

Order of Worship

December 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent

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*Gathering

The people gather and informally greet one another in the name of Christ

Welcome Everyone! *We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time the ushers have a gift for you. As the registration book is passed during the service, please give us your name, address, phone number and email address. Please contact the pastor if you would like to become a member of First Church.*

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

Acolytes

Advent Wreath Lightening

*Call to Worship

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

#204 (UMH)

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#238 (UMH)

Children’s Choir

Children’s Time

Special Music

Fantasy on “Greensleeves”

Hand Bell Choir

Hunger Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**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.**

Hymn

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

#237 (UMH)

Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon

“The Righteous Carpenter”

Rev. White

Infant Baptism 11:00 am

See Insert

*Hymn

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#240 (UMH)

**If anyone desires to unite in membership during this service, they are invited to join the pastor and worship leader at the altar during this hymn.*

Carrying the Light of Christ into the world

Acolytes

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

Serving in Worship this week:

Worship Leaders

8:30 – Greg Bowman ♦ 11:00 – Greg Bowman

Sermon

Rev. Will White

Lectors

8:30 – Greg Bowman ♦

11:00 – Greg Bowman

Acolytes

8:30 – Marissa Wiley & Alina Grzywacz ♦

11:00 – Grant Johnson & Patrick Wilfong

Advent Wreath Lighting

8:30 – The Morse Family ♦

11:00 – The St. Amand Family

Upcoming Events To Make Note Of

Turkey Dinner & Christmas Pageant TODAY!

CCAP Christmas Give-Away at First Church December 21 & 22

Christmas Eve Services Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Church Office closed Dec. 25, 28, 29, 31 & Jan. 1.

Confirmation begins Sunday, January 17th at 9:45 am

Confirmation Retreat January 29 & 30

Serving in Worship Next Week Sunday, December 20

Lectors:	8:30	available
	11:00	Jeff Smelser
Flowers:		available
Acolytes:	8:30	Alina Grzywacz & Spencer Corbett
	11:00	Jacob Torian & Connor Foulds

Church Staff

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Deborah MacKnight, Preschool Director	Preschool Office	665-1696

Music Ministry

Wayne Corbett, Music Director & Organist
Melinda Russell, Hand Bell Choir Director
Gary Fisher, Choir Director
Wayne Corbett & Melinda Russell Children's Choir Directors

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 13, 2009



Mission Statement

“God is calling us to grow in Christ as Christ grows in us through discipleship, service, unity and love.”

Downtown Campus/Mailing Address
308 North Braddock Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

Apple Pie Ridge Campus
Located on Apple Pie Ridge Road
Across from the elementary school

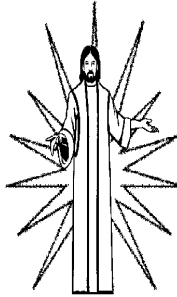
Phone: 540-662-3151 – Fax: 540-662-1462
Web Page: www.fumcwinchester.org

*The Haines Family The Seabright Family,
The Sasser Family.*



Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Doris & Ray Harding, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton, Velma Ritenour, Elsie Ramey, Pearl Gaines, Ann Hoffman, Edith Anderson, Robert Spaid, Carole Lineberg, Polly McIntire, Our church and church leaders, Hazel Starke, The Slonaker Family, Barbe Marlin, Kathy Dunn, Richard Swisher, Madge Fries & Helen Abshire, Ed Grove, Albert & Jean Elgin, Susan Cain, Susan Horton, Faye Weidig, Betty Dunn.



Please remember to add the following friends and family in your prayers:

Don Smallwood, Janice Dickerson, Lois Hoffman, Bill Morris, Dessie Taylor, Gary Houck, Jennifer Carper, Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Kim Bennington, Ellen Suite's parents, Ralph Miller, Jeanette Shickle, Lorraine Vann, Rebecca Brennan, Ruby Boyd, Ian Eckert, Sarah Kingery, R. C. Simmons, Leo & Katie Feeley, Wesley & Valerie Robey, Jennifer Lewis' brother Harry, Our Military, Alexandra Combs, Dick Potter, Fran Ricketts, Jim Baccary, Doug Sasser, Becky Ebert.



Looking for a way to spread some Christmas joy this year? First Church is proud to sponsor a gift card giving tree again this year. We look forward to empowering as many less fortunate parents as possible with the opportunity to go out and purchase their very own gifts for their children.

Gift cards can be donated for any local store (Walmart, Target, Apple Blossom Mall, etc.). For each card you donate, we invite you to place one of the provided ornaments on the Giving Tree. Let this simple ornament be a symbol of light you will bring into a family's life. It is our prayer that the tree will be bursting with ornaments. Gift card donations can be placed in the box provided. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



Offerings to God

	Received	52 Wk Avg.
General Fund – Dec. 6	\$8,311.19	\$ 6,345.71
Year to Date	\$312,779.45	
APR Property – Dec. 6	\$123.00	
Year to Date	\$8,972.36	
Hunger Offering	\$10.00	
Year to Date	\$10,282.11	
Capital Improvements – Dec. 6	\$370.00	
Project To Date	\$17,911.35	\$ 100,000.00*
*Maximum Line of Credit Available		
Actual expenditures to date:		
Air Conditioning	\$54,036.00	
Plumbing	\$9,466.00	
Electrical	\$1,712.00	
Ridge Parsonage	\$18,214.00	
Pebblebrook Parsonage	\$2,083.00	
Capital Expenditures	\$12,000.00	Principal Reduction —————> \$5,321.00
Total	\$97,511.00	New balance —————> \$92,189.00

Donations toward these capital improvements can be made by indicating Capital Improvements on your check or envelope.

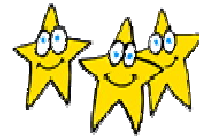
**Worshipping God
Last Sunday**

Sunday School	57
8:30 a.m.	87
11:00 a.m.	84

Offering Envelopes

The Finance Committee would like to ask everyone who has a booklet of FUMC offering envelopes to please use them. Using the offering envelopes greatly helps our offering counters on Monday morning and our Finance Secretary insure that donations from members of our congregation are properly recorded. If you need offering envelopes or have questions about their use please contact Sandy Burkhart or anyone on the Finance Committee.

Dates & Times December 13–December 20, 2009



Today 8:30 am Worship Service **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 9:45 am Sunday School & Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 3:30 pm Youth shopping for adopted family.
 4:30 pm Turkey Dinner
 7:00 pm Christmas Program

Monday 4:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
 6:45 pm Trustee Meeting
 7:00 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday 10:30 am J.O.Y.S.
 4:00 pm Bulletin Deadline
 5:15 pm 3-F Dinner
No Youth Worship Team for the month of December.
 6:00 pm Hand Bell Choir
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday 8:00 am CCAP setting up everyday till Christmas giveaway on Dec. 21

Saturday 9:00 am Cantata Practice

Dec. 20 8:30 am Worship Service **4th Sunday of Advent**
 9:45 am Sunday School & Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service
 No Sunday Evening Youth

Beginning in January of 2010 we will have a children's nursery available during both 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in the nursery please contact Melissa Barker at 722-2342.

GET ON BOARD!



DECEMBER 13, 2009



SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

In January, Rev. White and Bobby Dick will be teaching a Survey of the New Testament course after the 3F dinners from 6-7pm. Enroll in the class by calling the church office and speaking with Rev. White.



Worship Preview for December

December 13, (Advent 3)
 "The Righteous Carpenter"
 Matthew 1: 18-25

December 20, (Advent 4)
 "A Shepherd's Heart"
 Luke 2: 8-10; 2: 16-20
 Cantata
 "Song of Christmas"



Confirmation

Pastor White, Mary Vorous, and others will be teaching Confirmation Classes this winter and spring. Confirmation Class is for young people who are at least sixth grade age. The class will be taught on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour beginning January 17, 2010.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eugene Dicks. The flowers are given by Alice Dicks and family.



December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services
 5:00 pm
 Service for Children & Adults (The Transformation of the Grinch)
 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm
 Candlelight Services



Sunday Dec 13th, 2009



Today at 3:30 we will leave the church to shop for our "TOP" families at the Budget hotel. I have a list of names and ages of the children we serve and would like to personally buy them a special gift from you! May they know that the season is about giving in the name and love of Jesus Christ. After our shopping trip we will return to the church in time for the turkey dinner and Christmas pageant if you choose to stay. Please try to get your donations in before we shop.

"TOP" Meals

We were not going to serve a meal at the motels this month due to the busy calendars, but there are many that want to serve in this way this month. So, we will be delivering the meals on Dec. 17th, Thursday at 4:30. If you want to help out just show up in the kitchen at 4:30. At this time we will give out the Christmas gifts that we have purchased.

Christmas Caroling

The youth and music departments will be sponsoring Christmas Caroling on Sunday Dec. 20th. We will leave the church at 4:30 and visit the Rose home and one other facility. After caroling we will return to the church for cookies and hot cider. Please let Wayne or Mary know if your interested in joining us so we can have enough transportation.



Faith Colors/Hair-Locks for Christ!!! We will do the locks until the end of Dec. \$10.00 per lock, in a color for Christ. Check out the choice of colors and read what it signifies. Remember when someone ask why you choose your color please witness what it means to you and why you chose it. All proceeds goes toward youth missions! You may get it done in the Narthex in between services.

Thanks Ada Seabright and Paula Corbett for all your help!



A HUGE THANKS to the chaperones for helping with both Jr. and Sr. retreats this fall/winter!! Tim Day, Donnie Vorous, Robin Wilfong, Danielle Brown, Ben Berghuis, Kathy Dick and Ralph Gronlund!



"TOP" program has started up for the Winter months. As mentioned before all are welcome to come out and help or make a donation.

Every month I will have a sign up sheet for those that want to come with us to the streets of Winchester and help serve those less

fortunate than ourselves. The sheet will be down in the youth hallway or you may contact me personally.

I will also have a sign up sheet for donations of specific foods we will need or even monetary help to buy the food we serve. We have also found the need for toiletries and clothing. If you are interested in donating any of these items let me know and I will give you more details.

Here are the dates we have set up throughout the Winter:

Dec. 17th

Jan. 10th

Feb. 21st

March 14th

April 11th

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Blessings, **Mary**



Servant Project

As you may be aware, Susan Horton a member of our church is in the hospital in Chicago, Ill. If you would like to send her a card or note, her address is...



Susan Horton Pannell
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
345 East Superior Street
7th Floor, Room 744
Chicago, Ill 60611



What:
"The Transformation of the Grinch"
Children's Christmas Eve Worship Service

Where: Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church

When: Christmas Eve*5pm

YOU ARE INVITED!

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

~Jesus

Luke 18:15-17

Join us at 7 and 11pm for a traditional



Christmas Eve Service
Christmas Eve worship experience. The chancel choir will provide special music and Rev. White will provide a special message titled "Incarnation".

HOW TO JOIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church membership is open to any and all who seek the presence of God in their lives. Baptism is a requirement for membership. If you have not been baptized, please contact Pastor White to schedule a personal pre-baptism counseling session. If you have been baptized in any denomination, you are free to join whenever your heart is called to do so.

Persons may become members of the United Methodist Church by:

- Vows and profession of faith;
- Transfer from another United Methodist Church;
- Transfer from another body of the Christian Church;
- The renewal of vows if they have lapsed;
- Affiliate transfer if they are Methodists and will be in town a short while;
- Associate transfer if they belong to another denomination and are in town for a short while.

Profession of Faith includes:

- Affirming your baptismal vows;
- Commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord;
- Accepting the Old and New Testaments as normative for faith and practice;
- Commitment to live the Christian life and remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and witness.

If you would like to join our church, please do one of the following:

- Indicate "Desire to join" when filling out the pew pad during the worship Service
- Call or email to discuss your interest with Pastor White in the church office at (540)-662-3151 or pastorwill@fumcwinchester.org.

Once you are ready to make your commitment, please come forward during the last hymn in the worship service. You will also need to fill out a membership form for the church's record prior to or after the service at which you join.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 5

Noon—6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

Tim Anderson will be available in the narthex December 20 & 27 signing up people for the blood drive.

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit

www.redcrosslife.org

What a wonderful way to start the New Year by donating blood!

Blood donated at this drive will be used to help hospital patients throughout the region. For eligibility questions call 1-800-542-5663.