

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Dec 2, 2015

Meal: Taco Salad , Refried Beans, Corn, Dessert

Program for Dec 2, 9, 16
Church -Wide Advent Study
Led by Rev. Jane Taylor

Reservations please by Tuesday 12/1
Indicate # of people:

- \$6.50 ____ Adults & Children 12 or older
- \$3.00 ____ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or
- \$3.00 ____ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)
- \$6.50 ____ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: _____

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register or register online.

Upcoming JANUARY 2016!

YOUTH RESURRECTION 2016

CHILDREN'S REZKIDS 2016

We need registration submitted for each of these events as soon as possible. Contact Lisa Reis or Bree Nelson!

Don't Forget: If & when you shop online - please re-register and use www.umcmarket.org. It is easy. The website is much improved. And the donations to our church add up! Since the re-structuring of the program we have accumulated \$35.00 so far. And that is only a few shoppers.



ELECTRONIC GIVING AVAILABLE

Scan this QR code

TEAR OFF PORTION OF BULLETIN - USE TO REGISTER FOR WED NIGHT MEAL; PRAYER REQUEST; EVEN A BOOKMARK!

WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !

"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."
--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the **CONNECTOR; TOP FLOOR**; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY NOV 29 - DEC 6

SUNDAY, NOV 29

- 9:15a Sunday School
- Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast
- 10:30a Worship Service, with The Branch Service, Combined
- 4:30p Children & Youth Afternoon & Evening Programs
- 6:15p Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, NOV 30

- 7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36
- 8:00p College/Young Adult Group

TUESDAY, DEC 1

- 4:00p Program Staff Meeting
- 6:00p Trustee's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DEC 2

- 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DEC 3

- 10:00a UMW Executive Committee
- 11:00a UMW Christmas Luncheon
- 6:30p Finance Committee

FRIDAY, DEC 4

- 6:30p Circle of Friends

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, DEC 6

- 9:15a Sunday School
- 10:30a Worship Service w/Branch
- 4:30p Holiday Taste of FUMC - in the Gym/Balcony**
- 6:15p Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: Dianna Boarman, Pam Heaton, Ann Mohap, Deborah Saylor, Karen Schmitt

GREETERS: Janet Mentgen, Ernie & Jo Cross, Judy Cook, Jamee Roberts

PRAYER: Finley Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Chloe Cradic

ACOLYTE: Josie Roberts **BEADLE:** Hank Berning

AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock



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HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, 2015 10:30 am



GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" arr. Robert Hobby

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **No. 203**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Father, during this Advent Season, protect us from and forgive us for the sins which are so common at this time.

People: We confess to the sin of greed, for we are too often swept away by the commercialism of Christmas.

Leader: We confess to the sin of exclusiveness, for we act too often as though Christ came only for us.

People: We confess to the sin of cynicism, for we are too often blinded by the holiday lights, and fail to slow down and show respect for what is sacred.

Leader: We confess to the sin of failing to communicate words of love in this time when Your love and joy should be our first thought.

People: We confess to the sin of anger and impatience, for we permit ourselves to be upset by the pressures and frustrations of the season. For these and our other sins of Advent, we ask for Your protection and forgiveness.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Lift up your heads faithful people, for our redemption is drawing near. This is the good news of the Gospel: For Christ's sake, our sins are forgiven.

All: The Lord is our righteousness! Thanks be to God! AMEN!

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

***HYMN** "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" **Supplement No. 3008**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 21:25-36

ANTHEM "Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God"

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, Come.
 Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.
 Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.
 Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, Come.
 Come in Thy might, send forth Thy light.
 Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.
 Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God.
 For Thee we long, Hear Thou our prayer.
 To Thee be glory now and evermore.

SERMON "It's A Mystery" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **No. 213**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
 I want to see You, I want to see You.***

***A TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER**



*Flowers for the altar this morning are placed to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Betty Crowder
 by all of the Crowder Families*

FUMC delivered **113** shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Thanks to all who filled boxes, donated money and prayed for this world-wide Christian mission. --Dale and Karen Schmitt

Children's Dept: **Children's Christmas Shopping Day**, Saturday, December 12
WE NEED YOUR HELP! This event has been a huge success, and lots of fun, in years past. **You are asked to donate items**, either new, almost new, or gently used which will be priced appropriately for children to purchase as gifts for their loved ones. Please bring the items and leave them in the Open Door Classroom (diagonally across from the pastor's office). We need lots of giftable items for the children to buy. The proceeds from the event go to the children's department.

Budget Pledge for 2016

Please turn in your pledge for our 2016 budget if it has not been submitted. Pledge forms are in the Brochure Rack located in the main entrance way to the Church.
 Also look around the church for posters of our budget goal for 2016 (607K) marked with progress levels. There are three information locations.

With Thanks, Your Stewardship Committee



**Early Learning Center and FUMC
 4th Annual Reindeer Run and Santa Stroll**



Saturday, December 12, 2015
 see www.1stChurchJC for details
 Or call ELC at 926-0700

Sponsor, Volunteer, Cheer, Run or Walk.
A top-notch event in our community. Join us!

HOLIDAY TASTE OF FIRST METHODIST

Next Week: **Sunday, Dec 6 4:30 - 6:00 pm**

***Bring items for the Food Pantry, sign-up for a table, share in this fun,
 delicious Christmas tradition with church family and friends***



*The 1stChurch Family extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to
 Chuck and Karen Short
 in the recent loss of Chuck's mother, Kathy Short.*



PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clare Warren & family | Chuck Short and family | Tom and Shirley Palmer |
| Jane Eddy and her parents | Sue McGaha | Carroll Waterbury |
| Bonnie and Clay Marrs | Jaimee Norman | Mark Dollar |
| Amy Dryburgh | Vivian Eckerson | Mary McClellan |
| Bobbie Wells | Crystal Rosecrance | |
| Aldon and Betty Speer | Judy Cook | |

Nov. 29, 2015 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by: _____

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY
 ON DECEMBER 20th AND 24th**

If you should choose to place a live poinsettia(s) in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please use this tear-off tab and complete the information. The plant will have red flowers and the container will be wrapped in green foil. Make check payable to FUMC and place in the offering plate; note on check for poinsettia(s). ***Note: the poinsettias will only be in the sanctuary for one Sunday (December 20) through Thursday (December 24) for the Christmas Eve Services.***

Deadline to order/pay is Sunday Dec. 13. Please one form per plant. (Use separate paper, form, or note.)

Donor Name(s): _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____