



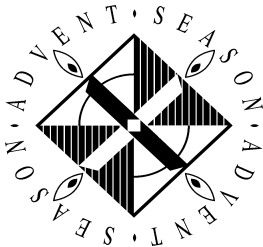
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Isaiah's Anticipation

Pastor Kevin



As I write this column it is rainy and the air is crisp outside. Most of the leaves have already fallen. This can mean only one thing – the season of Advent is upon us.

For me the season of Advent is a time to renew our faith as we hear once again the beautiful stories of Christ's birth. God loved us so much that he came to us in the form of a baby.

As we come together this season of Advent I pray that you will open your hearts to the spirit of anticipation that comes with this time of the year. I will be preaching a sermon series on the ancient

prophet Isaiah and his anticipation and prophecy that a savior is coming.

Join with me and your First Church family on Sundays as we study "Isaiah's Anticipation". May God bless you during this Holy Season.

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According to modern folklore, the song "The 12 Days of Christmas" was written to help young believers learn about their faith.

Although no evidence proves that claim, some say the popular carol contains these codes:

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds are

the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings are the Law: the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy. The eight maids a-milking are Jesus' eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing are the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The 10 lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

The 11 pipers piping stand for the 11 faithful disciples.

The 12 drummers drumming symbolize the 12 statements of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,
Serving the Present Age by making
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of our community
and world"*

Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward
focused United Methodist
Congregation enlivened by
passionate worship, equipped
discipleship and compassionate
service.*



December 2010

First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30 AM Worship Service * 9:45 AM Church School * 11:00 AM Worship Service * 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS: 4:00 PM Youth Bells 5:00 PM Young Christian Singers 6:00 PM Wesley Ringers * indicates change in schedule			1 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6 pm UMW General Meeting 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	2 12 pm Jubilate Deadline 7 pm Sanctuary Choir 8 pm Cantata Choir	3 Staff Christmas Gathering 	4
5 *2 pm Youth Shopping Trip *5 pm Wesley Ringers 6 pm Charge Conference	6 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 7 pm Missions, Connections, No Worship & Music	8 9:30 am No Nurture & Care 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	9 2 pm Martha Cir 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal No Sanctuary Choir	10 6 pm New Life Seekers Gathering	11 7:30 am UMM 10:00 - 11:30 am Sunday School Program Rehearsal Youth Christmas Party
12 10:00 am Children's Sunday School Program 12 pm Wesley Ringers 2 pm Twin Oaks No Youth Group Or Youth Choirs 7 pm Cantata	13 5 pm Celebration 6 pm No SPRC 6 pm UMW Executive 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Discipleship	14 10 am Staff Mtg 11 am Esther Cir Luncheon 11 am - 6 pm Blood Drive 7 pm Trustees	15 3:45 - 5:15 PM Wonderful Wed 6:30 Disciple I 7 Disciple IV	16 12 pm Jubilate Deadline 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir	17	18
19 12:00 pm Share the Love Soup Luncheon and Caroling	20 5 pm Celebration 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	21 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Finance	22 No Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 Disciple I 7 No Disciple IV	23 7:15 No Sanctuary Choir	24 Church Office Closed 	25 
26 No Youth Group Or Choirs	27 Church Office Closed	28 10 am Staff Mtg No Church Council	29 No Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 No Disciple I 7 No Disciple IV	30 12 pm Jubilate Deadline	31 Church Office will Close at Noon 	

COME JOIN US AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

By Cindy White, Director of Worship Arts



Our Cantata Choir will present the musical drama, "Bringing Christmas Home" at 7 P.M. on Sunday, December 12th, in the church sanctuary.

A nursery will be available for young children. Everyone is invited to a reception, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

The musical drama, written by Dave Clark and Tony Wood and arranged by Mary Hamby, combines traditional Christmas carols, beautiful new songs, moving drama and the Christmas scriptures so we can experience the Bethlehem story—the story of a Savior who understands our pain and feels our heart-ache. He came not only offering healing and

forgiveness, but redemption. It was God's way of "Bringing Christmas Home".

A prelude of Christmas music will be played by the Wesley Ringers and will begin at 6:45 P.M.

"Bringing Christmas Home" is accompanied by Phelba Wecas, pianist. John and Lois Morris will be helping with the lighting for the cantata. Sound Technician is Ron White. Set design is by Bob Atwell, Dick and Barbara Peiper, and Melodie Warner. The drama cast includes Kelsi Briggs,

Kedzie Hopkins, Tony Hutabarat, Shannon Sanford, Leona Sanford, Blaine Weeks and Merry Weeks.

The cantata is directed by Cindy White.

Now is the time to invite your family and friends to join you for this special evening. Invitations are available in the church office for you to share with others. Make this a part of your Christmas celebrations. You'll be glad you did!!

Please come join us for
Love Came Down at Christmas

A presentation by our Sunday School children
celebrating the birth of Jesus.



Sunday, December 12
10:00a.m.
In Fellowship Hall
A Reception will follow.



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**An Invitation
For You!**



Poinsettias for the church altar during the Christmas season may be ordered through the church office at \$13 each. Checks need to be made out to First United Methodist Church (*Please write "poinsettias" on the memo line of your check*). If you wish to give one in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office with your check as soon as possible.

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please pick up your poinsettia on or after December 26th or make specific arrangements with the office if you can't pick it up by that date.

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia on or after December 26th.

_____ Please share my Poinsettia with someone.

Share the Love



Sunday, December 19, 2010

Come join us immediately following the second service for a homemade soup luncheon.

We will make Christmas cards to share with others, go caroling,
and return to the church for hot chocolate.

"Share the Love" Registration

_____ I (We) will attend "Share the Love" (#) _____

_____ I (We) _____ will _____ will not be going Caroling

_____ I (We) would be willing to provide a pot of soup
(Type) _____ # of servings _____

_____ I (We) would be willing to provide transportation
for Caroling (#) _____

Names(s) _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1	Karah Bryant ,Trudy Buche'-Cooley, Jackson Sepulvado	Mr. and Mrs. Steve Scrimsher	2nd	21st
2	Bettye Brown,	Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Goss	7th	14th
3	Michael Weilbacher, Matthew Weilbacher	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Moore	7th	47th
4	Taylor Gambrell	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Yates	14th	8th
5	Don Alexander, Isaac Ruble	Mr. & Mrs. Stan Johnson	26th	53th
7	Marti Crow, Forrest Holdeman	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Whitten	26th	11th
8	Tom Hancock, Colton Lauber, Matt Taylor	Mr. & Mrs. Rick Sanders	27th	23rd
9	Hannah Miller, Carl Nelson, Landon Stuhlsatz	Mr. & Mrs. Clay Holyfield	28th	14th
10	Patsy Mitchell, Austyn White	Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Holyfield	29th	1st
11	Phoebe Adams, Bob Atwell, Heather Cook, Douglas Hall, Sue Harmon, Greg Nakata	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weakley	29th	29th
12	Samantha Martin, Beth Nelson	Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Hopkins	30th	21st
13	Clay Holyfield, Kari Kelly, Amanda Weilbacher	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wolfe	30th	30th
14	Gary Rader			
15	Sarah Finch			
16	Lindsey Goff, Austin Wiley			
17	Benjamin Coats, Melissa Emmert			
18	Ethan Alexander, Jonathan Coats, Eleanor Embree, Karl Prinslow			
19	Stacey Cole, Camden Davis, Tyler Wells			
20	Rita Wood			
21	Kathleen Hiatt, Emma Zeck			
22	Mike Anderson, Stephanie Carey, Jessie Potts, Robert Seymour, Steve Wieggers, Jim Yates			
23	Ellie McNeill, Buddy Smith			
24	Carla Anderson, Laurie Johnson, Carol Russell, Charles Sommerla			
25	Debbie Baer			
26	Alex Gerges, Amber New			
27	Olivia Gray, Merry Weeks			
28	Elaine Arnold, Shirley Hutabarat, David Kastner, Madelyn Olson, Lauren Wepking			
29	Mary Lou Alexander, Nina McNeill			
30	Wandadeane Cocke, Scott Moore			
31	Tylor McNeill, Sarah Nielsen			



Sympathy is extended to:

Don Keiser, Tom & Kim Hancock, and families upon the recent death of Donna Keiser.



Dear Members and Friends:

I want to thank you all for the 94th Birthday Cards I received. I really appreciated all of them.

Sincerely,

Doris Brownson

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of Leavenworth**

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Did You Know?

- ◆ **FRIENDS OF JESUS CIRCLE** will meet next Monday, November 29th, at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Sandy Simmons will give our Pledge Program. All women are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of fellowship. See YOU there!
- ◆ **Esther Circle** will have their Christmas luncheon at Luigi's Restaurant on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. We hope all members will plan to be there. We will donate sweatsuits to the Alliance Against Family Violence.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed!** Our church will host the Community Blood Center's blood drive on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, from 11AM to 6:30 PM. The center is very appreciative of our help in past years to serve refreshments and greet and direct donors. This is an easy and rewarding way to spend two hours of your time. Please call Maryann McAfee at 651-2484 if you are willing to help. Thank you.
- ◆ **The United Methodist Men** will be meeting Saturday 11 Dec at 7:30 A.M. at Pullman's Restaurant at 230 Cherokee St. Our reservation is listed under Bill Kidder's name or the United Methodist Men. We hope to see you there. Come join us for fellowship and some laughter.



◆ The Beginning of Advent

This year, November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and preparing for Christ's arrival. Part of our tradition is to light the Advent Wreath each Sunday. The first candle lit is for Hope, then Peace, Joy and Love. On Christmas Eve the Christ candle is lit. Pastor Kevin will begin an Advent Sermon Series, "Isaiah's Anticipation" on the first Sunday of Advent. Be sure to invite your family and friends as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.



- ◆ **Popcorn!** Our Cub Scout Pack 3109 has Popcorn left over! If you would be interested in purchasing some popcorn from the Scouts, please contact Dave Hendrix at 682-7862. All proceeds raised from the sale of popcorn will go towards assisting the Scouts so they might go Camp Naish Summer Day Camp.

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