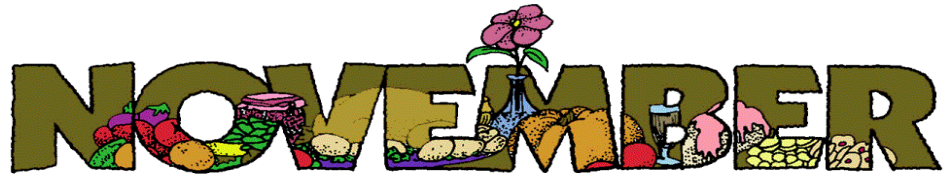




First Word



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

Fall has been a spiritually productive time at First United Methodist Church. In September we celebrated our church's 140th anniversary. We heard from former pastors, listened to wonderful music, and had a great meal together. In October, Charge Conference and Consecration Sunday were our main focus. We initiated a new ministry for children on October 31st called Kids for Christ (KFC) which is designed for children K-5th grade.

On November 7th, we will celebrate a special service for "All Saints". On November 14th we will join with our Pre-School at 11am for a service involving the preschool children and their parents. Advent begins on December 5th. This is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We will sing traditional carols and hear familiar Advent scriptures preparing us for the coming of Jesus. This year's readings include John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus' arrival, Mary's joy at hearing she will bear the Christ child, and prophecy regarding the savior's birth.

On Christmas Eve we will celebrate with three services designed to provide hope and inspiration for the entire family. At 5pm, there will be something special for the children. This service will be titled "Children of the World" and will focus on the way Christian children around the world celebrate the savior's birth. It will feature readings, drama, and music especially appropriate for children. The service will involve children at every level. At 7 and 11pm, you are invited to join us for "Candles, Carols, and Communion". This service will feature a sermon titled "The Nativity" and music from our own Chancel Choir.

After we celebrate Epiphany, I will be preaching on Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Among the practices are the following: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. These are spiritual qualities of congregations that thrive! I hope you will participate in these services as they will lead us into a time of congregational visioning.

There is a lot happening at First United Methodist Church. I hope you will make time to grow your faith through our ministries.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Will White





Worship Plans

November 7

Theme: All Saints; Title: "Ordinary Saints"

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

November 14th

Theme: New Life; Title: "New Life"

Scripture : Mark 5:21-42

November 21st

Theme: Discernment; Title: "How Do You Know if it is Jesus?"

Scripture: TBA

November 28th

Theme: Prophecy

Title: "The Beginning and the End Game"

Scripture: Isaiah 64

December 5th

Theme: John the Baptist; Title: "Good for the Soul"

Scripture: Mark 1: 4-5

December 12th

Theme: Mary; Title: "Real Joy"

Scripture: Luke 1: 39-48

December 19th

Theme: Promised Coming; Title: "The Coming King"

Scripture: II Samuel 7: 8; 7: 16; Psalm 89: 3-4

December 24th

Theme: The Birth of Jesus; Title: "The Nativity"

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20



Join Us for
the Holidays!





College Student Care Packages



To provide a little pick-me-up to our college students, The College Class leaders are asking First Church members to help us gather materials for and prepare care packages to these students. The care packages will be sent so that students get them prior to their fall semester exams.

The youth along with any interested church members will be putting the care packages together from **4 to 5 PM** on **Sunday, November 21** here at First Church. We are also looking for donations of the following items to fill the care packages:

- gum
- hot chocolate packets
- popcorn packets
- small candies (ex: gummi bears, starbursts, life savers, Hershey Kisses, Hershey miniatures)
- individual tissue packets
- post-its
- mechanical pencils
- gel/multicolor pens
- highlighters

If it is easier for you, we will accept monetary donations that will be used to purchase these items and/or defray shipping expenses.

We are also looking for help with creating a First Church bookmark and a study devotion/scriptures for our college students.

If you are interested in helping the youth and College Class leaders on Sunday 11/21, please contact Susie Brown at 323-2834 or Jill Barker at 247-8449. A box for care package donations will be located in the narthex. Thanks so much for your assistance with and prayers for this outreach.





HOW TO JOIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

Please remember all the men and women serving our country in prayer.

Stephen Storrs USMC
serving in North Carolina

Robert Leonard Army
serving in Afghanistan

Bobby Vorous Army
serving in Afghanistan

Brandon Laughrey USMC
serving in North Carolina

Michael Timbrook Army
serving in Afghanistan

Zak Ellington USMC
serving in Afghanistan

Please remember the families of these servicemen in your prayers also. If you would like to list a service member or write to

any of these heroes please contact the church office at 662-3151.





November Calendar

November 1
All Saints Day

November 2
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

November 3
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

November 5
3:30 pm “Devo” Coffee Hour (Sr. High)

November 6
8:00 am UMM Breakfast
***Don’t forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.**

November 7
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Youth & Parents Meeting
4:30 pm Kid for Christ
5:30 pm Christmas Play Practice

November 8
6:45 pm Trustee Meeting
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

November 10
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm Laity Meeting

November 11
Veterans Day

November 12
2:30 pm Jr. High leave on retreat

November 13
7:00 am Pancake Breakfast
5:30 pm Basket Auction

November 14
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Jr. High return from retreat
5:30 pm Christmas Play Practice

November 15

6:45 pm Worship Meeting

November 17
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

November 19
3:30 pm “Devo” Coffee Hour (Sr. High)

November 20
1:00 pm Skating Party

November 21
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Sunday Evening Youth
4:30 pm Kids for Christ
5:30 pm Christmas Play Practice

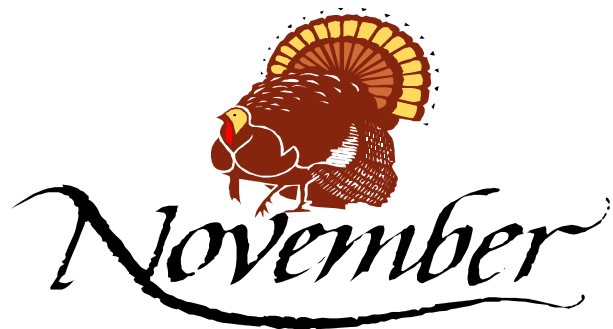
November 22
7:00 pm Church Council

November 23
2:00 pm Faith Based Organization Mtg

November 25
Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed.

November 26
Office Closed

November 28
8:30 am Worship Service (Advent begins)
***Blood Pressure Clinic after both services and during Sunday School.**
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
No Sunday Night Youth





Kids for Christ & Confirmation Info

Kids for Christ (a new small group for children K-5th)

Rev. White would like to find out if there is any interest in a mini-youth group for children K-5th. As a pilot program, the group will be called Kid's for Christ or "KFC". The first event will be held on October 31st from 4-5pm. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes (if they desire to do so) and they will receive candy, but the program will be on the subject of "All Saints" with Rev. White leading. The UMYF, and Mary Vorous, will assist in providing games. The KFC will meet again on November 8th and 22nd at the same time.



Confirmation Classes (for 6th graders)

Confirmation is an important milestone in the life of a young person. It is the time when they learn about their faith as they approach the age at which they can decide for themselves whether or not to follow Christ. Confirmation at First United Methodist Church is especially for sixth graders, but is also open to older children who have not yet been confirmed. Confirmation Class will begin with an orientation meeting at 10am on Sunday January 16th in the "Confirmation Room" adjacent to the balcony in the sanctuary. Classes will begin on January 23rd and continue through March 27th at 10am in the Confirmation Room. Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 15th. For more information about Confirmation, please contact Rev. White or Mary Vorous.



Turkey Drive



First United Methodist Church is collecting funds to purchase as many

turkeys as we can for CCAP. CCAP is looking at providing at least 500 families Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to donate funds for purchasing a turkey for a less fortunate family, please make a notation in the memo portion of your check

CCAP-Turkey. If you have any questions please contact the church office. Due to space limitations we will not be able to store turkeys here at the church that is why we are asking for monetary donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.





Prayer Concerns

SHUT-INS

Hilltop Mary Everline, Clara Kerns,
Thelma Rockwell
(111 Denny Lane Winchester, VA 22603)

Spring Arbor Hazel Fries, Jean Loy
(2093 North Western Pike Winchester, VA 22603)

Amerisist Assisted Living Home Pearl Gaines
(110 Spanish Oak Road Stephens City, VA 22655)



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

Don Smallwood, Janice Dickerson, Dessie Taylor, Gary Houck, Jennifer Carper, Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Ralph Miller, Lorraine Vann, Ian Eckert, Sarah Kingery, R. C. Simmons, Jennifer Lewis' brother Harry, Our Military, Alexandra Combs, Fran Ricketts, Sonny Cooper, Barbara Rinker & Family, Andrew Partlow, The Family of Marjorie Brown, Roxanne Gear, Anita "Ditty" Dickens, The homeless in our community, Bobby Vorous and family, Ruth Holmes, Marlene Fisher, Terri McCallister, Marlene Fisher, Candy Snapp.

Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Doris Harding, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton, Velma Ritenour, Pearl Gaines, Edith Anderson, Robert Spaid, Carole Lineberg, our church and church leaders, Hazel Starke, The Slonaker Family, Barbee Marlin, Kathy Dunn, Richard Swisher, Madge Fries & Helen Abshire, Ed Grove, Susan Horton-Pannell, Faye & George Weidig, Betty Dunn, Thelma Rockwell, Doug Koch, Charles Greeb, Thelma Driver, Steve, Sarah & Sydney Kahle, Darla Redmond and Kendall, Lori Ravencraft, Paul Brooks, Jessie Wismer, Mary McGaffick, Debbie O'Hara, Hazel Starke, Betty Sager, Mary Lou Taylor.

WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter)

This year First United Methodist Church has joined the many other churches that will be housing individuals that are homeless here in Winchester during the winter months.

We are scheduled to house guests here the week of January

24th thru the 30th. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for opportunities to help with this very important mission. There will be many different areas help is needed. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Jill Johnson at 667-0575 or the church office at 622-3151.





Advent Door Decorating Contest



For this year’s advent season, the Children’s Ministry committee is bringing back the door decorating contest. We would like to include all Sunday School classes (children and adult) as well as all of the staff and other church groups, such as the Choir, UM Men, etc. If your group does not have a “designated door” such as a Sunday School room or office, please select one of the many other doors throughout the church to decorate. All doors should be decorated using an Advent or Christmas theme. All decorating needs to be complete by Sunday, November 28th (the first Sunday of Advent).

After the decorating has been completed, we would like for everyone to “vote” for their favorite door. This year, we will take pictures of the completed doors on Monday, November 29th and display all the pictures in a central location. “Votes” will be made by placing a dollar (or however much you wish) in the slot for your favorite door. All funds collected will be used to purchase toys for the CCAP Christmas Give-Away here at First Church. All votes must be entered by the end of the day on December 12th (after the Christmas Program/Dinner). The creators of the winning door will be served breakfast on Sunday morning December 26th.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Kathy St. Amand or Jennifer White.

Skating Party

Since we had such a good time last year at our skating party, we want to try it again. We are going to have a fun day of fellowship for the kids and youth during this season of harvest and Thanksgiving!

Where: Winchester Skating Center

When: Saturday, November 20th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Who: All the children and youth of the church and their families



Skating Party

Thanks to a very generous donation to our Children’s Ministry, there will be no cost to attend. We’re just asking that you bring a non perishable food item to be donated to CCAP for others to use during the upcoming holiday season!

In order for us to plan for some Harvest Goodies, we would like to have a count of how many are planning to attend. Please RSVP by Weds. Nov. 17th to Ms. Kathy at 869-5864, Ms. Jennifer at 723-0289 or Mary at 662-3151 or let one of us know when you see us at church.





November Youth News First United Methodist Youth Mission Statement
"We are servants of Christ witnessing to His people through our words and actions as we grow in discipleship."

Nov. 3rd- Youth will be cooking for 3-F with the help of Pastor Will & Mary, come out and help! We will start cooking around 3:00 pm.

Nov. 7th- Parent's Meeting from 4:00-5:30 pm, come for dinner, information and a sharing session on how to continue a vibrant youth ministry here at First United Methodist Church. Please bring a side dish to share, meat and drinks will be provided.

Nov. 13th- Please donate an item for the youth basket for the UMM's Basket Auction. The theme will be "Youthful Fun". Please have all donations in by Nov. 7th.

Nov. 12th- 14th- Eagle Eyrie Retreat for the Junior High Youth, We will leave the church on Friday the 12th at 2:30 and will return on Sunday the 14th around 2:30 pm. Please have your paperwork and money turned in ASAP. The fee is \$57.50 for the weekend. Also, bring money for two fast food meals.

Nov. 21st- Regular Sunday Evening youth, come for games, snacks and a message!

Nov. 28th- No Regular youth due to the Thanksgiving Holiday! Enjoy the many blessings God has given to you!



Thanksgiving

Notice to all Senior High Youth:

Please make sure you sign up for the Senior Eagle Eyrie retreat that will be on Dec. 3rd-5th. Cost is \$57.50 plus money for two fast food meal. Watch for more details.

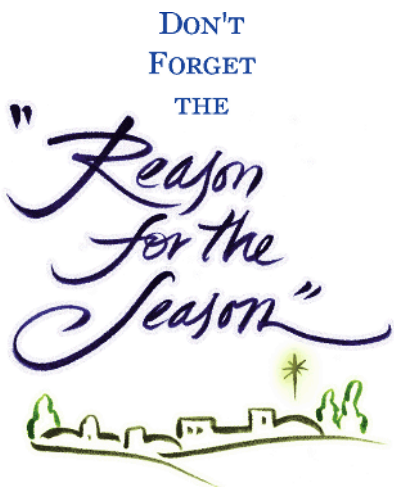
"Devo-Coffee Hour"

Is every Friday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 pm. Meet at the church and we will walk downtown from here. This will be a time for you to come together and do a devotion over a cup of whatever and talk about how the scripture fits into your teenage world!





Church Van Trip

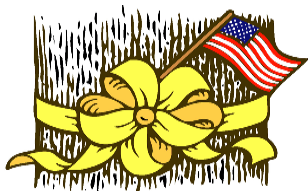


Christmas 2010
 with
 The National Christian Choir
 Dr. C. Harry Causey, Music Director
 Saturday, December 4, 2010
 at
 3:00 pm
 Immanuel's Church
 Silver Spring, Maryland

The van will leave First UMC at 12:00 pm noon on Saturday, December 4th. If you would like to attend tickets are \$24.00 each for adults, children under 12 are \$20.00. Bobby Dick will be driving the church van which will leave promptly at noon. To purchase your tickets contact the church office at 662-3151 by Monday, November 22nd.



Remember our Military for the Holidays



**Remember
 Our
 Members
 in the
 Military**

With the holidays rapidly approaching the thoughts of being with family and enjoying the many comforts of the season make for fond memories. However many of our servicemen and women are not afforded these things over the holidays. Imagine the loneliness of being on foreign soil fighting for your country. Here at First Church we want to let our military know they are loved and not forgotten. Most importantly what they are doing is greatly respected and appreciated.

If you would like to send a soldier a care package or just help with a package, see the bulletin board located between the educational wing and sanctuary for a list of the items. If you have any questions contact the church office.



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Basket Auction at First Church!
Saturday, November 13th at
5:30 pm.

Check weekly
bulletins for more
information closer
to the date.



Bring the **WHOLE** family!