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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.



More than a Wreath and Candles

wreath symbolizes the everlasting love of God, having no beginning or end. Green represents eternal life.

The Advent wreath is a symbol of watchfulness and increasing joy as Christmas approaches. Lighting its candles is a common practice on the four Sundays leading to Christmas.

Different color combinations for the candles are used depending upon the church or denomination. Some churches use four blue candles around the wreath with one white candle in the center, while some use all white candles. Many denominations light purple candles on the first two Sundays, pink on the third, purple again on the fourth Sunday and a large white candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The wreath, the candles and the colors all have symbolic significance. Here are just a few of the many and various interpretations:

- The circular green

- The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. One tradition says that each candle also represents one thousand years. They total 4,000 years — the time from Adam and Eve until the birth of Christ.

- Purple, in ancient times, was expensive and was considered the color of royalty and kings. On Christmas, Christ is proclaimed King of Kings. Purple also symbolizes humility and penitence.

- Blue is another color often used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use blue candles to symbolize the night sky and the anticipation of the announcement of Christ's birth. Blue also symbolizes the beginning of a new creation as in the waters of Genesis 1.

- The first purple candle signifies Hope.

- The second purple candle stands for Peace.

- The pink candle for the third Sunday symbolizes Joy and signifies the halfway point of Advent.

- The final purple candle is for Love.

- The large white candle in the center is the Christ candle. Its light symbolizes Christ the Savior — "the light of the world."

- The beauty and brightness from the glow of all five candles is a reminder that Christ's life was the light for all earth's people — "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV).

A listing of Advent Happenings is on page 4 of this newsletter. We hope that you will be able to take a break from your hectic schedule to join us for some or all of these events as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Karah Bryant ,Trudy Buche'-Cooley, Lindsay McKinley, Jackson Sepulvado	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Scrimsher	2nd	22nd
2	Bettye Brown,	Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Goss	7th	15th
3	Michael Weilbacher, Matthew Weilbacher	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Moore	7th	48th
5	Don Alexander, Isaac Ruble	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Yates	14th	9th
7	Marti Crow, Forrest Holdeman	Mr. & Mrs. Jason Whitten	26th	12th
8	Tom Hancock, Colton Lauber, Matt Taylor	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Awe	27th	8th
9	Carl Nelson, Landon Stuhlsatz	Mr. & Mrs. Rick Sanders	27th	24th
10	Patsy Mitchell, Austyn White	Mr. & Mrs. Clay Holyfield	28th	15th
11	Phoebe Adams, Bob Atwell, Heather Cook, Douglas Hall, Sue Harmon, Greg Nakata	Mr. & Mrs. Terry Weakley	29th	30th
12	Samantha Martin, Beth Nelson	Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Hopkins	30th	22nd
13	Clay Holyfield, Kari Kelly, Amanda Weilbacher	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wolfe	30th	31st
14	Gary Rader			
15	Sarah Finch			
16	Lindsey Goff, Austin Wiley			
17	Benjamin Coats			
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			



I want to thank our members for all of your gifts, cards, and words of support; not only during Pastor Appreciation month, but also throughout the year.

You will never know how much your words of encouragement help. Not only the Pastors, but all of the Staff as well.

I also ask that you keep us in your prayers each day.

In His Service,
Pastor Bob

Dear Fellow Christian Friends:
What a "windfall"! \$500.00 from our friends at your church. That will go a long way toward groceries for Trinity House. God Bless you richly in your supporting us and the community. Thank you so much!

In Christ,
Carol Wind, Trinity House



Altar Flowers

The 2012 Flower Chart is available for sign up in the church office on the bulletin board. This is a great way to honor birthdays, anniversaries or to remember someone who has passed away. Please indicate on the chart who the flowers are for, who they are given by, and whether you wish to provide a real arrangement or use one of the church's silk arrangements.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to:
Georgia Rohrbach and family, upon the recent death of Frank and *JoAnn Johnson* and family, upon the recent death of Stan.



December 2011



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 Bell Choir/Genesis Chimers 5:00 pm Young Christian Singers/ Wesley Ringers * indicates changes				1 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	2 9 am Nurture & Care Packing 5 pm New Life Seekers Party	3
4 3:30 pm Grief Support	5 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Missions, Connections, No Worship & Music	7 6 - 8 am Prayer Time 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wed Dinner UMW Advent Vespers 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Sanc. Choir	8 10 am Scrapbooking 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 2 pm Martha Cir 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	9	10
11 2 pm Twin Oaks Service 6 pm - 8:15 pm Youth Shopping For Adopted Family	12 5:30 UMW Executive 6 pm SPRC 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Discipleship	13 10 am Staff Mtg 11 am Esther Circle 11 am- 6:30 pm Blood Drive 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Charge Conference	14 6 - 8 am Prayer Time 9:30 Nurture/Care 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wed Dinner 6:30 Praise Band 6:30 Cantata Rehearsal	15 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	16	17 10 am - 12 pm Dr. Newheart's Rehearsal 1 - 3 pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
18 8:30 am Service of Lessons and Carols 11:00 am Dr. Newheart's Christmas Cure 12 pm Soup Lunch 3:30 Grief Support 5 pm Youth Party 7 pm Winter's Grace Cantata	19 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Friends of Jesus 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Finance	21 6 - 8 am Prayer Time 3:45 NoWonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wed Dinner with Caroling to Shut-ins to follow 6:30 No Praise Band No Sanc. Choir	22 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 6:30 No Jesus in the Gospels	23	 <i>Christmas Eve SERVICE</i> 5:30 & 8:00 pm
25  We will have one service at 10 am No Sunday School or Kingdom Express	26 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 No Cub Scouts 7 pm No Boy Scouts	27 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm No Church Council	28 6 - 8 am Prayer Time 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 No Wed Dinner 6:30 No Praise Band 7:30 No Sanc. Choir	29 6:30 No Jesus in the Gospels	30	31  <i>May God's Blessings be upon you as we enter 2012</i>

Advent Happenings at FUMC

Sunday, December 18th

8:30 a.m. A service of Lessons and Carols.

11:00 a.m. "Dr. Newheart's Christmas Cure".
Soup Luncheon to follow.

7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata "*Winter's Grace*"
Come early for the Pre-Cantata concert by our very own,
Mark Paisar at 6:40 p.m. Be sure to invite your friends
and relatives.

Wednesday, December 21st

5:30 p.m. Join us for our Fellowship Meal followed by Caroling
to our Shut-ins.

Saturday, December 24th

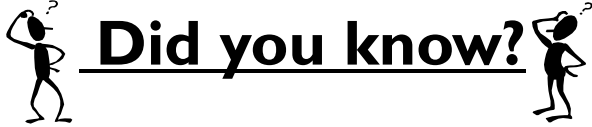
5:30 p.m. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*
This service will feature our Cherub Choir, Kids Praise
Choir, Genesis Chimers, Young Christian Singers, Youth
Bells and our Praise Team.

8:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*
This service will feature our Sanctuary Choir and
Wesley Ringers. Be sure to join us at 7:30 for a
prelude by the Brass Ensemble, coordinated by
Bob Cowan.

Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. We will have one service on these dates and will not
have Sunday School or Kingdom Express.

*We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the birth of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*



Did you know?



The December General Meeting of the **United Methodist Women** will be held at 5:30pm on **Wednesday, December 7th** in Fellowship Hall. Christmas Vespers and installation of officers will follow a covered dish dinner. UMW board will furnish the meat and all others are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. All women of the church are invited to attend. Child care will be provided during the installation and Vespers.



Volunteers needed! Our church will host the Community Blood Center's blood drive on Tuesday, **December 13, 2011, 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. We will also be serving Sloppy Joes to all Blood Donors, assistance is needed with this as well. Please call Maryann McAfee at 651-2484 if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Children's Ministries is in need of the following leaders:

5th and 6th grade Sunday school teacher, Sunday mornings 9:30 – 10:45 (beginning January 2012)

Wonderful Wednesday Activity leader, Wednesday afternoons 4:00 – 4:45 (beginning January 2012)

We also need volunteers willing to substitute for our Sunday school teachers and/or for our Wonderful Wednesday activity leaders.

Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to one of these service opportunities and contact Nancy Shade, at 682-5374 or nancysshade@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Esther Circle will have their Christmas luncheon gathering at Junes Cottage on **Tuesday, December 13th** at 11:00. Call Donna Ramsey at 727-2275 or Nancy Dawson at 772-6935 to make a reservation. Guests are welcome. Our Christmas project this year will be baby items for the Leavenworth Assistance Center. They have asked for small size diapers, small baby toys, laundry detergent or gift cards from Wal-mart, K-mart, Dillons, Price Chopper, or Aldi's. Please bring unwrapped items to the luncheon and we will deliver them to the Assistance Center.



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 27th 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 27th.

_____ Please share my Poinsettia with someone.



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age by making disciples for the
transformation of the world!

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CHRISTMAS CRADLE PRAYERS

During Advent, our Sunday school children will be using a Mission and Prayer activity to help them to prepare their hearts for the birth of Jesus. Each week during Advent we will discuss what people do to get ready when a baby is about to be born. As a part of the lesson, the children will be bringing in baby items to place in an empty manger in the chapel of the Education building.

As the items are placed in the manger each week, we will pray for the babies that will receive them. On December 18 we will pack all the items up and take them to the Alliance Against Family Violence. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Nancy Shade in the church office. To donate, please bring in any of the following items by December 18th:



December 4
December 11
December 18

bibs or onesies
diapers
socks, booties

Rev. Kevin Hopkins	Rev Bob Atwell	Rev. Erin Myslenski	Andria Savara	Nancy Shade	Mollie Foster	Amy S. Brandt
Senior Pastor	Visitation Pastor	Connections Pastor	Director of Worship Arts	Coordinator of Children's Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry	Admin. Assistant