



“Good Tidings”

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

First United
Methodist
Church

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“Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God”
John Wesley

DECEMBER 2011

Thoughts From the Center Office...

This will be our first Christmas in Johnson City. We have experienced the Light Spectacular with its' night parade, food booths and a variety of other items for sale: the beauty of the lights around the area. We enjoyed all the wonderful people of the community that go out to participate in all of the events. I was pleasantly surprised at the number of folks that turned out for the evening. In that night I saw fellowship, caring, food and beverage. I saw neighbors and strangers talking and sharing the experience of the night.

I wonder if this wasn't a little bit like that night 2000 years ago. It was a time when a lot of people were on the road. The town was very busy and lots of things were going on. People were going back to their home towns to complete the census. So, a lot friendships were being renewed. They were catching up with each other and all the things and experiences they had encountered. They, too, had food vendors, merchants and other things for sale as the travelers passed by.

And little did they know that in meager surroundings, just a few feet away, a child was being born that would change the course of the world, the course of eternity. I pray that this Christmas season we remember the Christ child, the King.

God Bless and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Lee



**Worship Services
in the Activity
Center
8:30 a.m.
Contemporary
Service**

**10:50 a.m.
Traditional
Service**

**Christian
Education:
9:40 a.m.**

Living Nativity Christmas Pageant
December 2nd & 3rd & 9th & 10th
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Bleacher seating
Shows start every half hour
They last about 10 minutes

Children can pet the animals
Free hot chocolate, coffee & cookies
All are welcome

Christmas Eve Services

**5:30 & 11 pm
Candlelight & Communion at both**

**Christmas Day, Sunday
Service at 8:30 & 10:50
No Sunday School**

**New Year's Day, Sunday
Services at 8:30 & 10:50
Sunday school on New Year's Day**

As members of this congregation, we pledge to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

Our Prayers.. *Lord Hear our prayers: for those who are ill, grieving, or facing difficult times; for those persons in nursing homes, assisted living and homebound; for our military and civilian men and women serving in harm's way; and for our leaders, and children everywhere.*

Our Presence...



	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>	<u>SS</u>
November 6	76	72	57
November 13	90	90	
November 20	88	72	67
November 27	65	80	60

Our Gifts...



Year to date as of the week of November 13th, 2011

Budget Requirements	\$207,725
Tithes Received	\$211,245

Please remember and pray for our nursing home residents, those in the hospital and shut-ins:



J.B. Casparis
 Vicky Carbary
 Peggy Vickers
 Billie Crider
 Anna Lou Felps
 David Freer
 Winnifred Roser
 Melrose Sultemeier
 Gracie Wittkohl

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

PVT David Peters
 PFC Thomas Broyles
 Billy Upshaw
 Evan Kurimski

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Sunday School teacher volunteer needed for children's education hour for the months of December, January, and February. Volunteer can select either preschool or elementary class. Call or email Jan Christensen to volunteer.

Changes for your directory:

Annabelle Keene, 3000 Bissonnet St Apt. 3307, 3000 Belmont, Houston, TX 77005-4063

**The Blanco County Community Choir
 Presents**

**Friday, Dec. 2nd at 8 pm at the Community
 Church of the Hills, Johnson City**

And

**Sunday, Dec. 4th at 7 pm at
 The First Baptist Church in Blanco**



**DECEMBER'S MISSIONS
 OFFERING**

This month's missions offering will be split between the Methodist Missions' Home in San Antonio and the Methodist Children's Home in Waco.

Please put your offering in the basket as you come to Communion. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

December 2011

First United Methodist Church
Jan Christensen, Christian Education Director

Office: 868-7414
Email: christianed@jcbdtumc.org



Pre-Kinder — Kindergarten Class

Teacher
Volunteer needed



Elementary Classes

Teachers
1st—5th—Marilyn Walston

Jesus is Born

- Dec. 4 —The angel comes to Mary
(Luke 1: 26-38)
- Dec. 11 —Jesus is born
(Luke 2: 1-7)
- Dec. 18 —Angels announce Jesus' birth to shepherds
(Luke 2: 8-15)
- Dec. 25 —The shepherds worship Jesus
(Luke 2: 15-20)

Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Luke 18:16



Building Trust in God: Living with Faith

- Dec. 4 — Faith is believing what you can't see
(Hebrews 11:1-3, 7-8, 29-30)
- Dec. 11 — Have child-like faith in God
(Luke 18:15-17, Romans 5:1-2)
- Dec. 18 — Have faith that God has plans for you
(Luke 1:26-38)
- Dec. 25 — Have faith that God knows best
(Matthew 1:18-24)



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The TURKEYS Go On Strike



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

BLESSINGS

Dear Church Family, I appreciate all the prayers, visits and calls that I had before, during and after my back surgery in October. I am so thankful to have such a caring Church Family - all of you mean so much to me! Thank you so much for your concerns. God bless you all, Larry and Jerry Martin

Dear Friends, We rejoice with you in the exciting events in the life of your church! We have many fond memories of our four years there, and it brings us great joy to see the church flourishing. We regret that we cannot attend either celebration, but our prayers are with you. Grace and Peace, Bob & Shelly Ross

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ, Thank you for including me in the invitation to the Open House for your remodeled sanctuary. So many great changes have taken place in Johnson City since my years (1963-67) among you. ...We do hope to attend one of your Emmaus gatherings in the future. Warm regards in our Lord, Carl Taylor

Christmas J.O.Y. would like to thank you for your generous donation. Without you, we would not be able to provide Christmas gifts to more than 80 needy children in Johnson City. Your support shows you care for the children of your community and we appreciate you very much! Have a blessed Christmas!

Thank you for the opportunity to help serve a veteran on Veteran's Day by contributing to the Ramp Project. Sincerely, Elaine Galloway



The Head Start Needs Help



The Head Start program at Stonewall, which serves Johnson City children, has three needs.

(1) They're putting together a gift basket to raffle off to raise money for field trips and similar activities. The basket ought to include things kids like, such as toys, board games, books, gift certificates, etc. If you can provide an item or two, please do.

(2) Non-academic supplies, such as paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, disposable tableware, bleach, soap, big-size trash bags. Everything they don't have to buy means more money for the kids.

(3) Adult males to read to the children once a week, once a month, or whenever. Many youngsters lack good male role models at home, so interacting with one at school is valuable, and reading to them is a guaranteed hoot.

We are collecting dry beans and rice to take to Eagle Pass. Let's fill the boxes.

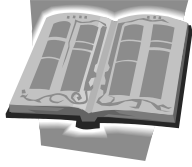
The McMurry University Honors Program offers academic scholarships ranging up to full tuition for four years to outstanding incoming freshmen. The deadline for application is February 1.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: ACT 27 or higher; SAT 1220 or higher; or standing in the top 5% of the graduating class.

For more information, contact Kim Poligala, Honors Admissions Coordinator, at poligala.kimberly@mcmurryadm.mcm.edu or (325) 793-4991.



DECEMBER LECTIONARY



December 4, 2011 [Purple or Blue]

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806)
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 11, 2011 [Purple or Blue]

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 (UMH 847)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18, 2011 [Purple or Blue] Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2011 [White or Gold]

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2011 [White or Gold]

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

Happy Birthday!

- Jayne Danz December 1
- Sally Wells December 1
- Darlene Young December 1
- Lindsay Breazeale December 2
- Bill Swafford December 2
- Kayla Kneese December 3
- Todd Kneese December 4
- Holly Liesmann December 4
- Jason Brothers December 5
- Jack Logan Rosales December 5
- Jean Anderson December 7
- Tess Mills December 7
- Joel Honeycutt December 8
- Lilli Philips December 9
- Ronnie Batchelor December 10
- Shelby Sultemeier December 11
- Penny Houston December 12
- Brooke Renfro December 14
- Jerry Sultemeier December 14
- Darryl Henson December 15
- LaVonda Renfro December 15
- Kristine Urbanovsky December 16
- Kaci Gumbert December 17
- Butch Philips December 17
- Bill Wiemers December 18
- George Barnette December 19
- Melissa Buchholz December 19
- Jim Odiorne December 19



December Birthdays continued

- Brittini Young December 19
- Wren Liesmann December 21
- Hagen Birck December 22
- Josh Brodbeck December 22
- Tammy Liesmann December 26
- Tom Walston December 28
- Ron Young December 28
- Amber Fry December 29
- Cindy Weiershausen December 30
- Jeffery Brothers December 31
- Dale Hardy December 31
- Earl North December 31

Bean jars are for sale again. Still \$5

Happy Anniversary!

- Steven & Susan Hill December 6
- Mark & Kris Urbanovsky December 17
- Will & June Dahmann December 22
- Glenn & Wendy Sultemeier December 22
- Pat & D'Lee Pickett December 28





"A Place to Grow in Christian Love"

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Return Service Requested

Hand folded and sealed with love especially for ...

DECEMBER 2011

The mission of the Congregation of the First United Methodist Church is to continue to be a committed fellowship of disciples sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ and furnishing a place of Christian worship, programs, services and facilities for its members and the people of the Johnson City area.



Worship Services in the Activity Center
8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service
10:50 a.m. - Traditional Service

Christian Education: 9:40 a.m.

The church office is open
Monday - Thursday 10 - 12 & 1 - 3
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Pastor's email: pastor@fumcctx.org
Secretary's email: secretary@fumcctx.org
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The members of the
Johnson City 1st United Methodist Church
invite you to their annual gift to the community,
the music, light and live-action

Living Nativity Christmas Pageant



Free outdoor shows and refreshments
at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 pm
Fridays and Saturdays, Dec 2, 3, 9 & 10
At the Activity Building, Ave E & Pecan