

*Advent
Decorating
Fund
2023*



Advent Decorating Fund In Memory Of

*Madeline Marie Barnes, our
precious grand-daughter*

By: Pop Pop Spengeman

Dot & Warren Beale

By: Anne & Westbrook

Eunice Boone and

Minnie Blythe

By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Jackson Corbett

By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Haisley Marie Cotton

*By: Linda K. Thomas,
(grandma)*

Louise Ellis DeBerry

*By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. &
Nancy DeBerry Arnold*

Marshall M. DeBerry

*By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. &
Nancy DeBerry Arnold*

Sandy Dempsey

By: Stacy

Mildred & Lonnie Doughty

*Love, their daughter, grand-
children, & great-grandchildren*

My Edwards family in Heaven

*By: Gaynelle Edwards
Riddick*

William H. Goodwin, Sr.

& Annie Maye Goodwin

*By: Bill & Alice
Goodwin*

Susan Elizabeth

Harrison Griffin

*By: Frank and Robbie
Griffin*

Alma & Jim Henry

*By: Rin & Kevin
Barkdull and Susan
& Jim Henry*

Brooks & Hinson Parker

By: Anne & Westbrook

Billy Phillips

*By: Maryanna, Ralph,
Josephine, Louisa, and Gideon*

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*By: Joanna, Todd, Miller,
Clayton, and Mattie*

William F. "Billy" Phillips

*By: Toni, Joanna,
Maryanna*

Gilbert & Ann Porter

*By: Bryce, Brittany,
and Braxton Perry*

Advent Decorating Fund In Memory Of

Mr. Gilbert Porter

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Powell, Sr.

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

*Eley Owens Powell, our
grandson and precious angel*

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

My Bill

By: Gaynelle Riddick

*Bill's Riddick family
in Heaven*

By: Gaynelle Riddick

Linda Rogers

By: Bobby & Nancy Turner

Sandy Spengeman

By: Don Spengeman

Robert Lewis Thomas

By: Linda K. Thomas

David Womack

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Womack

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

Advent Decorating Fund in Honor Of

*Our wonderful
HSUMC Choir*

*By: Susan & Lynn
Powell*

*In honor of my
beautiful bride, Debbie*

By: Phil Doughtie

Gretchen Hopkins

By: Stacy

*David, Megan, Katy,
and Sol Pontious*

By: Jewell Martin

*Griffin, Brooke,
and Hatcher Powell*

*with much love,
Sassy & Ace*

Lynn & Susan Powell

*By: Charles &
Jewell Martin*

*Meredith Powell,
with much love*

By: Mom & Dad

*Gaynelle Riddick -a
truly wonderful Aunt*

*By: Kent & Jennifer
Stephenson*

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning.

Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the *second* coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for the twelve days from December 25 – January 6. As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season "begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers, and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today."

God entered our world, not as a conqueror, but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

May your hearts be filled with expectant preparation, anticipatory hope, and joyful gratitude this season!