

Order of Worship
January 4, 2009
Celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Order of Worship

*Gathering

The people gather and informally greet one another in the name of Christ

Welcome Everyone! *We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time the ushers have a gift for you. As the registration book is passed during the service, please give us your name, address, phone number and email address. Please contact one of the pastors if we can be of help to you.*

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements, and Joys

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

*Call to Worship

“Arise Shine”

Acolytes

2005

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

220

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Children’s Time

Special Music

Danielle Brown

Concerns and Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory

*Please stand in praise as you are able.

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation

“The First Noel”

245

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

“Where Are You Looking for God?”

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lords Prayer

895

Communion

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.
If you prefer to be served in your seat, let the usher know.
Communion is received by intinction.
Gluten free wafers are available from your server.*

Prayer after Receiving

*Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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Carrying the Light of Christ into the world

Acolytes

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Organ Postlude

Serving in Worship this week:

Acolytes

8:30 – to be announced
11:00 – to be announced

Worship Leader

Laity Team

Preacher and Celebrant

The Rev. Becky Cloud

Lectors

8:30 – Laity Team ♦ 11:00 – Tim Anderson

Communion Assistants

8:30 – Barbara Barbe & Susie Brown
11:00 – Laity Team

Upcoming Events To Make Note Of

Red Cross Blood Drive at First Church January 6th

January 9th from 6:30pm Financial Peace University Program Free Preview

Children's Ministry Meeting January 11 at 12:30 pm

Pulpit Exchange January 18

Serving in Worship Next Week Sunday, January 11

Lectors:	8:30	Anne Shickle
	11:00	available
Flowers:		available
Acolytes:	8:30	to be announced
	11:00	to be announced

Church Staff

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Wayne Corbett, Music Director & Organist
Melinda Russell, Hand Bell Choir Director
Gary Fisher, Choral Director
Wayne Corbett & Melinda Russell Children's Choir Directors
Amy Wilfong, Ignite Music

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 4, 2009

**O Come
Let us
Adore
Him**



Mission Statement

*“God is calling us to grow in Christ as Christ grows in us
through discipleship, service, unity and love.”*

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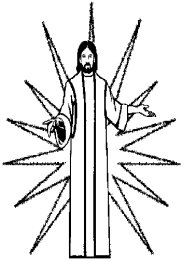
Apple Pie Ridge Campus
Located on Apple Pie Ridge Road
Across from the elementary school

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A complete Prayer Concerns List is included in the monthly "First Word" newsletter. Names to be added to that list will appear here in each weekly bulletin insert.

Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Larry Cooper & Family,
 Doris & Ray Harding, Lew Dellinger,
 Nancy Palmer, Dan Dutchess, Alice Shell,
 Courtney Lowe, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton,
 Kathy Dunn, Ray Keplinger, Jr.,
 Velma Ritenour, Boyd Ramey,
 Pat Shepard, Denise Adams, Stan
 & Amy Barnes, Katherine Dix,
 Pearl Gaines.



Please remember to add the following friends and family in your prayers:

Melvin & Virginia Fawcett, Stacey Fritts,
 Pat Lockwood, Don Smallwood, Mike McKeirnan,
 Janice Dickerson, Evelyn Harrison, Bill Morris,
 Dessie Taylor, Ricky Mitchem, Don Drier,
 Gary Houck, Mike Crawford, Jennifer Carper,
 Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Sonny Cooper,
 James Crane, Sandra Nottingham.



**The Seabright &
 The Johnson & The
 Lowe Families**

R U Looking for a way to help in worship? Scripture readers are needed for the 8:30 and the 11:00 am services. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Check out our website at www.fumcwinchester.org for copies of the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. Check out our church calendar and keep up-to-date on events that are happening.



Offerings to God

	Received	Budget	52 Wk Avg.
General Fund – Dec. 28	\$ 6,455.10	\$ 8,917.00	\$ 6,742.52
Year to Date	\$ 350,610.87	\$ 464,296.00	
APR/Building Fund – Dec. 28	\$ 1,068.00	\$ 0	
Year to Date	\$ 18,397.18	\$ 0	
Bell Tower Repairs	\$ 69,020.00	\$ 65,000.00	

Worshiping God
 Last Sunday

8:30 a.m.	67
Sunday School	77
11:00 a.m.	90
52 Week Avg. in Worship	195

What is FPU?

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. You may view this on the web at daveramsey.com

You are invited to take this opportunity to learn starting January 9th, 2009 at 6:30 -8:30 at First United Methodist Church. The cost of the class which runs for 13 weeks is \$93.00 per family. The first hour of the class is presented by DVD with Dave Ramsey and the second hour will be discussion led by Adam Wilfong and Bobby Dick. Baby sitting will be provided by Robin Wilfong and helpers.

A quote from the website says that the average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 during the 13 weeks of class. Please let Adam Wilfong or Bobby Dick know if you want to join this class so that we may get the material ordered.

Wouldn't it be great to live debt free? Please call Bobby Dick at 667-6645 if you would like to sign up for the class.

Thanks ,

Bobby Dick



Shickle/Omps Scholarship

High School Seniors interested in applying for the Shickle/Omps Scholarship, may pick up the application forms in the church office. Application forms must be returned to the church office. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Women of the Church, you are invited to a topical Bible study by Elizabeth George titled, "A Woman After God's Own Heart". The study consists of 10 weekly 1 hour sessions beginning Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 am in the chapel.

For more information or to sign-up for the study, contact Amy Wilfong 837-9195 or Kathy Baccary 667-5529. If you are interested in this study or similar studies but can't do a Saturday, please let us know for future planning.



Boarding Dates & Times January 4 – January 11, 2009

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Sunday Night Youth Dinner
Monday	9:15 am	Preschool back in session
Tuesday	noon	Red Cross Blood Drive noon to 6:00 pm
	7:00 pm	SPRC Meeting
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline
		No 3-F Dinner
	6:00 pm	Ignite Music Practice
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:15 pm	Hand Bell Choir
	6:15 pm	Upper Room Devotional Bible Study-Parlor
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University Class Free Preview
Saturday	8:00 am	United Methodist Men's Meeting
January 11	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:30 pm	Children's Ministry Meeting
	4:30 pm	Sunday Night Youth



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GET ON BOARD!

JANUARY 4, 2009



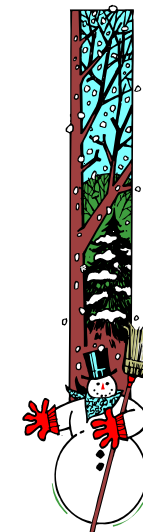
Offering Envelopes

The 2009 Offering Envelopes are in and are located outside the chapel. They are in alphabetical order. Please make sure to stop by and pick up your envelopes. Due to the finances of the church we would like to not have to mail the envelopes out as it is very expensive to do so. If you can not find your envelopes or did not get one please contact the church office. Thank you for your assistance in mailing as few envelopes as possible.

From Your Staff Parish Relations

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is that time for your Staff Parish Relations Committee to prepare the Pastor Preference forms to submit to the District Superintendent. Although, the final decision is by the Bishop of the Virginia Conference and the Cabinet, our input is important. Your concerns, comments or affirmations are always welcomed; especially now as we make our wishes known to the District Superintendent. You can share your thoughts with any of the SPRC members: Adam Stein, Sam Torian, Becky Starliper, Donnie Newcome, Terry Lickliger, James Davis, Melody Harmon, Bob Johnson & Ralph Gronlund. If you care to send a written note, please include your name as we cannot accept anonymous communications. The SPRC will be meeting in January to finalize the required forms. At that time, the Pastors will also be completing their Preference Forms. If God has put something on your heart please share it.



In Christ,

Your SPRC Committee

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Volunteer Opportunities:

“Your warmth and compassion are needed this winter! Serve domestic violence and sexual assault victims as a Crisis Intervention Companion volunteer. Call The Laurel Center (formerly The Shelter for Abused Women) today to register! 540-667-6160



Winter and spring trainings for the Crisis Intervention Companion program are as follows:

Day-time training: Jan 26-Jan 30, 9am-4:30pm

Evening training: Mar 10-Apr 2, Tue-Thu each week, 5:30-8:30pm

Crisis Intervention Companion volunteers provide victim advocacy for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. This 40-hr training prepares volunteers to respond to victims in hospital and law enforcement settings. Our volunteers have provided hospital companionship services to survivors of sexual assault in our community for over 30 years – won't you join us?"

Children's Ministry Committee News

On Sunday, January 11th at 12:30 pm there will be a Children's Ministry Meeting. Anyone that is interested in helping to plan activities for 2009 are encouraged to at-



tend. We welcome any help or ideas that you may have. Come and help and be blessed by working with our children. Please bring a snack item to share for the meeting. If you have any questions contact Jennifer White or Kathy St. Amand.



2nd Annual

Blood Drive

In memory of

Charlie Horton

Tuesday, January 6th

Noon-6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

“Aware that he had a blood type that would be in high demand (A-), Charlie gave blood regularly throughout his adult life. When diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2002, he no longer had that option. Instead, he found himself to be the recipient of others’ donations, especially during his last nine months. Blood and platelet transfusions allowed him to take medications that prolonged and gave quality to his life. Charlie lost his courageous battle with cancer on January 29, 2007. Your gift of blood at this drive will honor Charlie Horton’s life and personal commitment to blood donation. Thank you for helping his memory live on.”

Susan Horton, regarding her late husband Charlie Horton.

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-Give Life or visit www.redcrosslife.org.

You can also see Susan Cain or Tim Anderson in between the Sunday services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPPORTUNITIES WINTER QUARTER STUDIES FOR ALL AGES

Preschool to 5th grade

These classes are currently using the Hands-On Bible series from Group Publishing; teaching lessons about following Jesus... His parables and His miracles. They meet in classrooms on the 2nd floor of the education building. For more information, please contact Jennifer White (723-0289).

Youth/Teens

The Jr. High and Sr. High classes are studying scriptures from the Lectionary. They meet in classrooms on the ground floor below the sanctuary. Please contact Kathy Dick (888-3934) for more information.

Adult Classes

Young Adult Class: Studying the book of Proverbs and meeting on the 2nd floor of the sanctuary overflow area. Call Doug Sasser (662-3151) for more information.

Men's Class: Meets in the Chapel and presently studying the book of Genesis. For more information contact Bobby Dick (667-6645).

Florence Nightingale and Golden Link Women's Classes: Currently studying the book of Luke. The classes meet in the sanctuary overflow area. Please contact Bev Malik (542-1602) for more information.

Living Faith Class: Beginning a new book on January 4th by Max Lucado "3:16". Meeting on the ground floor of the education building in the fellowship hall. Contact Kristen Grzywacz (662-3151) for more information.

Maverick class: Meets in the parlor on the 1st floor of the education building. Just completed a series and will be determining new study.

For more information contact Brenda Dick (667-6645).

New class: Begins January 4th on the 2nd floor of education building in 1st classroom from the Braddock Street education entrance. Studying the book "Living with Jesus Today" by Juan Carlos Ortiz. Contact Jack or Robbin Wilfong (662-2348).

New Church Directories are in!!!!

You may pick up your new directory in the back of the sanctuary today **only if you had your picture taken!!** The directories are labeled with the family names and are displayed in alphabetical order. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer White or Barbara Barbe. A **BIG** thank you to Jennifer and Barbara for all your hard work and time on our new directory.



Please make note....
As of January 2009 3-F Dinners are being discontinued due to the fact we can not find enough people to cook the meals and attendance has decreased to the point it is no longer feasible to offer this ministry. If you have any questions or comments contact Ann Hoffman at 667-4621.

Learn to Operate the Sanctuary Sound System

Sunday, January 18, 2009 after the 11:00 am worship.

Jack Wilfong will provide training for all who would like to learn to operate the sound system for worship and special events and services held in the sanctuary. Meet in the balcony following worship on the 18th of January. If you would like more information contact Jack Wilfong at 662-2348.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”

Psalm 51: 10



Congratulations and many blessings to Nick and Shannon Fisher. They were united in marriage on Saturday, December 27th here at First Church. May God bless them and their union.