

- * Hymn 219 "What Child Is This" Greensleeves
- * Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed No. 881

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 "Pastoral Symphony (from Messiah)" J. S. Bach

Offertory Anthem "Come Jesus, Holy Son of God" G. F. Handel

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 "A Family Holiday" 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 Selections

Anthem "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam
 Bob Butler, soloist

Scripture Luke 1:39-45

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God
 People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon "Elizabeth in Judea: Encouragement" Rev. Mac Kinnett

- * Hymn 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles
 Verses 1-5
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 "Improvisation on In Dulci Jubilo" Bach

* All who are able, please stand.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and His Son Jesus Christ and in loving memory of James Taylor, Jr., Elizabeth and Ray Clonts, and Elsie and John Fowler by Dawne and Danny Clonts and Josephine Holbert

Evening Service
 Reverend Jack Fenner

Sunday Mornings in Advent starting at 9:30

Sunday morning prior to Sunday School, we'll offer a brief time of celebration and reflection. 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.

Coffee in the Commons at 9:45

Following The Journey video segment, a brief time of fellowship with coffee, juice and "Mac's Muffins" will be available in the First Floor Commons Area prior to Sunday school.

FUMC Christmas Outreach Project

This year's project will benefit the Waccamaw Youth Center and Help4Kids. The goal for our church is \$1000. We hope to provide stainless steel eating utensils and permanent plastic plates and bowls to WYC. Movie tickets for WYC too. Chickens, turkeys, hams and rice will be provided to Help4Kids to be distributed. Today is last day for donations.

Poinsettias, Greenery and Poinsettia Child

Tomorrow is the last day we will be accepting orders/donations for poinsettias, greenery and poinsettia child. Please submit your form if you have not done so already.

Carolina Master Chorale

The Carolina Master Chorale will perform at FUMC, today at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Advent Luncheon

Monday, December 12 the luncheon will be hosted by First Baptist and the guest speaker will be Rev. Mac Kinnett.

Children's Christmas Party

Fun-filled time for ages Pre-K to 6th grade today at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC. See Neal Hendrick for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Fellowship Meal on December 14

The UMW and UMM will be hosting a Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC. Menu: BBQ Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and dessert. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

Candlelight Advent Concert

Thursday, December 15 in the Hut at 7:00 p.m. will be the last Candlelight Advent Concert with members of the Long Bay Symphony, a free concert.

Noel, Jesus is Born

The Chancel Choir, Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs, narrator, soloists, and cast will present **Noel, Jesus is Born** on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m. This presentation incorporates music, dramatic presentation, and narration to tell the story of the long-awaited coming of the Messiah, our Savior.

Chris-Myth Busters

A children's Christmas musical with set, props and cast at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18 in the FLC presented by the Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs.

CAP Food Needs

This week we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly.



- December 11: Sue Howle, John Case
- December 13: Jessica Goldfinch, Cole Thompson
- December 14: Doug Roof, Mattie Hucks
- December 15: John Steen
- December 16: Allison Dudley
- December 18: Nate Nelson

Stewardship Report

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	
Sunday School	151	Operating	12,818.83
Morning Worship	199	BBCS	1.00
Evening Service	15	Greenery	10.00
		Poinsettia	131.50
		Poinsettia Child	221.50
		Music Discretionary	1,336.50
		Missionary Fund	75.00
		Sub Total	14,593.83
		Building Fund	2,551.00
		Total	17,144.83
		Budget Receipts to Date	393,618.44
		Budget Needs to Date	493,615.48
		Deficit to Date:	-99,997.04

Weekly Food Items Given

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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



This Week at First United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 11

9:30 a.m. The Journey / Second Floor Commons
 9:30 a.m. Children's Gathering / Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m. Coffee in the Commons
 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
 4:00 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs / FLC
 4:00 p.m. Carolina Master Chorale / Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Children's Program / FLC
 6:00 p.m. Evening Service / The Hut

Monday, December 12

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 6:00 p.m. Noel, Jesus is Born Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 15

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Advent Concert

Saturday, December 17

11:00 a.m. Cherub & Wesley Treble Choirs Cast party and dress rehearsal

Serving Next Sunday, December 11

Altar Guild: Lillian Sherry, Libby McCutcheon, JoAnn Ray, Amy Lovell Jenkins, Sylvia Richardson, Betty Smith

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Martin and Jan Bitting

(Monday): Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

Ushers: Jimmy Hammond (Head Usher), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Andy Hendrick, Hunter Jenkins, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, David Ribelin, Matt Schlaefer, Lavon Singleton, Garvin Huggins

Children's Church: Sherry Seremet

UMYF Meal: Children's Christmas Party

Children's Program: Children's Christmas Party

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UMYF: Tacky Sweater Christmas Party: Location TBA

Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living Facilities:

Kingston: Ruth Anderson; **Waccamaw:** Irby Koon, **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis;

Agape Senior Living: Gladys Alexander, **Laurinburg, NC:** Carolyn Cox;

Cornelius, NC: Helen Wakefield

At Home:

Charles Dusenbury, Julia Land, 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.

Reflection & Fellowship

December 11
 Elizabeth in Judea
 Encouragement

December 18
 From Nazareth to Bethlehem
 Perseverance

December 25
 The Journey
 Come Let Us Adore Him

Sundays in Advent
 The Journey @ 9:30 a.m.

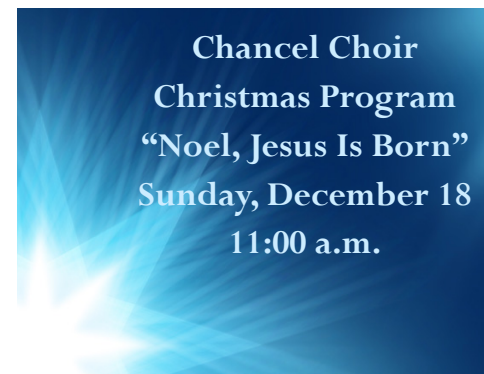


Candlelight Advent Concert

Thursday, December 15
 in the Hut

Long Bay Symphony

Flute/Harp Duo



Chancel Choir
 Christmas Program
 "Noel, Jesus Is Born"
 Sunday, December 18
 11:00 a.m.

One of the interesting dynamics of college football is the way in which the faith of many players and coaches is revealed on this increasingly visible stage. To the joy of some and the chagrin of others, there are some really strong Christians involved in college athletics whose faith is clearly projected as they participate in the events surrounding the games. The John 3:16 guy may not be on TV any-more, but the relevance of a faith in Christ is obvious to anyone watching the games. Personally, I find it gratifying to see these young lives being shaped by Christian coaches.



In Conway, we are blessed to have strong Christians coaching at many levels. Among these is Coach David Bennett, Head Football Coach at Coastal Carolina University. On Sunday, January 1, as the college bowl season nears its end, Coach Bennett will be at First UMC to worship with us and bring the message.

Children's Program

Children's Christmas Party
 Today @ 5:30 p.m.
 FLC

Chris Myth Busters
 Children's Musical
 Presented by the Cherub & Wesley
 Treble Choir
 December 18 @ 4:00 p.m.
 FLC

Children's Candlelight
 Communion Service
 Christmas Eve @ 11:00 a.m.
 The Hut



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December 11, 2011
 Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Reader: When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." (Luke 1:41-45)

Reader: Today we remember Elizabeth, who like Mary, was chosen to be the mother of a very special child. She greets Mary with understanding and compassion. She opens her home to Mary, providing a place of safety, support and encouragement as our Lord and savior is nurtured within Mary's womb.

People: *Today we give thanks for the Elizabeths among us, those who live out there calling by becoming havens of blessing and encouragement to those who seek to be faithful and beckon us to do the same.*

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Elizabeth, who gave comfort and support to the Virgin Mary. *(Light two blue candles and the pink candle)*

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, with great care and creativity you prepared Elizabeth to give Mary support and companionship. You prepared Elizabeth's son John to go before Jesus and prepare the way for him. What do you need each of us to do? Whether it's a big mission, or a humble task to prepare the way for someone else, give us the faith and the faithfulness to do the work you call us to do. Amen.

Voluntary "Sleepers Wake" Felix Mendelssohn

* Chiming of the Trinity