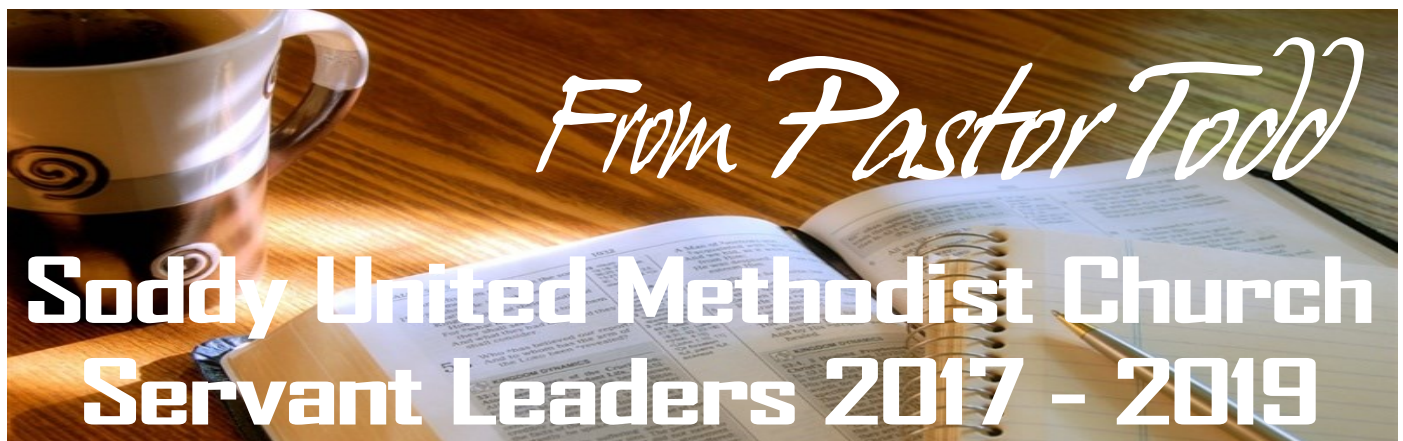




The **VINE**



The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church
December 2016



As we prepare to begin a new year, here are the volunteers who will be serving from 2017 – 2019. *THANK YOU to everyone who has agreed to serve!*

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

**required by the Book of Discipline*

***Chairperson**

Vice Chair

***Lay Leader**

***Lay Delegate to Annual Conference**

***Treasurer**

Financial Secretary

Recording Secretary

Membership Secretary

Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School Superintendent Assistant

***United Methodist Men representative**

***United Methodist Women representative**

***Young Adult representative**

***United Methodist Youth representative**

Doug Yeatts

SHELIA NELSON

Kathy Jones

Kathy Jones

(Becky Stulce, alternate)

Suzie Weber

Jim Gram

JEAN WORTHAM

Cindy Cunnyingham

Alan Gram

Frank Mulkey

Mitch Weber

Vicki Hardesty

JAMIE NELSON

Karah Carson

continued

From Pastor Todd, continued

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (continued)

MINISTRY ADVOCATES

Asbury Acres/Holston Home for Children
Camp Lookout
Permanent Endowment (wills and legacies)
Church Historian

Claudia Inwood
Carla Anderson
Arnie Stulce
Buck Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES & MINISTRY TEAMS

***Trustees**

Maintenance
Parsonage

Mike Anderson
Ray Woodall
Cindy Cunyngnam

***Staff Pastor Parish Relations**

Mitch Weber

***Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)**

Pastor Todd

***Finance**

Nurture Team chair
Outreach Team chair
Worship Team chair
Communications Team chair
Children's Team chair

Alan Gram
Jimmie Lou Mulkey
Kathy Jones
Becky Stulce
Vivian Parrott
Kathryn Mullins

At-Large Members (with voting rights)

*Shirley Adams; Mike Anderson; Glenn Brumlow; Larry Garner; Charles Bain;
Virginia Gill; Donna Graham; Leroy Grant; Terry Inwood; Jimmie Irwin; Patsy Irwin;
Teresa Lynch; Frank Mulkey; Paul Ed Parrott; JoAnne Posey; Steve Wortham; Bob
Wright; Carl McLaughlin; Chuck Nelson; Nancy Woodall; Virginia Gram*

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Trustees

2017

Mike Anderson
Alan Gram
Jean Wortham

2018

Ray Woodall
Paul Ed Parrott
Jimmie Irwin

2019

JIM ADAMS
NOEL IRWIN
FRANK MULKEY

Rotating off: Leroy Grant, Glenn Brumlow, Arnie Stulce

Pastor Parish Relations Committee

2017

Serena Wood
Bob Wright
Terry Inwood

2018

Mitch Weber
Chuck Nelson
Arnie Stulce

2019

SHIRLEY ADAMS
CHARLES BAIN
CARL MCLAUGHLIN

Rotating off: Tripp Mullins, Patsy Irwin, Suzanne Parrott

continued

From Pastor Todd, continued

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES (continued)

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Carla Anderson	Shelia Nelson	NANCY WOODALL
Paul Ed Parrott	Becky Stulce	JIMMIE LOU MULKEY
Noel Irwin	Donna Graham	VIVIAN PARROTT

Rotating off: Jimmie Lou Mulkey, Nancy Woodall, Shirley Adams

Finance

**required by the Book of Discipline*

*Finance Chair	Alan Gram
*Administrative Board Chair	Sid Parrott
*Treasurer (without vote)	Suzie Weber
*Financial Secretary <i>(elected to committee with vote)</i>	Jim Gram
*Trustees Chair	Mike Anderson
*Staff Pastor Parish Relations Chair	Mitch Weber
*Lay Leader	Kathy Jones
*Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Kathy Jones (Becky Stulce)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Arnie Stulce	Steve Wortham	SID PARROTT

Rotating off: Paul Ed Parrott

MINISTRY TEAMS

Maintenance Team

Ray Woodall (CHAIR), Andy Nelson, Alan Gram, Larry Garner, Roger Graham, Paul Smith, Frank Mulkey, Carl McLaughlin

Parsonage Team

Cindy Cunyngnam (CHAIR), Jimmie Lou Mulkey, Shelia Nelson, Karen Ward, Freddie Cox, Shirley Adams, Carla Anderson, Nancy Woodall, Paul Smith, Felicia Kingrea

Nurture Team

Jimmie Lou Mulkey (CHAIR), Virginia Gram, Claudia Inwood, Vivian Parrott, Barbara Wilson, Jimmie Irwin, Suzanne Parrott, Pat Ricketts, Judy Teague

Outreach Team

Kathy Jones (CHAIR), Gena Bain, Evelyn Caldwell, Gene Elliott, Carol McLaughlin, JoAnne Posey, Judy Teague, Teresa Jordan, Barbara Wilson

continued

From Pastor Todd, continued

MINISTRY TEAMS (continued)

Worship Team

*Becky Stulce (CHAIR), Carla Anderson, Serena Wood, Glenn Brumlow, Patsy Irwin
Angie Carson, Donna Graham, Nancy Woodall*

Communications Team

*Vivian Parrott (CHAIR), Virginia Gill, Sid Parrott, Bob Wright, Jean Wortham,
Shelia Nelson, Suzie Weber, Cindy Cunnyngnam*

Children's Team

*Kathryn Mullins (CHAIR), Angie Carson, Marti Dotson, Jamie Nelson, Virginia
Gill, Karen Yeatts, Vicki Hardesty, Felicia Kingrea*



December Birthdays

- 1 Skip Sheeks
- 4 Vivian Parrott
- 5 Angie Carson
- 6 Freddie Cox
- 11 Carole McLaughlin
- 13 Teresa Lynch
- 22 Corbin Jolly
- 30 Savannah Pollard



December Anniversaries

- 8 Ron & Trish Jordan
- 15 John & Martha Bramlett



From the Chairman of the Finance Committee:

*I would like to personally thank everyone involved
in the beautiful remodeling of the sanctuary and especially
Mike Anderson & Ray Woodall for all their hard work.
This project would not have been possible except for a very
generous bequest from the estate of Earl Lee and Almeda Frazier.*

*Thank
you*

~Alan Gram





CHRISTMAS, A PART OF CHRIST'S STORY

BY MARGARET CAGLE

TO ME, CHRISTMAS HAS GREAT MEANING, IT IS REALLY A PART OF CHRIST'S STORY.
HE CAME TO THIS EARTH TO DIE FOR US, FROM HIS BEAUTIFUL HOME IN GLORY.

I WONDER HOW HIS OWN FATHER FELT, WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR HIM TO DEPART.
WHEN IN HIS LOVE, HE SENT JESUS, DID GREAT SADNESS FILL HIS HEART?

GOD, IN HIS LOVE, SENT HIS ONLY SON, FOR OUR SINS, HE WAS CRUCIFIED.
THIS WAS THE REASON FOR HIS COMING, FOR THE SINS OF MANKIND, HE DIED.

CHRIST'S STORY THEN CONTINUES, IN THREE DAYS, HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD.
HE THEN HAD VICTORY OVER DEATH, JUST LIKE TO HIS DISCIPLES HE SAID.

JESUS IS NOW AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND, INTERCEDING FOR US UP IN GLORY.
IF WE CALL ON HIM TO SAVE OUR SOULS, WE CAN BE A PART OF CHRIST'S STORY.



Christmas Colors

by M. S. Lowndes



*Christmas is a special time, to reflect on Jesus Christ
The wonder of His lowly birth, brings meaning to our lives*

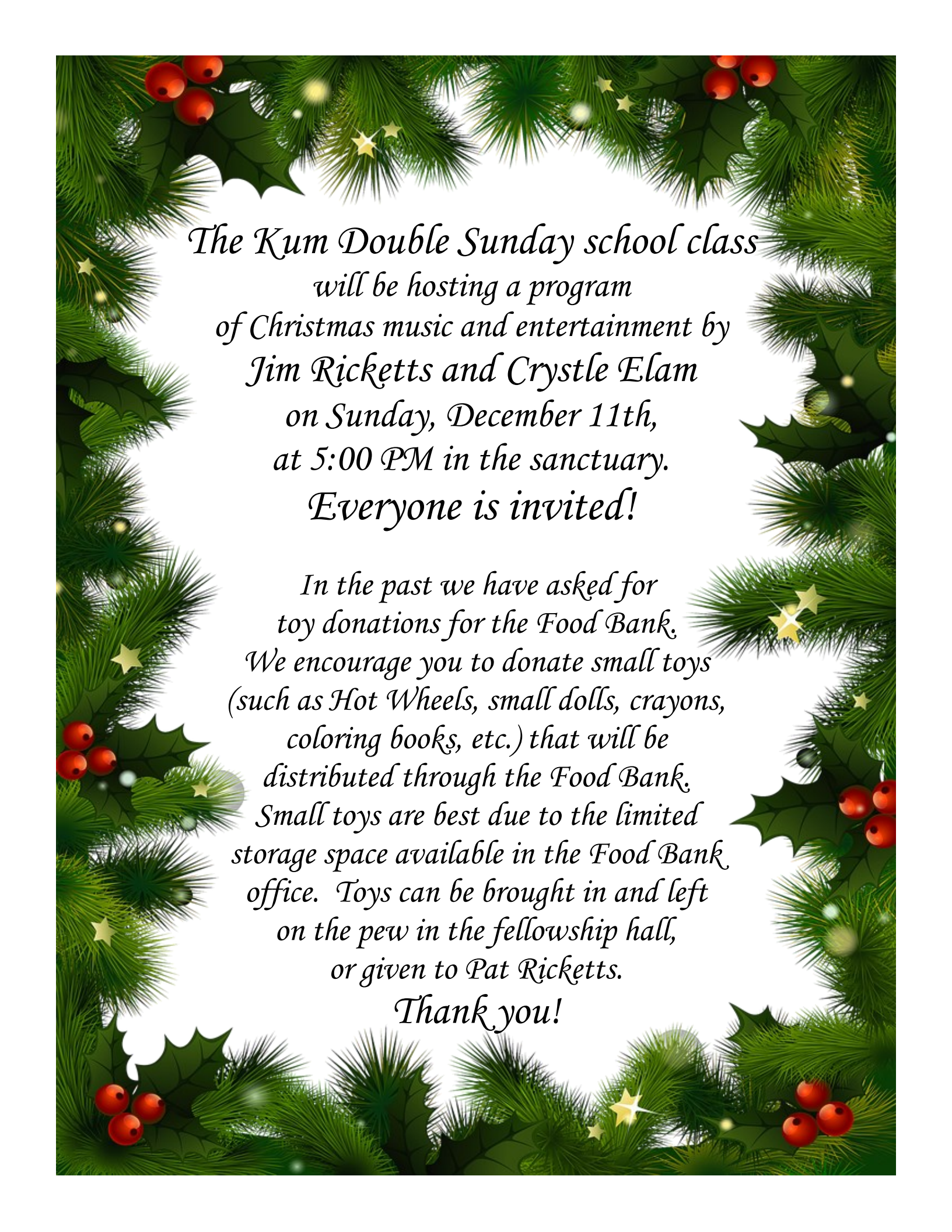
*There really is no other reason, we celebrate this day
The birth of God's precious son, and the life He willingly gave*

*But so much seems to distract us, in the busy-ness of our lives
We lose our focus in all the happenings, not knowing, we leave out Christ*

*We lose sight of the true meaning, as we endlessly rush about
Trying to find that perfect gift, seems to cloud our Saviour out*

*We need to stop and reflect awhile, remembering our precious Lord
His birth, His life and sacrifice, and all that He stands for*

*For though the world may celebrate, it seems though for other reasons
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ, is the true meaning of the season.*



*The Kum Double Sunday school class
will be hosting a program
of Christmas music and entertainment by
Jim Ricketts and Crystle Elam
on Sunday, December 11th,
at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.
Everyone is invited!*

*In the past we have asked for
toy donations for the Food Bank.
We encourage you to donate small toys
(such as Hot Wheels, small dolls, crayons,
coloring books, etc.) that will be
distributed through the Food Bank.
Small toys are best due to the limited
storage space available in the Food Bank
office. Toys can be brought in and left
on the pew in the fellowship hall,
or given to Pat Ricketts.*

Thank you!



Friday, December 2nd

Soul Sisters Bible study

Sunday, December 4th

Second Sunday in Advent
"What Would You Have Done?"

Wednesday, December 7th

Choir practice; youth gathering

Friday, December 9th

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, December 11th

Third Sunday in Advent
"Christmas Memories"

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meeting

*Kum Double Sunday school class party
with Christmas music & entertainment
by Jim Ricketts and Crystle Elam*

Children's Christmas program rehearsal

Monday, December 12th

Prayer shawl ministry

Wednesday, December 14th

Children's Christmas program

Thursday, December 15th

United Methodist Women

Sunday, December 18th

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Choir Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 24th

*Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion*

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day "Why A Manger?"

December 26th - January 1st

Pastor Todd will be out-of-town

Saturday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE