

This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Study / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. UMW Hot Dog Fundraiser / FLC
4:00 p.m. Cast Rehearsal / Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Youth Orchestra / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Children's Program / Ground Zero at Christ UMC
6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, November 14

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Meal
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Revelation Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, November 17

3:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

Serving This Sunday, November 13

Altar Guild: Doris Hedgepath, Ashley Hood, Mary Ellen Scarborough

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Delan Stevens and Blake Martin

(Monday): Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

Ushers: Carl Purvis (Head Usher), Bill Foxworth, Brian Hardee, Bill Howle, Steve Lookadoo, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Phil Thompson and Toby White

Nursery Volunteers: Jessica Hardee, Brian Hardee, Elizabeth Dunn, Caroline Todd, Erin Todd

Children's Church: Nate and Alice Nelson

UMYF: Ground Zero at Christ UMC: Leaving FLC at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Program: Ground Zero at Christ UMC

Serving Next Sunday, November 20

Altar Guild: Doris Hedgepath, Ashley Hood, Mary Ellen Scarborough

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Delan Stevens and Blake Martin

(Monday): Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

Ushers: Carl Purvis (Head Usher), Bill Foxworth, Brian Hardee, Bill Howle, Steve Lookadoo, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Phil Thompson and Toby White

Nursery Volunteers: Ansley Key, Heyward Key, Jill Nelson, Emily Todd, Emily Steiner

Children's Church: Katelyn and Ann Stegall

UMYF: Sherri and Mark Woodward

Children's Program: Game Night

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: Grand Strand: Irby Koon

Assisted Living Facilities:

Kingston: Ruth Anderson; **Waccamaw:** Julia Land

Conway Manor: Edith Lewis; **Agape Senior Living:** Gladys Alexander,

Laurinburg, NC: Carolyn Cox; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield

At Home:

Charles Timbes, George Kyzer, Gwen Mishoe, Jane Gore, Mildred Jones, Sylvia Avant, Diane Rodwell, Wallace Singleton, Tootsie Atkins, Frankie Hart, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Gene Grace Holbert, Ruth Thomas.

An Advent Journey

Our familiarity with the Christmas story is a mixed blessing. On the one hand we know the beloved story of God's visit to redeem the world through his son Jesus, the Messiah. On the other hand, the story has been told and retold so many times that layer upon layer of interpretation has been added which pad and sometimes even blur these life changing events.

Our Advent journey this year will seek to look through those added layers to rediscover the people, places and events leading up to the nativity of Jesus. Re-introducing ourselves to familiar characters such as Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth, and considering the significance of familiar places and relationships; we'll prepare our hearts and souls for another momentous Christmas celebration.

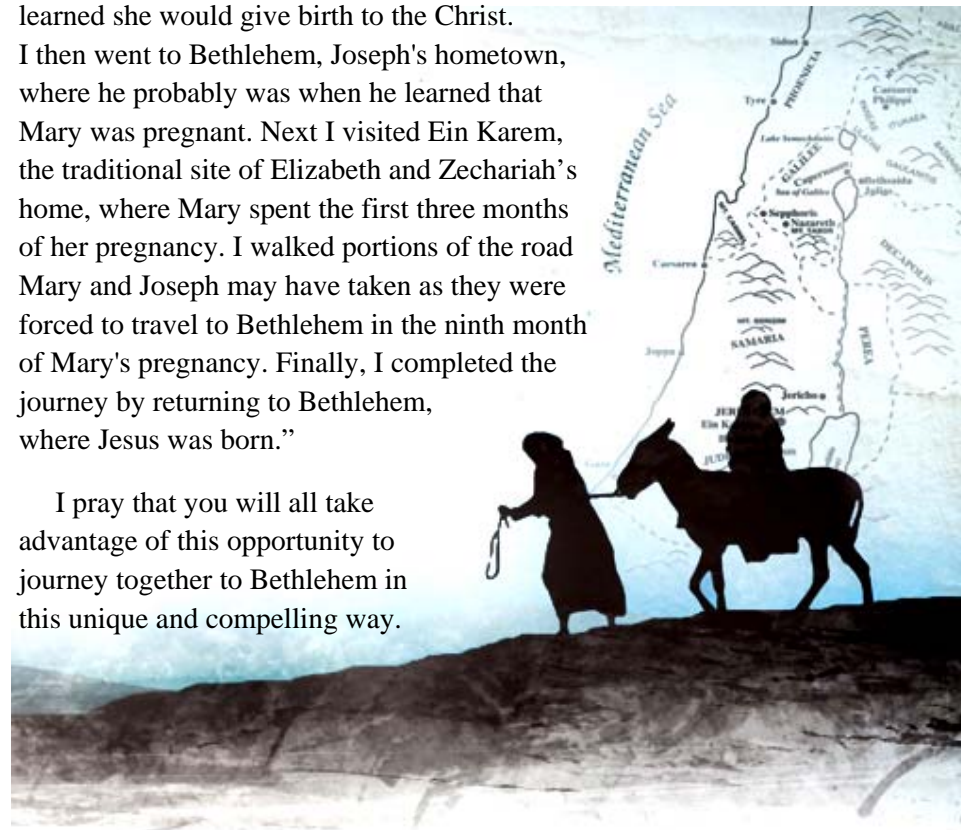
To supplement our preparation, each Sunday morning prior to Sunday School, we'll offer a brief time of celebration and reflection. At 9:30 each Sunday morning in Advent, children will gather in the Sanctuary to prepare a surprise gift to our congregation while adults gather in the Second Floor Commons Area to sing a Christmas carol and view a brief video segment from the new series, The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem. The video series is the work of Adam Hamilton.

You may wonder, "Who is Adam Hamilton?" He is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named Hamilton's congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly identified him as one of the top "Ten People to Watch." Hamilton is the author of numerous books published by Abingdon Press. In his own words, a description of this series:

"I traveled to the Holy Land to rediscover the stories in the places they occurred, starting in Nazareth where Mary learned she would give birth to the Christ.

I then went to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown, where he probably was when he learned that Mary was pregnant. Next I visited Ein Karem, the traditional site of Elizabeth and Zechariah's home, where Mary spent the first three months of her pregnancy. I walked portions of the road Mary and Joseph may have taken as they were forced to travel to Bethlehem in the ninth month of Mary's pregnancy. Finally, I completed the journey by returning to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born."

I pray that you will all take advantage of this opportunity to journey together to Bethlehem in this unique and compelling way.



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November 13, 2011
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:7-10

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

People: tremble before him, all the earth.

All: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.

* **Gloria Patri 70**

Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Voluntary

Voluntary on Old 100th Psalm Tune

Henry Purcell

* **Hymn 733**

Marching to Zion

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* **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried,

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Welcome and Announcements**

Morning Prayers

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer



The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who 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.

Offertory *O How Blessed Are Ye* Johannes Brahms
Offertory Anthem *Blest Are They* David Haas
* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Moments *Christmas Gifts* Mr. Mac
Children ages 3-4th grade may go to Children's Church in Room 123
Nurseries are provided for infants to age 3 in rooms 118 & 120.

* **Hymn 707** *Hymn of Promise* *Promise*
Scripture Revelation 21:1-8
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon *The Biggest Loser* Rev. Mac Kinnett
* **Hymn** *Higher Ground* Oatman

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain

Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on Heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho' some may dwell where these a bound,
my prayer, my aim, is higher ground

I want to live above the world, tho' Satan's darts at me are hurdled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale to utmost height, and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray til Heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

*You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.*

* **Benediction and Choral Response**

* **Chiming of the Trinity**

* **Voluntary** *Trumpet Tune* Purcell
* **All who are able, please stand.**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our veterans
by Glenda Sweet.

Evening Service in the Hut
Speaker: Rev. Jack Fenner
(Next week: No Service-Raleigh Ringers)

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of William David "Billy" Avant, Jr. Mr. Avant passed away on Sunday, November 6 at his residence.

Coffee in the Commons at 9:30 a.m.

Come to the First Floor Commons Area before Sunday School and visit with old friends and make some new friends all while enjoying a cup of coffee and having one of "Mac's Muffins!" The fellowship starts at 9:30.

United Methodist Women Fundraiser

The UMW will be having a Hot Dog Fundraiser today after morning worship in the FLC. Menu: Hot dogs with chili and all the fixins, cole slaw, baked beans and homemade desserts. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Youth Event: Leaving the FLC at 5:00 p.m. TODAY

Grades 3rd thru 12th will be attending Ground Zero at Christ United Methodist Church, today. The guest speaker is a former mafia boss, Michael Franzese. We will grab some supper on the way home. Bring \$10 and a friend!

Worship Committee Meeting

The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC-Senior Room. Members, please attend this important meeting.

High School Youth Bible Study

As we close in on the last few chapters of The Shack, we've seen Mack's journey unfold first-hand. There have been a lot of questions answered, but still Mack can come to terms with the brutal death of his daughter. Come find out how it all ends! Monday Nights at 7:00 in Rm. 217!

Wednesday Evening at FUMC

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. at the FLC; Menu this week: Shrimp Creole, rice, rolls, salad bar and dessert.

Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.
Handbell Room

Bible Study
6:15 p.m.
FLC

Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the FLC. Members: Wilmarie Boatwright, Britt Stiltner, Delan Stevens, Jan Gawith, Ken Senn, George Goldfinch, Jessica Hardee, Ashley Hood, Chris Johnson, Tom Overby, Tammy Steiner.

Raleigh Ringers: Premiere Performance

The Raleigh Ringers, a touring, professional handbell choir will present its premiere performance in Conway at FUMC on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available through the church office (488-4251). Tickets are general seating and are \$15 for church members and \$20 for the general public. **Tickets are for sale after church in the Narthex and the first floor Commons Area.**

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC. Members, please plan to attend.

CAP Food Needs for November

Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival

Wednesday, November 30 adults will be taking a day trip to the Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival in Moncks Corner. Plan to leave the FLC at 10:00 a.m. and return before dark. Space is limited. Call the church office for reservations.

Thank you

A very special thank you to everyone who made donations to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry! And a big thank you to all the children, youth and adults who came together last Sunday for a meal and to wrap nearly 50 shoeboxes!



November 13: Bob Owens, Jean Timbes
November 17: Jack Von Deck
November 18: David Hinson, Luke Johnson,
November 19: Angela Robins

Stewardship Report

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
Sunday School	108	Operating	11,935.15
Morning Worship	222	BBCS	1.00
Shoebox Wrapping	30	Missionary Fund	50.00
Evening Service	12	Shoebox Project	170.00
Wednesday Evening	69	UMCOR	100.00
		Girls of Grace	100.00
		Sub Total	12,356.15
		Building Fund	2,486.00
		Total	14,842.15
		Budget Receipts to Date	358,883.67
		Budget Expenses to Date	449,640.28
		Deficit to Date:	-90,756.61

FRUIT BASKETS

Great Gift Ideas! The Sunshine Class will be selling Fruit Baskets this year and the proceeds will help support ongoing projects within our church and our community. The fruit baskets will be available for pickup on Sunday December 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the form and drop it in the offering plate next Sunday or by the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Name: _____

Small (6 qt basket w/22 pieces of fruit)-----\$12.00/ea

Large (1/2 bushel basket w/44 pieces of fruit)-----\$23.00/ea

Number of Baskets:

Small _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Large _____ X \$23.00 = \$ _____

Total - \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **The Sunshine Class**