

## **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 Wednesday:**

6:00 p.m. *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

### **December 24, 2009 – Thursday:**

12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m. – *Christmas Eve Communion Services*

### **January 1, 2010 – Friday:**

*New Year's Day*

### **January 6, 2010 – Wednesday:**

6:00 p.m. – *Light Supper (by Patricia Goodman)*  
6:30 p.m. – *Trustees/Administrative Council meeting*

### **January 18, 2010 – Monday:**

6:00 p.m. – *Cuthbert Methodist Women (CMW) meeting*

### **January 28, 2010 – Thursday:**

6:30 p.m. – *The Love Boat Cruise Dinner Theatre*

### **February 3, 2010 – Wednesday:**

6:00 p.m. – *Light Supper (by Patricia Bradley)*  
6:30 p.m. – *Trustees/Administrative Council meeting*



Are you a member of the Cuthbert United Methodist Church? If not, would you like to become a member? Scott Tucker, our pastor, would love to speak to you personally about becoming a member. He can be reached by calling his: Home at 229-732-2582  
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## **CUTHBERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Scott Tucker, Pastor**

Rev. Shane Green, District Superintendent Rev. James R. King, Jr., Bishop  
Jimmy Brownlee, Business Administrator

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

Patty has a small collection of Nativity scenes from countries all around the world—Kazakhstan, Poland, Peru, and Uganda, just to name a few.

Each scene has the typical characters: shepherds and sheep, Joseph and Mary, a dragon.

What, your Nativity doesn't have a dragon?

Truth be told, none of ours has a dragon either. But perhaps they should.

The book of Revelation gives us a very different picture of the Nativity.

“Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.” (Revelation 12:4-5)

There was more happening at the birth of Jesus than just “Silent Night, Holy Night.”

The birth of Jesus was the opening shot in God's final battle to take back the world from Satan's grasp. And Satan—the dragon in Revelation—was poised to stop the battle before it even started.

So we enjoy a peaceful Nativity scene only after we've traveled from the Bethlehem stable to the cross of Golgotha, where the dragon and his allies were defeated once and for all.

With joy,

*Scott*

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
*Sunday, December 27, 2009*  
*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

PRELUDE Eleanor Flathman  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Tucker  
CHIMING OF THE HOUR  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory (Montgomery/Smart)*

**\*THE RESPONSIVE READING** Grace Crittenden  
*Luke 1:46-55 Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)* **no. 199**

**\*HYMNS OF PRAISE** (see insert)  
*Christmas Hymn Medley (Part I)*

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Nicene Creed*) **no. 880**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** **no. 70**

**\*THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Patty Tucker

**HYMNS OF PREPARATION** (see insert)  
*Christmas Hymn Medley (Part II)*

MORNING PRAYER Scott Tucker  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Back inside cover of hymnal*)

OFFERTORY  
**\*DOXOLOGY** **no. 95**

SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir  
*Come to Deliver Me (Smith/Moffitt/Crumpton/Mauldin)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Luke 2:16-20** (p. 55)  
SERMON Scott Tucker

**"What Did You Get for Christmas?"**

**\*CLOSING HYMNS** (see insert)  
*Christmas Hymn Medley (Part III)*

**\*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 Collin & Connie McCrary in honor of: ~~Mr & Mrs Walter McCrary~~  
from Buddy & Marsha Reid in honor of: ~~Our Church Family~~

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*December 30* Atlas & Evelyn Hester ♥  
*December 31* Becky Watts  
*January 2* Gerry & Patricia Goodman ♥  
Walter McCrary, Jr.  
*January 3* Sonja Gilbert Rowland

**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,  
Mary Hester, Rob Hester, Katie Hoyle,  
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

***Sympathy to the family of Ralph Hague***  
***Sympathy to the family of Tony McCook***

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

**THOSE SERVING  
SUNDAY:**

**Breakfast**  
Robbin Temples  
**The Greeter**  
Gay Mathews  
**Ushers**  
Jimmy Bradley  
Walter McCrary  
**Acolyte**  
Lizzy Stanford  
**Worship Leader**  
Grace Crittenden  
**Children's Moments**  
Patty Tucker  
**The Offering Stewards**  
Jimmy Brownlee  
Dave Wallis

**Worship Attendance  
December 20<sup>th</sup>: 58**

**A RECORD OF  
OUR STEWARDSHIP  
as of December 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**GENERAL FUND  
Contributions, 12/20:**  
\$10,462.43  
**Needed YTD (budget):**  
\$124,799.99  
**Collected YTD:**  
\$117,033.66

**CURRENT BALANCES:**  
(not part of GENERAL FUND)  
Choir Fund: \$ 706.74  
Faithful Stewards: \$ 431.41  
Methodist Men's: \$1,086.14  
Mission Fund: \$1,097.57  
Organ Fund: \$ 421.00  
Parsonage Fund: \$ 250.67  
Youth Fund: \$1,118.00

***A Grateful Thank You***

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all  
of you who helped make our Christmas mission efforts  
successfully spread the joy of Christian fellowship in  
several benevolent gestures.*

*We were able to provide a wholesome variety of  
foods to 19 families at the Millennium Center based on  
size and needs of each family; Fruit baskets were made  
and taken by the carolers on Sunday to some of our shut-  
ins and nursing home residents; and, a box of personal  
items requested by the Joe-Anne Burgin Nursing Home  
was cheerfully donated.*

*I wish to all of you a joyous Christmas and a  
blessed New Year.*

*Grace Crittenden*