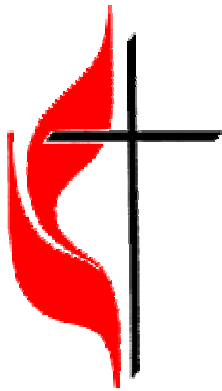


The Good Views



Advent Is The Time To Prepare For The Coming of Jesus

My clergy friend, Jim Norton, wrote recently in his church newsletter about a staple of our southern culture. Those little white signs that you see on the side of the road proclaiming “Jesus is Coming.” Along the back roads to Chattanooga and Knoxville, to Birmingham and Memphis, he said, you would see them reminding the traveler to remember “Jesus is Coming.” The implication of the signs is that we all need to prepare for His coming.

Today, Jim says, we tend to travel the faster, busier roads and rarely see those signs regarding Jesus. This development is a fitting parable for our

spiritual lives he believes. Our pace today is hurried, frenzied, and constantly changing in demands. We don’t move at the slower pace of yesteryear. Our constant explanation, complaint, or excuse is that we don’t have the time. And because of this we end up missing the signs, missing the reminders, and missing Jesus’ coming.

Advent is the four week period leading up to Christmas. It is the time to slow down and prepare for the coming of our Messiah—the one called Immanuel, God with us. Jim says that we should think of Advent as a sign. It is the season that proclaims “Jesus is Coming.” The

question is will we see the signs this year, will we travel the roads where we are likely to find him, will prepare for his coming and be ready when He arrives?

At Westview we will prepare for Jesus’ coming by offering opportunities to focus on the true meaning of God’s gift to us in Jesus Christ. This year why not travel a slower road and let the sign of Advent remind you of the truth “Jesus is Coming.”

Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

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Advent Calendar of Services and Activities

Sunday Morning Services 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles
 Special music for the season
 Singing familiar hymns and carols
 Hearing what Jesus' birth means to us

Choir Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 10

"A Thrill of Hope" created by Claire Cloninger and Camp Kirkland
 shared by the choir at both morning services
 Parsonage Open House on Sunday, December 10
 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
 drop by for a time of Christmas fellowship

Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17

6:00 PM in the sanctuary followed by the "Cookie Swap"
 see the little one's share the Christmas story in song and word

Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 20

5:00 – 8:00 PM with refreshments afterwards
 Join members of the choir in singing carols to the community

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Services, December 24

Two services to choose from at 6:00 and 11:00 PM
 A service of lessons and carols with the lighting of candles



Remember our Military Servicemen and Servicewomen

With Christmas rapidly approaching, I would like to remind everyone when you send cards to remember our Military. Even those who are not in Combat Zones can be stationed at remote bases with no chance to take leave and return home for the holidays.

I have been in this situation and know what it means to get a card or cookies from home. Let us step up and let them know that the church members are thinking of them.

If you know of any military who are not on our list in the newsletter please contact the

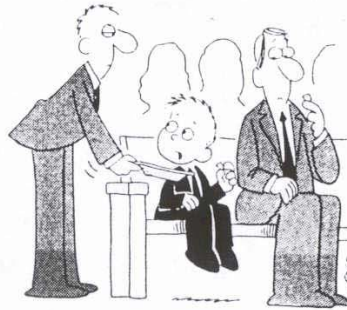
church office and add them.

Thanks,
 Chuck Dyer
 Witness
 Committee





"I'M GOING FOR THE WORLD'S RECORD ON HOW MANY BULLETINS I CAN COLLECT IN MY BIBLE!"



"DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMUNION WAFERS THAT ARE NACHO CHEESE FLAVORED?"



"LET'S SEE NOW ... WHERE DID I PUT MY BIBLE?"

WUMC New Additions:

James and Gretel Fischer would like to announce the arrival of two new great grand children:

Ella Nevae Bassham, born November 5th, 2006 (5lbs. 11oz.) parents are Tyler and Jenna Bassham.

Landon James White, born November 17th, 2006 (7lbs. 13oz.) parents are Kris and Rachel White.

Recycle Ink Cartridges—Free Paper for the Church

As many of you know several office product retailers offer a free ream of paper when you return an empty printer cartridge. When Gary was here he worked this offer with excellent results, the church has had plenty of paper to use, all for free.

Well, Gary is gone and we need some help. Members are still donating empty printer cartridges but we have no one to take them to the

stores and exchange them for free paper.

The church office would like to ask that if you are planning a trip to an office supply store that has this offer to please pick up an ink cartridge and take it with you and exchange it for free paper.

There is a basket on the window sill in the hall outside the Narthex for empties to be dropped off and picked up for return to the stores.

This is a WIN WIN. The church gets free paper and you get to recycle ink cartridges to help the environment. When you get the paper just leave it under the basket next time you are at church and it will be picked up for use in the church office.

Thanks!



POINSETTIAS: If you would like to place a Poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one please fill out the form below and place this in the offering plate with a check for \$10.00 designated for Poinsettias. The plants will be at the church on or before Sunday December 17th and will be available for you to take after the 11:00 pm Christmas Service on Dec. 24th. Contact the Church Office at 799-0250 to order by phone or if you have questions. The name(s) of your loved one(s) will be printed in the bulletin.

Poinsettia order Form
 Please reserve ___ Poinsettia plants for

My Name

My Phone #

to be displayed in the sanctuary between Dec. 18th and Dec. 24th. The cost of \$10.00 per plant. I am enclosing

\$ _____ in the form of a ___ Check or ___ Cash.

**My plant(s) are
 Given In Memory of:**

Or Given In Honor of:



December Birthdays

2 Maxine Romine
 Andrea Sanders
 4 Kayla Gulley
 5 Daniel Penner
 6 Jamie Cox
 7 Leah Thornhill
 8 Kevin Osborn
 9 Paul Newman
 11 Eric Fold
 Janet McQueen
 15 Phil Job
 21 Ed Britt
 Susan Gulley
 22 Josh Leek
 25 Karen Renner
 27 Alma Binkley



27 Frankie Bourgoyne
 Brittain Mangrum
 29 Kayleigh Handy

December Anniversaries

7 Joe & Mary Clinard
 22 Jerry & Ruth Cox
 27 Jim & Jeanie Handy



Ornaments Needed For Advent Tree

This year the Worship Committee would like to make our Advent Tree in the sanctuary more of a true Chrismon Tree by using ornaments that symbolize Jesus or the birth story in some way. "Chrismon" is a combination of the words Christ and monogram. A Chrismon Tree is decorated with monograms or symbols of Christ.

If you have an ornament that

represents Christ such as a cross, a lamb, or a butterfly, or an ornament that represents the birth story such as a star, or an angel, or a shepherd, etc. then plan to bring it on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, when we decorate the tree as part of our Hanging of The Greens service.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program; Consider becoming a mentor to a child in your own community.

Mentoring Opportunities: Our School mentoring program offers a set schedule of one hour a week with the

same child during the school day. You might help with academics, play games, have lunch together or visit the playground. With Community mentoring you share activities with a child that you both enjoy. That

might include fishing, baking cookies or going to ball games. Enjoy these outing 3 or 4 times a month with your Little, on your own schedule. For more information call Peggy Vann at 729-0726.

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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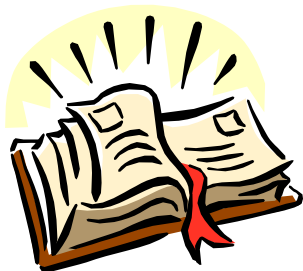
Please review this list of our community servicemen and servicewomen. Please let our office know if there are corrections to the addresses or if there are soldiers that should be added to our list.

Lectionary Readings for December

December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm
25: 1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke
21: 25-36



December 10, 2006

Second Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-
10 (UMH 756)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke
21:25-36

December 17, 2006

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Isaiah
12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7; Luke
3:7-18

December 24, 2006

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55
(UMH 199) Hebrews 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39-45

December 24, 2006

Christmas Eve

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

December 25, 2006

Christmas Day

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

December 31, 2006 First Sunday After Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm
148 (UMH 861)
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-
52

Calendar of Events

December

Monday, 4th—Special Budget Meeting
 Wednesday, 6th—5:30 Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 7th—WUMC Men's Group
 Saturday, 9th—Youth offering Parents Day Out
 Monday, 11th—6:15 pm Finance Committee
 7:15 pm Administrative Council
 Wednesday, 13th—5:30 Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 14th—WUMC Men's Group
 Sunday, 17th—6:00 pm Children's Christmas
 Program followed by the Cookie Swap
 Sunday, 20th—5:00-8:00 pm Christmas
 Caroling
 6:30 pm Youth
 Sunday, 24th—6 & 11 pm Candlelight Services

January

Sunday, 7th—2:00 pm Youth Party
 Monday, 8th - Trustees Meeting
 Wednesday, 10th—3:30 pm Art Academy
 5:30 pm Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 11th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Sunday, 14th—Monday 15th—Youth Middle School
 Mystery Trip
 Monday, 15th—6:30 pm Finance Committee
 7:15 pm Administrative Council
 Wednesday, 17th—3:30 pm Art Academy
 5:30 pm Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 18th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Wednesday, 24th—3:30 pm Art Academy
 5:30 pm Sprouts
 Thursday, 25th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Wednesday, 31st—1:30 pm Art Academy
 12:30 Youth Climbing Event

Ed Britt's "Sing A New Song" CD Available

Our pastor Ed Britt has released a CD of music entitled "Sing A New Song" that is available in the narthex. The CD is a compilation of Christian and inspirational music that

contains both original songs by Ed and previously released compositions. Each song is fully arranged and produced with a variety of instrumental backing. Cost of the CD is \$10.00 each with

half of that amount given to the church to help pay our 2006 apportionments. Pick up your CD this week or give them as gifts to loved ones and friends.

Max's Cloud Critters

"Hey, Mommy, look at that cloud! I see a lion and he's growling. I'm going to call it a LIONUS-SO-GROWLUS. What do you see?" What child, or even adult, has not played the cloud naming game? What if you could play this game anytime you wanted to? Even play it on cloudless or overcast days, or even while traveling on a long

boring trip? Max Sanders has created his first of several children's books he has been working on. This first book is an activity book called "Max's Cloud Critters." He has several publisher copies left over that will be sold in the church office. These books are fully laminated and are intended to be drawn on by the user. The marks can be erased

from the pages and new drawings made. The books will be sold for \$20 per copy, of which \$10 of each book sale will be donated to the church.

It's never too early to think about Christmas gifts for children of any age.

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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Wednesday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship

6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday Activities

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group