

COURTS

United Methodist Church



PREPARE THE WAY
WELCOME

December 23, 2018
Marilyn Jones
Senior Pastor

Couts United Methodist Church
Sunday, December 23, 2018
4th Sunday in Advent - Liturgical Color - Purple

COUNTDOWN

Emmanuel, Emmanuel # 204

WELCOME / REGISTRATION

Pastor Clint Jones

(Please fill out the registration on the last page of the bulletin, tear along the perforated line and place in the offering plate.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - JOY

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," #196 vs 1

Leader: God our shepherd, you chose a humble woman to bring your Messiah into the world, one who will bring us security, joy, and peace. God, even children in the wombs of their mothers recognize you and delight in your presence.

All: **We, God's people, sing with Mary, "the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God." (Luke 1:49-50, CEB)**

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this peace candle in joyful anticipation of welcoming Christ's coming.

Light the candle of "Hope", "Love", "Joy" then "Peace"

All : **"Come, thou long expected Jesus #196 vs 2**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Marilyn Jones

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Marilyn Jones

Leader: Through time and space, in the blink of the eye, the love of God stretched forth in the life of a young girl, asking that she be part of God's great plan of Salvation.

People: **Her name was Mary. She was not of wealth or power. She was a person, just like you and me.**

Leader: The Good News came first to the lowly.

People: **Even today, we believe that good news often comes only to the mighty. How wrong we are!**

Leader: In a world where hatred and fear was commonplace, the Christ Child would be born.

People: **Fear and Hatred are far too commonplace in our world. May the Christ Child come anew into our hearts this day.**

for the week of December 23rd

Today

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am- Worship

1:30 p.m. - Play and Pray - Holland Lake Park

Monday

Church Office Closed

4:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion “Family” Worship Service
designed for families with children

7:00 p.m. - Candlelight/Communion “Lessons and Carols” Worship Service

Tuesday

Merry Christmas

Wednesday

Church Office Closed

All regular activities cancelled

Thursday

Church office open 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call

682-333-2589

PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER



Couts UMC Youth

Loving God, Loving Neighbor



Youth Sunday School

9:30 am - 10:15 am

Wednesday Youth

No Youth on Wednesday - Holidays
Snack Supper and Youth start back on
January 9th

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Worship & Bible Study

Wednesday, Worship Schedule

January 9th
Worship @ 6 p.m.

Led by Pastor Georgia

Snack Supper - January 9th
Chicken Spaghetti / Salad

Can You Help?

Please bring 2 dozen cookies on a pretty tray for the Hospitality Table - Christmas Eve Services



Services are on Mon., Dec 24th
4 pm
& 7 pm

HOLIDAY CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS



December 24-28

Open Thursday, Dec. 27 - 8am-3pm

December 31-January 4

Open Wed. Jan. 2nd & Thurs. Jan. 3rd
8 am - Noon



As of 12/20/2018
Debt Reduction
Commitment Total:
\$381,448

\$255,825 paid pledges

Loan Balance:

As of 12/20/2018 - **\$581,612.79**

Play and Pray
*(A ministry of
Couts UMC)*
Every Sunday
afternoon



1:30 p.m.
Holland Lake Park

Worship With Us
Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Family Service

7:00 p.m. - Lessons & Carols

both services are
Candlelight / Communion

The 4 pm service is geared more towards children and their families - the children will be invited to be a “character” in the Children’s Story.

7 pm service is more formal with Lessons & Carols.

Soloist for 7pm service

Dylan Worsham
Hope Was Born This Night

Lisa Cockerell
Hallelujah Christmas

Kerry Hatch
Noel

Can You Help?

Please bring 2 dozen cookies on a pretty tray for the Hospitality Table -

**Christmas
Eve Services
Services are
on Mon., Dec
24th**



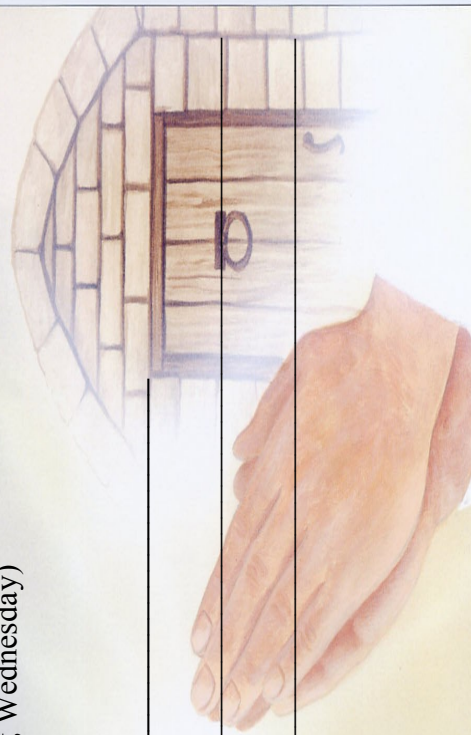
Prayer Request

Please tear off on the perforated line and place in the offering (Prayer requests that are submitted on this form are given to and prayed for by our Prayer Force the following Wednesday)

Name requesting prayer for: _____

Submitted by: _____

Comments: _____





All Regular Wednesday Activities will resume on Wednesday, January 9th

- 2pm - Prayer Force**
- 3:30 pm- Kidzone**
- 5:15 pm - Snack Supper**
(Chicken Spaghetti)
- 6:00 pm - Worship**
- 6:30 pm - Bible Studies, Tweens, Youth**
- 7:00 pm - Praise Rehearsal**



Sun., Jan 13th
4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

All Church Leadership Questions & Answers

Both meetings led by Pastor Marilyn Jones concerning General Conference of the UMC in February

Sunday, January 27th
4:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall Questions & Answers
Town Hall Meeting - All of the church is invited

In case of an emergency and you need to get in touch with someone at the church when the office is closed, please dial 682-333-0589

Attendance Registration / Welcome Visitors

12/23/2018

If you are visiting Couss, we want to welcome you and we hope that you have a great worship experience with us today. Please fill out the contact information, tear on the perforated line and put in the offering plate.

Name: (Please list all of your family that are in attendance) _____

Street Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone #** _____

Member _____ **Visitor** _____ **Active in another church in Weatherford** _____ **Out of town guest** _____ **Wish to join** _____ **Desire a call** _____
Attend Couss Regularly _____ **First Time Visitor** _____ **Comments** _____