

Important Days/Dates to Remember

Each Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Light Breakfast Fellowship
9:45-10:30 a.m. Sunday Schools (for all ages)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Each Tuesday:

8:00 p.m. Chapel Service at Andrew College

Each Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

December 13, 2009 – Sunday:

11:00 a.m. – Children’s “Away in a Manger” presentation
AND PLEASE STAY AFTER THE SERVICE FOR A
DELICIOUS COVERED DISH LUNCHEON!!
6:00 p.m. – Shellman FBC: “No Room in the Inn”

December 16, 2009 – Wednesday:

4:30 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting (Reid Home)

December 17, 2009 – Thursday:

6:00 p.m. – (Brief) Trustees meeting



Christmas Poinsettia Reservation Form

If you wish to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the following form with your check payable to the Cuthbert United Methodist Church and include the abbreviation **CP** (Christmas Poinsettia) in the check’s For/Memo area.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please reserve ___ Poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each = _____

(Poinsettias may be claimed after the last Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. A final list of all Donations will be included in December 20th’s in-house bulletin.)

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(11:00 a.m. Sunday services televised Mondays at 6:00 p.m., cable channel 17)

The blessings of Christmas are **personal blessings**.

They were for Mary long ago: “The Mighty One has done great things for me” (Luke 1:47). Do we hear that note of **personal blessing**? She knew God was going to bless the world through Jesus her son. But Mary saw in it also a **personal blessing** that would transform her life.

We experience **personal blessings** every Christmas. Gifts given, gifts received. Joyful moments shared around a tree or around a table.

I think we’ll each receive a **personal blessing** this Sunday when we hear our children’s choir present their musical “Away in a Manger” during morning worship.

Mary’s **personal blessing** turned out to be a blessing for the world. I wonder what impact our **personal blessings** will have on the children who sing for us this Sunday. They have gathered each week and practiced their songs. Some folks have a dream that we could continue this ministry after Christmas, to teach them not only some more songs, but more about the **personal blessing** that comes from a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. To do all this, though, we’ll need more “Marys”—people who know that **personal blessings** give them a chance to bless the world—people willing to give Wednesday afternoons to bless some children.

So tell me, just how **personal** is your Christmas blessing?

With joy,

Scott

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, December 13, 2009
Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Away in a Manger medley* Eleanor Flathman
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Tucker

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
 THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Neale/Smith))

THE ADVENT CANDLE READING
***HYMN OF PRAISE** no. 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful
***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed) no. 880**
***THE GLORIA PATRI** no. 70
***THE PEACE**

HYMN OF PREPARATION no. 219
What Child Is This
 MORNING PRAYER Scott Tucker

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Back inside cover of hymnal)
 OFFERTORY *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
***DOXOLOGY** no. 95

SPECIAL MUSIC Children's Choir

Away in a Manger

Christmas songs and drama presentation
Directed by Kathy Bantz and Patty Tucker

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**
May the love of God be with us as we go our separate ways,
Serving God by serving others; finding hope and joy each day.

POSTLUDE

*(Those who are able, please stand.)

≈≈ GIFTS RECEIVED ≈≈

from John & JoAnn Barge	in memory of: Frank Bridges
from Ann Bynum	in memory of: Roy Mercer
from Grace Crittenden	in memory of: Roy Mercer
from David & Cynthia Jones	in memory of: Frank Bridges

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 9 Joseph Bryan
 Ricky Marshall
 Jennifer & Richard Mathews, III ♥
December 10 Becky Bowen †
December 11 David & Claudia Seyle ♥
December 12 Herb Nichols
 Marsha Martin Reid
December 15 Joe Patterson
December 17 Chyriss Moore
 Amelia Stanford

COMMUNITY PRAYERFUL CONCERNS

***Our friends and Members in nursing homes
 and assisted living facilities:***

Elizabeth Brownlee, Louise Hester, Irma Patrick,
 Ruth Rainey, Sara Roberts,
 Dr. Marjorie Swanson, Elizabeth Wiggins

Servicemen Abroad: Chief Fred Patterson

Other Prayer Concerns:

Jesse Bowles, Margaret Bridges, Bill Daniel, Pam Fulmar,
 Pedro Hernandez, Evelyn Hester, Mary Hester, Rob Hester,
 Katie Hoyle, Cheryl Koep, Heather Andrews Land,
 Charles ("Chuck") Lashley, Leonard Lane, Marshall Lindsey,
 Allene Nelson, Evelyn Peak, Barbara Sealy, Nevaeh Sloan,
 Jimmie Stanford, Florence ("Flo") Trunnell Sikula,
 Lucy Wall, Grayson Ward

*Please call the church office to update our list of
 Community Prayerful Concerns.*

THOSE SERVING
SUNDAY:

Breakfast
 Ann Wood

The Greeter
 Faye McCrary

Acolyte
 Joseph Tucker
Ushers
 Jim Bradley, Jr.
 Herb Nichols

The Offering Stewards
 Nelson Coffin
 Jimmy Brownlee

Worship Attendance
December 6th: 64

A RECORD OF
OUR STEWARDSHIP
as of December 6th:

GENERAL FUND
Contributions, 12/6:
 \$4,388.52

Needed YTD (budget):
 \$119,489.35

Collected YTD:
 \$103,870.49

CURRENT BALANCES:
 (not part of GENERAL FUND)

Choir Fund: \$ 827.81
 Faithful Stewards: \$ 431.41
 Methodist Men's: \$1,086.14
 Mission Fund: \$1,072.57
 Organ Fund: \$ 421.00
 Parsonage Fund: \$ 250.67
 Youth Fund: \$1,118.00

We are thankful for all God has done for us, for our great church and for our great country where we can serve the Lord with freedom. We have a chance to finish 2009 by expressing that thanks. Have you considered a special year-end gift? A total of \$15,000 would do two things. First, it would put us in a good position to start 2010 with a full range of ministries to our members and to our community. Second, it would help us fulfill our part of United Methodist mission and ministry—in South Georgia and all around the world—through our Conference apportionment. If God leads each of us to share a portion of this special offering, we'll all know his blessings.

Buddy Reid
 Finance/Stewardship Committee Chair