



## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our church's Christmas offering is crucial in helping First Methodist successfully meet her ministry commitments. It keeps Christ and His work at the top of our gift list – and allows us to reach out to hurting people in the name of the Child whose birth we celebrate! All that we give is given to others. Please join your church family in generously supporting this great tradition. Make your check to First Methodist Houston and designate “Christmas” in the memo section. All gifts received will go to impact the world and change lives in His name.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*From Dec. 25 – Jan. 1, most of the church offices will be closed. The exception to this is the Business Office, which will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Dec. 28-31.* If you need to speak with a pastor anytime, you may call 832-668-1800 and select option 7.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

*You can donate the flowers in our beautiful Sanctuary!* This is a lovely way to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion, and it's more cost effective than you might think! Contact Rebecca Holland, [rholland@fmhouston.com](mailto:rholland@fmhouston.com).

### PRAYER SISTERS

*Ladies, there is still time to sign up for our Prayer Sisters Program.* Please join us as we pray for each other and our church. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or can be downloaded from the website. For more information, contact Ruthie Estes, [restes@fmhouston.com](mailto:restes@fmhouston.com), 832-668-1861.

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

*To learn more about our Small Group Ministry* please contact Ken Coneby, [kconey@fmhouston.com](mailto:kconey@fmhouston.com) or 281.773.3195.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*To get connected with our Young Adult Ministry* please contact Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie, [kbowie@fmhouston.com](mailto:kbowie@fmhouston.com) or 281.838.2133, or Ken Coneby, [kconey@fmhouston.com](mailto:kconey@fmhouston.com) or 281.773.3195.

### WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Tuesday, January 5,* we will start a new Beth Moore study: *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories.* For more information about this series, contact Ruthie Estes, 832.668.1861 or [restes@fmhouston.com](mailto:restes@fmhouston.com)

*Thursday, January 7,* join us for Allen Houk's study of (??) (is it new?)

Lunch for the weekday studies is served starting at 11:30, and the study will begin at noon.

### FAMILY RETREAT AT LAKEVIEW

*Please join your church family at the 12th annual Family Retreat* which will again be held at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. The event is Jan. 29-31 and we need registrations to be confirmed via email to Laura Aldis at [laldis@yahoo.com](mailto:laldis@yahoo.com) by January 14, and payment turned in by Sunday, Jan. 17. Late and last minute registrations are possible but cost \$30-50 more. Dorms, fun, crafts, fellowship, and all food is included in the fee. The challenge course is available, weather permitting, for everyone in 4th grade and up, for an additional fee.