

# GOOD NEWS AT FIRST UMC

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



## November 30, 2011



### Advent/Christmas Events

The month of December is always a busy month. The following is a designation of the coming church events so that you can make the appropriate plans.

- \*December 1<sup>st</sup> "Getting Ready for Christmas"  
6:30 PM Fellowship Hall
- \*December 3<sup>rd</sup> "The Messiah Concert"  
7:30 PM TSU Fine Arts Auditorium.
- \*December 4<sup>th</sup> "Alternative Gift Fair"  
9:30-1:00 PM luncheon at noon Fellowship Hall
- \*December 5<sup>th</sup> "Making Mission Tamales"  
noon La Fiesta Restaurant
- \*December 7<sup>th</sup> "WOW Christmas Concert"  
5:30 PM Sanctuary
- \*December 11<sup>th</sup> "Bethlehem Revisited"  
Waxahachie 4 PM
- \*December 18<sup>th</sup> "Choir Cantata" 11 AM Sanctuary
- \*December 18<sup>th</sup> "Family Christmas Caroling"
- \*December 24<sup>th</sup> "Christmas Eve services"  
\* 5 PM Candlelight Service-Sanctuary  
\*(Meet and Greet in Fellowship Hall after service)  
\* 7 PM Candlelight Service-Sanctuary  
\*(Meet and Greet in Fellowship Hall after service)  
\* 11:30 PM Candlelight and Communion -Sanctuary
- \*December 25<sup>th</sup> "Christmas Service"  
11 AM only-Sanctuary

### First United Methodist Church

#### Christmas Memorials



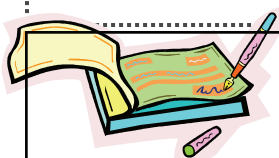
We all know how the Advent season goes: sentimental music, candle lighting, festive décor, themes of hope and preparation, family and *place*; and that particular *place*, is the Church! In our *place*, First United Methodist Church, thousands of people through the years have discovered meaning as well as a sense of belonging. This year the worship committee would like for the congregation to continue to remember and honor those persons who spent time in this sacred *place* as well as those people who will be returning to worship in this *place*. In the past we have provided the opportunity to purchase poinsettias for this occasion, however, this year we would like for you to make a donation in memory or appreciation of your loved one(s) to the *place* where God meets with us each week. The FUMC Christmas Memorials will help us keep this sacred *place* in good repair for years to come.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory  
Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor  
Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn this form in no later than  
Wednesday, December 21, 2011  
All Memorials/Honorariums will be listed in



### Giving Report November, 2011

Receipts through Nov 30.....	\$34,928
Nov Expense.....	<u>\$38,420</u>
Nov. Loss.....	-\$3,492

### January –November 2011

Receipts Jan-Nov.....	\$442,054
Jan-Nov Expense.....	<u>450,556</u>
Jan-Nov Loss.....	— \$ 8,502



### PLEDGE CARD

Have you turned in your pledge card???

It's that time of year when planning for the 2012 budget has begun and every pledge card counts!

**GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS**

*A Women's Gathering*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 6:30 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

All women are invited!

Guest speaker- Chris Cloyd

**MISSION & FAIR TRADE=HOUSE OF HOPE**

So

Come hear

Chris tell us about her

Mission with women in Mexico,

Her store called House of Hope, and the

Fair-trade products that she sells. You might even

Find a few Christmas gifts in the items she brings to show us.

Free childcare will be provided at the church starting at 6:15 p.m.

Questions? Contact- UMW President Janelle Beran @ 254-592-9421

**Alternative Gift Fair**

**Sunday, December 4**

Fellowship Hall 9:30-1:00

(New this year)

Fellowship Luncheon at Noon

Buy gifts that make a difference and receive a card to give to someone special:

**Kenyan AIDS Orphans**

**Habitat for Humanity Youth Mission Trip**

**Heifer Project Tree House CASA**

**United Methodist Women Mission**

**H.O.P.E.**

**Meals on Wheels FUMC Food Pantry**

**Aldersgate Enrichment Center UMCOR**

**Also Buy Equal Exchange Coffee,**

**Chocolate**

**UMW Knives, Cookbooks, Cards, and**

**Jewelry**

**Fair Trade gift items from Mexico,**

**homemade goodies**

"Calling all cooks--we have an invitation

to learn how to make tamales from a

pro. Monday December 5, we will meet at

**La Fiesta restaurant at noon** to be

schooled in the tamale arts.

Please call Thad Miller at

(254)485-7068 for details or

to RSVP."



**Help Needed**

Stepping Stones Day School needs a person to assist the kindergarten teacher beginning January 3, 2012

8:30am to 12:00pm Monday through Friday  
Calendar Holidays

Requirements: Patience, love for young children and understanding "little" personalities. Occasionally drive for a field trip.

**Want to join a book club?**

**For more information:**

Contact Rachel Kammerer at Rachel.Kammerer@sville.us or 254-965-5112.

**November & December Greeter Schedule (10:40am - 11:00am)**

Darden

**December 4**

Debbie Hummel  
Sharene Deshmukh

**December 11**

Lance & Gina Bagby  
Jennifer and Patrick  
Darden

**December 18**

Barbara and Jim Terrell  
Paula Oxford

**December 25**

Combined Service



**University Praise**

worship experience  
every Monday at 7:00pm

*Family Christmas Caroling*

*Sunday Evening*

*December 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Caroling and Festivities*

Mark Your Calendar!



## Prayer Concerns

### In the Hospital...

Pat Cassaday, San Antonio Hospital  
( brother-in-law of Chris Grantham)  
Shane Sorrells  
(nephew of Connie & Monty Banks)  
Katie Lund-(Sister-in-law of Paula Oxford)  
Hope Martin-Houston  
(Dave & Chris Martin's granddaughter)

### Thanksgivings...

Marvin Manley (brother of Leon Manley)  
Edith Carr (Mother of Deanna Glasgow)  
Austin Embry (Nephew of John Springer)  
Raymond Rice (Father of Misty Elliott)

### Others...

Nursing Home Residents  
Our Troops in Harm's Way  
Tom Malloy (Friend of Linda Jones)  
Glen Cauble (Friend of Jill Burk & Janet Whitley)  
Joe Gillespie  
Barbara Dallas (Mother-in-law of Chris Swam)  
Courtney Tatum  
Bob Spatz  
Clay Patton  
Diane Monk (friend of Jana Sult)  
Hilda Swindle  
Dana Dowell (Karen Wilson's sister in law)  
Jean Goldsberry  
Ora B Burnett (aunt of Merrill Striegler)  
Jerry Dyer (brother of Becky Copeland)  
Pat Bartlett (sister in law of Ada Phipot)  
Matt Ethers  
Bill Stanley (brother of Leslie Stanley-Stevens)  
Hope Martin-Houston (Dave & Chris Martin's granddaughter)  
Cathy Echols  
Marie Johnson  
Jason McAdams  
Doyle Oneil (Uncle of Jana Sult)  
Louise Demetruk  
Steve Lund (brother of Paula Oxford)  
Patrick Darden  
Mary Lynn Larmer  
Diane Porter Wilson (Daughter of Jonnie Porter)  
Brad Thompson  
Daniel Petty (grandson of Linda Sledge)  
Linda McElroy  
Don Douglas  
Patti Douglas  
Mack Sorrells (Father of Connie Banks)  
Dennis Fulfer (Friend of Cindy Woolley)

## TELLERS

### December 4

Bill Larmer  
Jeff Royal  
Frances Blair

### December 11

Don Douglas  
Molly Elliott  
Scott Kunishige

## Acolytes

11:00 am Worship Service

### December 4, 2011

Rosser Orr  
Maddie McLemore

### December 11, 2011

Robyn Huffman  
Hagen Carter

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, November 30

\*10:30am ESL-FH  
\*4:00pm WOW (van)  
\*6:00pm Handbells  
\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, December 1

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S  
\*6:30pm Getting Ready for Christmas-FH

### Friday, December 2

\*2:00pm Food Pantry Set Up

### Saturday, December 3

\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

### Sunday, December 4

*Communion Sunday/Mission Minute  
2nd Sunday of Advent*

\*9:30am-1:00pm Alternative Gift Fair

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Traditional Service-S

\*12:00pm Fellowship Luncheon

\*6:00pm UMYF

### Monday, December 5

12:00pm Tamale Cooks-La Fiesta

\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, December 6

\*1:00pm Staff Meeting

\*5:00pm UMW Executive Meeting

**5:30pm Mission Committee Meeting-CR**

### Wednesday, December 7

\*1:30pm Busy Bee Quilters-QR

\*4:00pm WOW (van)

\*5:50pm WOW Christmas Concert

\*6:00pm Handbells

\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, December 8

\*12:00pm Music Club-FH

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

### Friday, December 9

\*6:00pm Central PTO-Kitchen

### Saturday, December 10

*Tamale Cooking Event*

### Sunday, Sunday, December 11

*St. Nicholas Day*

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

*Tamales Delivered*

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Traditional Service-S

\*6:00pm UMYF

### Monday, December 12

**\*6:00on Trustees Meeting-CR**

\*7:00pm University Praise

### Tuesday, December 13

\*6:30am UMM Breakfast-FH

### Wednesday, December 14

\*6:00pm Handbells

\*7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, December 15

**\*5:00pm Finance Meeting-CR**

\*6:00pm RENEW Band Rehearsal-S

### Friday, December 16

Wedding Rehearsal-S

\*2:00pm Food Pantry Set Up

### Saturday, December 17

\*8:30am Food Pantry/Clothes Closet

\*Wedding-S

### Sunday, December 18

*4th Sunday of Advent*

*Family Christmas Caroling*

\*9:00am RENEW Contemp. Svc.-S

\*10:00am Sunday School

\*11:00am Christmas Cantata-S

\*6:00pm UMYF

*Memorials are given in loving  
memory of...*

### Marvin Manley By:

Louise Woolley  
B.J. & Lois Alexander  
Jo Ellen Miller

### Edith Luker Carr By:

Louise Woolley  
Brad & Caryl Chilton  
Stuart Chilton  
Tommie & Sylvia Huckabee

### Archie Hunter By:

Jo Ellen Miller

### Connie Birdsong By:

Linda Straub



*Honorarium was given in honor of*

### Annie Barnes' Birthday by:

Gaytha Isham  
Beverly Bradley  
Amy Crabb

# ATTENDANCE

### Sunday, November 20, 2011

**74** people attended the 9:00am Service

**168** people attended the 11:00am Service

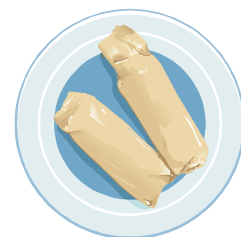
### Sunday, November 13, 2011

**64** people attended the 9:00am Service

**133** people attended the 11:00am Service

## **ORDER YOU TAMALES!!!**

Sign up sheets are located in the  
Narthex and Fellowship Hall or  
call the church  
Office at 965-5046



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