on this please get with Laurie in the church office.**

## WAYS TO GIVE TO CITY POINT



**In-Person during Worship.**  
Place in offering plates.  
Envelopes provided to designate cash donations.



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**TITHE.LY**

**Online giving through church website.**  
[www.citypointumc.org](http://www.citypointumc.org)



**Mail checks or set up checks to be mailed from your bank.**

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