

Order of Worship

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Welcome Everyone! We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time we welcome you and hope you enjoy your worship experience. As the registration book is passed during the service, please provide us with your name, address, phone number and email address. Please contact the pastor if you would like to become a member of First Church or desire more information.

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns Worship Leader

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

Acolytes

Advent Wreath Lighting

8:30 The Roy Family

11:00 The Stultz Family

*Hymn "Tell Out, My Soul" #200 (UMH)

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

O, God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conviction, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

UM Book of Worship # 252

Children's Choir "An African Nativity & Jamaican Holiday"

Children's Time Rev. Will White

Anthem "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Hand Bell Choir

Call to Prayer "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204(UMH)

Prayer of the People Rev. Will White

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*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 "Love Came Down at Christmas" #242 (UMH)

Reading Luke 1: 31-56 Lectors

Sermon "Mary's Visit to Elizabeth" Rev. Will White

*Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221 (UMH)

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you desire to dedicate or rededicate your life, or unite in membership with this congregation, you are invited to come forward during the last hymn.

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the world Acolytes

*Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Will White

*Postlude

Worship Leader 8:30 & 11:00 am Greg Bowman

Lectors 8:30 am Anne Shickle 11:00 am Lyda Kiser

Acolytes 8:30 am Isabella Dickens-Bowman

11:00 am Hugh Kiser & Connor Foulds

Joseph and Mary Hunter Gronlund & Samantha Lopreto

***Please stand**

*****Seating interval**

Upcoming Events To Make Note Of

Trustee Meeting Monday, December 12th at 6:45 pm

Church Council Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Discovery Preschool Christmas Program Friday,

December 16th at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 pm

(Children's Service) 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm (Candle Light Service)

New Year's Day one service at 10:00 am

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, January 3rd noon to 6:00 pm

Serving in Worship Next Week Sunday, December 18, 2011

Flowers: available

Lectors: 8:30 am Hunter Gronlund

11:00 am available

Acolytes: 8:30 am Ben White

11:00 am Hugh Kiser & Seth Stanley

Worship Leader: Melody Harmon

Church Staff

Will White, Pastor Home-**662-4706**

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Music Ministry

Melinda Russell, Hand Bell Choir Director

Jim Harmon, Choir Director

Melinda Russell, Children's Choir Director

Dates & Times December 11 – December 18, 2011

Today 8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School & Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
4:30 pm Turkey Dinner & Christmas Play

Monday 6:45 pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 pm Church Council

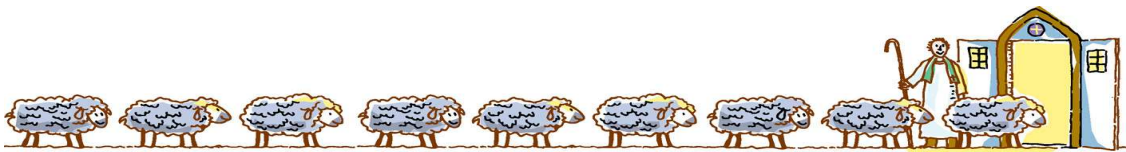
Wednesday noon Bulletin deadline
6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Friday 6:30 pm Discovery Preschool Christmas Program

Dec. 11 8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School & Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
11:30 am Youth "TOP" Mission



Please Note: The hospital does not call the church when a congregational member is hospitalized. If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office at 662-3151, or Pastor Will 662-4706.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2011

Worship Preview
Journey to Bethlehem

December 11

Mary's Visit to Elizabeth
Luke 1: 31-56

December 18

From Nazareth to Bethlehem
Luke 2: 1-7

Christmas Eve Services

December 25

Birthday Party for Jesus
(One service at 10:00 am)

January 1

Resolutions for Holy Living
(Covenant Service)

(One service at 10:00 am)
Luke 14: 12-24



CCAP

Christmas Give-away
Monday, December 19th
&

Tuesday, December 20th
From 8:30 am to noon
Mt Carmel Baptist Church

1317 South Pleasant Valley Road in
the Family Life Center

If you would like to help with this event please sign up on the board located in the church narthex. If you have any questions contact Jill Johnson at 667-0575.





Add to your prayer list

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers;

Sharon Earhart, Jean Loy, our military, Evelyn Warner, Rosella Dick, Gene Baker, Hilda Patton, Sheila Nagy, Hazel Starke, Tristan Nixon, Elsie Benegar, Stephen Storrs, James & Jo Ellen Crane, Shirley Miller, Buck Braithwaite, Jackie Spaid, Helen Myers, Charlie Fleming, Gary & Gloria Haines, Madge Fries, Susan Cain, our church, Faye & George Weidig, The Leonard Family, Linda Miller, The Carson Family, Doris Harding, Kathy Stanley, Alan & Ellen Cavanagh, Brian Fults, Wanda Geiman, Melvin Wine, Jack Lowe, Barbara Osgood, and the homeless in our community.



The Geiman Family, the Stanley Family, the Bowman family, the Leonard family,

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Offering Envelopes

First UMC offering envelopes for 2012 are ready to be picked up. They are located on the table in between the church and the educational wing. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you do not have envelopes and would like some please contact the church office at 662-3151.

2012 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2012 is up and on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to supply flowers for the sanctuary please sign up on the chart and contact the church office by Tuesday of the week you are supplying flowers. Call the church for what you would like stated in the bulletin.



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia order forms will be included in the next two weeks bulletins. Please fill out and return form in the offering plate or the church office. No orders will be accepted after December 16th!

Offerings to God

	Received	52 Wk Avg.
General Fund – December 4	\$7,551.90	\$5,930.63
Year to Date	\$287,894.00	
Hunger Offering	\$57.00	
Year to Date	\$8,572.25	
Capital Improvements – December 4	\$535.00	
Project To Date	\$76,563.40	
Actual expenditures to date:		
Air Conditioning	\$80,319.00	
Plumbing	\$9,466.00	
Electrical	\$1,712.00	
Ridge Parsonage	\$18,224.00	
Pebblebrook Parsonage	\$2,083.00	Interest Paid \$6,872.00
Capital Expenditures	\$14,600.00	Principal Reduction \$57,931.00
Total	\$126,404.00	New balance → \$68,462.00

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

Worshiping God Last Sunday

Sunday School	42
8:30 am	70
11:00 am	87

The Bulletin Deadline is noon on Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for January is December 14. Church leaders and members are encouraged to provide their program announcements prior to that time. If you are promoting a ministry within the church, please submit your announcements three weeks prior to the event. This will help our church communicate to members and friends who from time to time miss a weekly service.

