

First United Methodist Church  
1001 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Conway, SC 29526

December 25, 2011

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Reader: While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger. (Luke 2:6-7)

Reader: Today, angels far and near sing tender lullabies; well-worn fabric full of years holds in the warmth of parental love; animals and shepherds crowd in tight, glowing with adoration, while a muffled cry squeezes out to greet the world.

People: *Today we give thanks for every child among us. Each new birth-regardless of circumstances-reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, the promise of God.*

Reader: On this Christmas morning, we light the Christ candle for the child-King, the infant-Redeemer, the lowly-Lord. And now we know...He is born and nothing will ever be the same! (*Light all candles.*)

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: *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.*

\* Carol 217 "Away in a Manger" Away in a Manger

**Commendation and Welcome for New Member**

**Kimberley Wright**

*We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

**Carol Sing**

\* 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.*

\* Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Children's Moments "Chrismons" Mr. Mac

Carol Sing

\* Carol 246 "Joy to the World" Antioch

**Benediction**

**Serving Next Sunday, January 1**

**Altar Guild:** Charlotte Ives, Janet Roche,  
Janet Von Deck

**Counting Committee: (Sunday)** TBA

**(Monday):** Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

**Ushers:** Richard Jordan (Head Usher), Kevin Cox,  
Eric Fox, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson,  
Ken Senn, Tidy Singleton, Bill Taylor, Phil  
Thompson, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

**Nursery Volunteers:** Courtney Hardee, Jon Hayes,  
Erin Todd

**Children's Church:** Extended Nursery

**Prayer Concerns**

**Hospital: CMC:** Charles Dusenbury

**Assisted Living Facilities:**

**Kingston:** Ruth Anderson;

**Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis;

**Agape Senior Living:** Gladys Alexander,

**Laurinburg, NC:** Carolyn Cox;

**Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield

**At Home:**

Julia Land, 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.

**New 2012 Altar Flower Calendar**

The 2012 Flower Calendar has been posted. Please take a moment to reserve dates that are meaningful to you. Altar flowers are especially needed in January.

**Church Office Hours for Christmas and New Year's**

Due to the holidays falling on the weekend, the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27. Otherwise, the office will be open its normal hours. Merry Christmas FUMC!

**Happy Birthday!**

December 26: Wanda Kleine

December 28: Teresa Bell

December 29: Joan Booth, Melinda Hyman

January 1: George Kyzer, Carolyn Cox, Hannah Boyle

**Stewardship Report**

<b>Operating</b>	<b>7,460.16</b>
BBCS	50.00
Good Samaritan	10.00
Christmas Project	50.00
CAP	30.00
Epworth	25.00
Music Discretionary	319.96
Poinsettia Child	65.50
Sub Total	8,010.62
Building Fund	1,000.00
Total	9,010.62

**Total Weekly Food Items Donated 82**

**Attendance**

Sunday School	137
Noel, Jesus is Born	268
Chris-myth Busters	115