

Order of Worship
December 27, 2009
First Sunday after Christmas

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*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 the pastor if you would like to become a member of First Church.*

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

Acolytes

*Call to Worship

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”

#236 (UMH)

*Opening Prayer

Invocation

“Christmas”

#231 (UMH)

Children’s Time

Special Music

Amber & Laura Smelser

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Amber & Laura Smelser

*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.**

Carol Sing

Reading

Luke 2: 41-52

Sermon

“Birth Announcement”

Rev. Layman

*Hymn

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#240 (UMH)

**If anyone desires to unite in membership during this service, they are invited to join the pastor and worship leader at the altar during this hymn.*

Carrying the Light of Christ into the world

Acolytes

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

Serving in Worship this week:

Worship Leaders

8:30 – Susie Brown ♦ 11:00 – Susie Brown

Sermon

Rev. Tony Layman

Lectors

8:30 – Susie Brown ♦

11:00 – Jill Barker

Acolytes

8:30 – Matthew Ours & Marissa Wiley ♦

11:00 – Grant Johnson & Mitchell Johnson

Upcoming Events To Make Note Of

Church Office closed Dec. 28, 29, 31 & Jan. 1.

Blood Drive January 5 noon to 6:00 pm

Confirmation begins Sunday, January 17th at 9:45 am

Confirmation Retreat January 29 & 30

Serving in Worship Next Week Sunday, January 3

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

Church Staff

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Music Ministry

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 27, 2009



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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Located on Apple Pie Ridge Road
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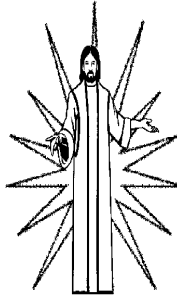
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The Sasser Family, The Shepard Family.



Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Doris & Ray Harding, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton, Velma Ritenour, Elsie Ramey, Pearl Gaines, Ann Hoffman, Edith Anderson, Robert Spaid, Carole Lineberg, Polly McIntire, Our church and church leaders, Hazel Starke, The Slonaker Family, Barbe Marlin, Kathy Dunn, Richard Swisher, Madge Fries & Helen Abshire, Ed Grove, Albert & Jean Elgin, Susan Cain, Susan Horton, Faye Weidig, Betty Dunn, Pat Shepard.



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

Don Smallwood, Janice Dickerson, Lois Hoffman, Bill Morris, Dessie Taylor, Gary Houck, Jennifer Carper, Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Kim Bennington, Ellen Suite's parents, Ralph Miller, Jeanette Shickle, Lorraine Vann, Rebecca Brennan, Ruby Boyd, Ian Eckert, Sarah Kingery, R. C. Simmons, Leo & Katie Feeley, Wesley & Valerie Robey, Jennifer Lewis' brother Harry, Our Military, Alexandra Combs, Dick Potter, Fran Ricketts, Jim Baccary, Doug Sasser, Becky Ebert, Kimberly Waring.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 5

Noon—6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

Tim Anderson will be available in the narthex December 20 & 27 taking sign-ups for the blood drive.

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit

www.redcrosslife.org

What a wonderful way to start the New Year by donating blood!

Blood donated at this drive will be used to help hospital patients throughout the region. For eligibility questions call 1-800-542-5663.



Offerings to God

	Received	52 Wk Avg.
General Fund – Dec. 20	\$2,409.00	\$ 6,316.01
Year to Date	\$321,977.56	
APR Property – Dec. 20	\$00.00	
Year to Date	\$9,115.36	
Hunger Offering	\$52.00	
Year to Date	\$10,974.59	
Capital Improvements – Dec. 20	\$00.00	
Project To Date	\$18,106.35	\$ 100,000.00*
*Maximum Line of Credit Available		
Actual expenditures to date:		
Air Conditioning	\$54,036.00	
Plumbing	\$9,466.00	
Electrical	\$1,712.00	
Ridge Parsonage	\$18,214.00	
Pebblebrook Parsonage	\$2,083.00	
Capital Expenditures	\$12,000.00	Principal Reduction → \$14,433.00
Total	\$97,511.00	New balance → \$83,077.00

Donations toward these capital improvements can be made by indicating Capital Improvements on your check or envelope.

Worshiping God
Last Sunday

Sunday School	0
8:30 a.m.	0
11:00 a.m.	25

Offering Envelopes

The Finance Committee would like to ask everyone who has a booklet of FUMC offering envelopes to please use them. Using the offering envelopes greatly helps our offering counters on Monday morning and our Finance Secretary insure that donations from members of our congregation are properly recorded. If you need offering envelopes or have questions about their use please contact Sandy Burkhardt or anyone on the Finance Committee.

Dates & Times December 27–January 3, 2009

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service Blood Pressure Sunday
	9:45 am	Sunday School & Children’s Choir
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday		Office closed.
Tuesday		Office closed.
	4:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday		No 3-F Dinner
Thursday		Office Closed.
Friday		Office Closed ~ Happy New Year!
Jan. 3	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School & Children’s Choir
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		No Sunday Evening Youth



“Thank you to all who participated in the Staff Love Offering for Christmas. Unfortunately the “Blizzard of ‘09” kept us from making the formal presentation of the gifts on 12/20, but the gifts were distributed to the staff this week. Please be sure to give the staff members your personal thanks for all their efforts for First Church and wish them a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all and a blessed New Year,
The Staff Parrish Relations Committee.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GET ON BOARD!

DECEMBER 27, 2009



SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

In January, Rev. White and Bobby Dick will be teaching a Survey of the New Testament course after the 3F dinners from 6-7pm. Enroll in the class by calling the church office and speaking with Rev. White.



Sometimes good and entertaining things come in threes. Have you heard of the three tenors or the three musketeers? You certainly know about the three stooges. Long before these notable threes there were three other important persons mentioned in the Bible. Join us on January 3 as they visit us during the regularly scheduled 8:30 and 11:00am worship services.



Confirmation

Pastor White, Mary Vorous, and others will be teaching Confirmation Classes this winter and spring. Confirmation Class is for young people who are at least sixth grade age. The class will be taught on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour beginning January 17, 2010.



No, you won’t see Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego of fiery furnace fame. Instead we have scheduled the three Magi themselves—Melchior, Balthazar, and Caspar. Or, is that just tradition? Come visit us on Epiphany Sunday and learn more in a special dialogue sermon. More importantly, find out about their devotion to the Lord we worship.

Beginning in January of 2010 we will have a children’s nursery available during both 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in the nursery please contact Melissa Barker at 722-2342.

Sunday Dec. 27th, 2009

No Youth Tonight, continue to enjoy your families and friends on your school break. We will get back into our regular youth schedule in January.

New Year's Eve Lock-in @ the Sportsplex for all youth!!!

Sponsored by the "Unite" Winchester youth leaders group.



Where: Sportsplex in Winchester

When: Dec. 31st 10:30 p.m.—Jan. 1st 8:00 a.m. pick-up

Who: All 6th-12th graders

Cost: \$5.00 includes all activities, with all food and drinks being purchased at the Sportsplex.

Activities available will be , basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, soccer, flag football, rock wall, skating, video games, dance-dance revolution, Beatles rock band, and more!

If there are any adults that would like to chaperone let me know.

Please let me know if you will be attending.

Parent Notice

For those that help out with youth or children in our church. We will have a notary in the church office on Jan. 10th and Jan. 24th during the Sunday school hour so you may get your background check done for our safe sanctuary policy.

Faith Colors/Hair-Locks for Christ!!! We will do the locks until the end of Dec. \$10.00 per lock, in a color for Christ. Check out the choice of colors and read what it signifies. Remember when someone ask why you choose your color please witness what it means to you and why you choose it. All proceeds goes toward youth missions! You may get it done in the Narthex in between services. Thanks Ada Seabright and Paula Corbett for all your help!



“TOP” program has started up for the Winter months. As mentioned before all are welcome to come out and help or make a donation.

Every month I will have a sign up sheet for those that want to come with us to the streets of Winchester and help serve those less

fortunate than ourselves. The sheet will be down in the youth hallway or you may contact me personally.

I will also have a sign up sheet for donations of specific foods we will need or even monetary help to buy the food we serve. We have also found the need for toiletries and clothing. If you are interested in donating any of these items let me know and I will give you more details.

Here are the dates we have set up throughout the Winter:

Jan. 10th

Feb. 21st

March 14th

April 11th

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Blessings, *Mary*



Servant Project



You are cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Mark Roy and Stacey Stickley **TODAY** at 3:00 pm. The wedding will be held here at First United Methodist Church. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Church membership is open to any and all who seek the presence of God in their lives. Baptism is a requirement for membership. If you have not been baptized, please contact Pastor White to schedule a personal pre-baptism counseling session. If you have been baptized in any denomination, you are free to join whenever your heart is called to do so.

Persons may become members of the United Methodist Church by:

- Vows and profession of faith;
- Transfer from another United Methodist Church;
- Transfer from another body of the Christian Church;
- The renewal of vows if they have lapsed;
- Affiliate transfer if they are Methodists and will be in town a short while;
- Associate transfer if they belong to another denomination and are in town for a short while.

Profession of Faith includes:

- Affirming your baptismal vows;
- Commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord;
- Accepting the Old and New Testaments as normative for faith and practice;
- Commitment to live the Christian life and remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and witness.

If you would like to join our church, please do one of the following:

- Indicate "Desire to join" when filling out the pew pad during the worship Service
- Call or email to discuss your interest with Pastor White in the church office at (540)-662-3151 or pastorwill@fumcwinchester.org.

Once you are ready to make your commitment, please come forward during the last hymn in the worship service. You will also need to fill out a membership form for the church's record prior to or after the service at which you join.