

He will bring us *Goodness & Light*

Our theme for our Advent series this year is “He Will Bring Us Goodness and Light” which is based on a line from the popular Christmas song “Do You Hear What I Hear?” written by Noël Regney and Gloria Shayne. Throughout Advent, we will proclaim and celebrate the profound gift of goodness and light that God sent into the world and into our lives through Jesus, our Emmanuel, God with us. I invite you to be vulnerable during this season and allow others to see what you see, hear what you hear, and know what you know as we surrender to God and engage in Jesusian discipleship.

Each year we collect a special Christmas Offering. Because of what God is doing in our church through you, I’m excited to say that we will designate our Christmas Offering toward three areas of mission and outreach this year:

- ▶ McFarlin’s Food Pantry ministries, which include our onsite Food Pantry and our Mobile Food Pantry that serves our partner schools
- ▶ Lunches for students at Wesley Primary School in Morogoro, Tanzania
- ▶ Various apportionments, which are McFarlin’s part of the outreach programs of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church

Our goal for this year’s Christmas Offering is \$70,000!



These areas of mission and outreach present us with the opportunity to change the lives of people in our community, in our state, and in our world. Life is a struggle for far too many and we know that through your financial gifts at this time God’s love and grace can be made known.

I am confident that all of us will be faithful in giving our regular tithes and offerings to the church while making extra contributions to this annual Christmas Offering. Even as circumstances have changed for some of you, you have been committed to the mission of the church. I am grateful for your faithfulness and celebrate your commitment to McFarlin.



Enclosed you will find an envelope for this year's Christmas Offering. You may bring your offering to worship services, mail your gift to the church or go online to our website mcfarlinumc.org/give, click on the red "Click Here to Give" button and then choose "Christmas Offering" in the drop-down menu. If you write a check, please mark it "Christmas Offering" in the memo line.



Your gift will make a difference in the lives of the many people who are served by all these ministries, and it will help us proclaim God's goodness and light made known in Jesus in a very tangible way. On behalf of the church, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and holy Christmas.

In the goodness and light of Christ,

Pastor Rockford