

10:30 a.m. No Pastor's Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. No Cub Scouts
Friday, Dec. 29 Church Office Closed for Holiday
Sunday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve – 5th Sunday Offering for
Holston Home
6:00 p.m. Methodist Community New Year's Eve Service
No Choir and No Youth
Monday, Jan. 1 Church Office Closed for Holidays

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".

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

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.

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.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church Dayton, Tennessee

"Build the Church in Prayer"



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9:45 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

"Good News of Great Joy"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Footnotes:

- a. [Luke 2:11](#) Or Messiah. "The Christ" (Greek) and "the Messiah" (Hebrew) both mean "the Anointed One"; also in verse 26.

**December 24, 2006 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Celebration of Worship**

Gathering – Please Sign Attendance Pad

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

Praising the Lord

Lighting of the Candles Acolyte
Call to Worship... John 3:16
Invocation..... Pastor
*Hymn of Praise # 217 “*Away in a Manger*”
*Affirmation of Faith #881 “*The Apostles’ Creed*”
Lighting of the Advent Candles The Dennis VanMeter Family

Leader: Today, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we shall light four candles: the prophet's candle, the Bethlehem candle, the angels' --- shepherds' candle, and the Wise Men's candle, remembering the light of the star that guided them in their long journey from the East.

People: “Behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him...’ When they had heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Leader: When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy, and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him.”

(Light all candles of the Advent wreath.)

All: “Star of wonder, star of night, guide us to thy perfect light.”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer... Lay Leader
Piano & Organ Offertory
*Doxology - #234..... “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (Refrain)
Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Lucy Marie Heath
Congregational Pledge 2 #44

Hearing the Word of God

Children’s Message
(Children leave for Children’s Church)
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer #895..... Pastor
Anthem... “*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*” Choir
Scripture Lesson..... Luke 2:8-14
Sermon – “*Good News of Great Joy*”..... Pastor

Response to the Word

*Hymn of Invitation # 246..... “*Joy To The World*”
*Benediction..... Pastor
*Choral Benediction # 251 “*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*” (Refrain) .. All
*Carrying the Light Into the World Acolyte
*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
Joshua Anderson, Acolyte
Robert & Adair McElynn, Greeters*

Happenings at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, Dec. 24

11:00 a.m.	Baptizing of Lucy Marie Heath
5:00 p.m.	No Choir
6:00 p.m.	No Youth
6:00 p.m.	Come-and-go Holy Communion
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Candle Light Holy Communion Service

Monday, Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS - Church Office Closed for the Holiday
No PreSchool until Jan. 3
Mother’s Day Out Closed until Jan. 3
6:00 p.m. **No Cub Scouts**
7:00 p.m. **No Praise Team**
7:00 p.m. **No Boy Scouts**

Tuesday, Dec. 26

6:00 p.m. **No Daughters of the King Bible Study**
Church Office Closed for the Holiday
No Cub Scouts

Wednesday, Dec. 27

6:30 p.m. **No Youth**
6:30 p.m. **No [K.I.C. (Kids in Church)]**
6:30 p.m. **No Prayer Meeting**

Thursday, Dec. 28

First Church,

We are concerned as we approach the end of the month that the amount we are tithing and providing in special offerings continues to decrease. The **good news** is we brought in **\$7,166** this past week for a total of **\$28,581**.

However, we need a miracle - a **\$40,000 Christmas miracle** over the next two weeks.

We are concerned that everyone is tired of being reminded that we need to keep communicating. We acknowledge that there are programs and areas that we want to improve and grow.

To be focused on the New Year and with it the new opportunities to bring others to know the Lord, we want to **end** this year acknowledging to God that we know that we hold within our pockets and/or pocketbooks -the difference needed to grow in our service for Him. *Will you **please** help your church end this year without being further in debt?*

We faithfully and prayerfully believe that 2007 will be a tremendous year for our church, our church family and above all our Lord and Savior.

Faithfully,

Finance Sub-Committee

We wish to thank you for your prayers and concern in the death of my mother Ona Mae Brown. Janice Frank and Family

Poinsettia Honorarium & Memorial Bulletin

Poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary in honor and memory of the following individuals.

IN HONOR OF

Eloise Reed

By: Tom & Donna Taylor

Eileen Faulkner

By: Craig, Terry & Ryan Faulkner

Lanny & Barbara Mauldin

By: Robert & Nina Sue Crowell

John & Mary Bell

W.E. & Elsie Robinson

Robert & Nina Sue Crowell

By: John, Susan Anderson & Family

Dylan & Bailey Brown, Grandchildren

By: Jack & Ursula Brown

IN MEMORY OF

Dr. & Mrs. G. V. Taylor

By: Tom & Donna Taylor

Robert & Lucy Surette

Harold Faulkner

By: Craig, Terry & Ryan

Faulkner

A. Troy Linn

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kerley

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Linn, Sr.

By: Bill, Cecile & Trevor Linn

Tony Alexander

By: Toni, Brian & Kelli

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.

GREETINGS

As we approach the season we call Christmas, I pray that each of you will be blessed with the gift of Christ's Spirit in your Holiday. May I express my many thanks to all of you who have shown your appreciation and love through gifts, cards, and well wishes. Most of all, thank you for the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, together, for another year. In Christian Love,
Your Church Secretary, Melva Garrett