

Thursday, Dec. 21

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22

Pastor's Bible Study Group
Cub Scouts
Deadline for Jan. Newsletter

WELCOME TO THIS PLACE of praise and prayers as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. We invite you to join us now and to return again to celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ; and be with us as we strive to "build the church in prayer".

Nursery Provided: Infant and Toddler Nurseries are open for your convenience. Go down hall behind sanctuary – take first hallway left and go to end of hall. Nurseries are on right at end of hall.

Choir Members: Robert Bennett, Celia Dixon, Janice Forsten, Melanie Garnand, Rhonda Kammeyer, Jenny Nevans, Brenda Ream, Thomas Rodgers, Mary Stickley, Nancy Smith, Winnie Thomas and Gene Wright
Praise Team Members: Rhonda Kammeyer, Andy & Amber Tucker, John & Lindsey Bamber, Caitlin Kammeyer, Lindsey Welch & Rebecca Brown, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introducing Luke John of LeHigh Acres, Florida, born December 7, 2006, 8 lbs. 8oz., and 22 inches long. Proud parents are John and Katrina Ketchersid, proud grandparents Bill & Lee Ketchersid.

Paid Nursery Worker Needed – Any interested in applying for the paid nursery worker position, please see the pastor or office staff for an application, or call Sara Nichols at 775-6257, or leave a message at the church office 775-0262. This position is available in January or sooner.

Chancel Choir practice will resume on Sunday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Dayton, Tennessee

Together, we
"Build the Church in Prayer"

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9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

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"Mary's Great Faith"

Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38*

²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called^[a] the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Footnotes: a. Luke 1:35 Or So the child to be born will be called holy,

First United Methodist Church
December 17, 2006 – Third Sunday of Advent
Celebration of Worship

Gathering – Please Sign Attendance Pad

Welcome & Announcements..... Lay Leader
 Prelude..... Organist & Pianist

Praising the Lord

Lighting of the CandlesAcolytes
 Call to Worship... Psalm 24:7
 Invocation..... Pastor
 *Hymn of Praise #213 *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

Lighting of the Advent Candles Jerry & Bobbi Ward

Leader: Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, we shall light three candles of our Advent wreath: the prophet's candle, the Bethlehem candle and the angels' - shepherds' candle.

People: **"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear."**

Leader: "And the angel said to them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

People: **"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is well pleased."**

(Light three purple candles)

All: **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased"**

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prayer... Lay Leader
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 Piano & Organ Offertory
 *Doxology - #234..... *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (Refrain)
 Praise Music – #211 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Praise Team
 Praise Music – # 196 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* ... Praise Team

Hearing the Word of God

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer #895..... Pastor
 Children's Message..... Andy Tucker
 (Children Leave for Children's Church)
 Scripture Lesson..... Luke 1:26-38
 Sermon – **“Mary's Great Faith”** Pastor

Response to the Word

*Hymn of Invitation #219..... *“What Child Is This”*
 *Choral Benediction - #234 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (Refrain).... Pastor
 *Carrying the Light Into the World..... Acolytes
 *Postlude..... Organist & Pianist

**Congregation Is Invited to Stand*

John Anderson, Pastor

Ann Lewis, Pianist – Edwina Taylor, Organist

Amy Ballentine, Music Director

Our Liturgist this morning is Johnfred Carlton, Lay Leader

Rhonda Kammeyer, Praise and Worship Team Leader

Loni Russell & Tigris Nevans, Acolytes

Robert & Adair McElynn, Greeters

Happenings at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Dec. 17

5-6:30 p.m.

No Choir until January 7, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Youth (Volunteer: Kathi Facciani)

7:00 p.m.

Evening Service

Monday, Dec. 18

Last day to be listed in the Poinsettia Memorial

Bulletin

Last day to get in your gifts for the Christmas

Baskets Handouts

6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts

7:00 p.m.

Praise Team

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 19

6:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts

6:00 p.m.

UMW Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Christmas Basket Handouts

6:30 p.m.

Youth (Volunteer: Toni Alexander)

6:30 p.m.

[K.I.C. (Kids in Church) Dinner Provided]

6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Additional Announcements



Memorial Poinsettias

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one, please purchase your poinsettia and have it in the sanctuary by December 18. In order to have that gift listed in the Memorial Bulletin, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate, or call the church office by Monday, December 18.

_____ In Memory _____ In Honor

Of _____

By _____

Christmas Eve Service

A Christmas Candlelight Communion Service will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at First UMC. An informal Come-and-go Communion will also be held from 6:00 till 6:50 p.m. on this evening. This will be an "Open Communion" and all believers are welcome. Please invite friends to this joyous celebration of Christmas.

UMW Christmas Meeting/Meal

Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. UMW will supply meat, bread & drinks. Please come and bring a covered dish and a guest.

YOUTH CORNER

- December 20th, Caroling has been cancelled.
- December 24th, NO Youth
- December 27th, NO Youth
- December 31st, NO Youth

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We need your help in sponsoring Christmas Baskets again this year. The Christmas Basket Party will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at 4:00 PM. We ask that all members attend if you are able. This is a time where we reach out with our hearts and our presence to our community. Please help supply us with cookies or candy for the occasion. Please give generously to this fund or see Marcie Lawley for more information. Call 570-1061.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Food @ \$27.50 – Gifts @ \$25 - \$35 Per Child

UGO is packing the food boxes for us. We will need you to shop and wrap for gifts. Gifts for the family should be 1-2 gifts and an article of clothing. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 18, 2006. God bless you for your generosity.

_____ I will sponsor a family with gifts and food.

_____ I will buy gifts for _____ Children

_____ I will buy food for _____ families.

Signature _____

Bulletin & Newsletter Information – Bulletin deadline: Wednesday noon of each week. **Newsletter deadline:** 22nd of December

A **Benefit Account** has been set up at Southeast Bank & Trust for the **Salmon Family**. In case you are not aware Carrie Salmon our Mother's Day Out teacher was in a serious accident on Monday, December 4, 2006. She and two of her children were airlifted to Erlanger where they remain hospitalized. Please keep this family in your prayers and help where God leads you to help.

We would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, calls, cards and visits while Gene was in the hospital. He will be coming home on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

FUMC Family,

We are trying as Church Council to keep everyone aware of the progress of the financial needs of our church. We are very encouraged with the total for the first two weeks - **\$21,415**, but are concerned that we make sure everyone understands that this level of giving needs to continue for the NEXT three weeks.

Some of our concerns:

1. **Only 35%** of our members have turned in commitment cards for 2007.
2. A great deal of our church family may be *out of town* around the holidays and will miss church between now and the first of the year.

(*** If you need to mail your tithes or pledge to the church, please put attention Melva, and she will record it confidentially.)

This is the time we pull together as a family. There are many reasons that we can use to **NOT** tithe or pledge, but it does not change the fact that FUMC is the Lord's house, and is **OUR RESPONSIBILITY**.

Let us unite together and set an example to all members, old and new, that tithing is an honor and a privilege.

Our goal this Sunday is \$13,000 - will you prayerfully consider if you have given all that He has asked?

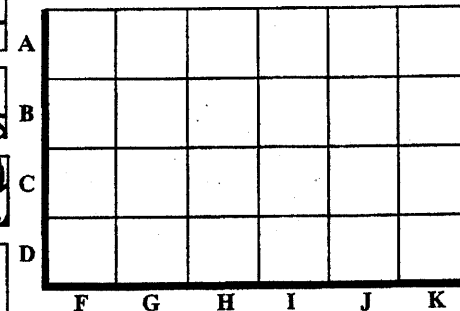
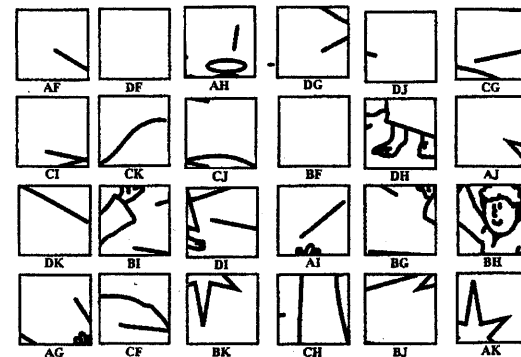
Respectfully,

Finance Sub-Committee

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ary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census ordered by Caesar Augustus. It was a long journey and there were many people there. They found shelter in a stable. There Jesus was born. Mary wrapped the baby in cloths and placed him in a manger. There were shepherds watching the sheep in the hills. Suddenly something appeared to them.

Copy the drawing into the correct squares.

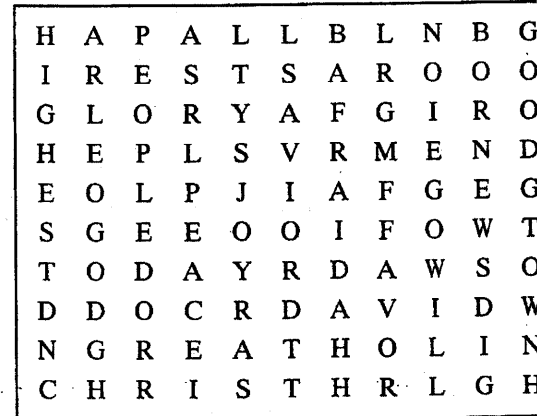


In the Scripture verses, there are words underlined. Find them in the puzzle. They are up and down, across or diagonal. There will be 17 letters that remain uncircled. Write them in order on the lines.

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”
-Luke 2:10-11

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”
-Luke 2:14

Who said these words to the shepherds?



Name _____