



The Messenger

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Christmas Concerts ready us for the Season

If you want to get into the Christmas spirit, look no further than CFUMC! Just attend one of the many musical offerings that CFUMC has this season, beginning this Saturday.

The Chancel Choir will present "Seasons of Wonders: Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas," Saturday at 7 p.m., and again Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature Christmas carols, complete with orchestral accompaniment. Then on Sunday, Dec. 14 during the 11:00 contemporary worship service, Crosswalk will present "The Baby Changed Everything," a collection of traditional Christmas carols, as well as new contemporary Christmas music that will highlight how the birth of Christ changed the world forever.

That same night at 6 p.m., the **Carroll Ringers, Celebration, and Men's Ensemble** will



Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec. 14
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
Fellowship Hall

present a program of traditional Christmas selections, followed by the Children's Choir presentation, of "Once Upon a Christmas Light," all in the Fellowship Hall.

SEASON of WONDERS



By JOSEPH M. MARTIN

presented by the Chancel Choir
Saturday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.
Sanctuary



presented by the Children's Choir
Sunday, Dec. 14 • 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Intercessory Prayer

Cindy Minish • Frank Ledbetter
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless
Nell Meadows • Bill Perry
Carolyn Mason • Doris O. Kaylor
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield
Mildred Lambert • Horace Carden
Audrey Albright • Matt Dixon
Scott Schindler, nephew of Tom Robertson
Robert Hodgins, father of Karen Hutcheson
Bobby Hutcheson, grandfather of Melissa, Rebecca & Lucy Hutcheson
Alex Robertson, grandson of Tom & Alice Robertson
Ashley Turner, family friend of Mark Barnes
Don Malone, friend of Bobby Sanders
Norma Jean Thompson, church landscaper's wife
Danielle Huff, cousin of John Cook
Lucille Walker, mother of Jane Walker
Gail Settles, friend of Melissa Smith and Sue McBrayer
Frank Satterfield
Shirley Digsby & Allen Payton, friend and son of Eva Haynes
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is expressed to Tommy Searcy and family in the death of his mother, Frances Searcy, Nov. 25, in Carrollton.
And to Dave Reynolds and family in the death of his mother, Eunice Reynolds, Nov. 26, in Columbus

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuenas, Hispanic Minister
Ernestine Maddox, Administrator

Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults

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Season of Wonders



During this Advent Season as we prepare for Jesus' birth, don't miss the Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata this Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. The choir with orchestra will present "Season of Wonders." You will not want to miss this. Let the choir and orchestra get you in the spirit of Christmas. This will be absolutely wonderful. You will be blessed. On another note, our "Live Nativity" will present the real meaning of Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 6, on the Square after the Christmas parade. Stop in for hot chocolate as you support our youth as they present the birth of Jesus. This will get you ready for our Live Nativity on Dec. 21 & 22 at 6:15 and 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the church. This is indeed a Season of Wonders. We do not want to miss any of the wonderful things God has in store for us this Christmas.

See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, light your Advent wreath, help someone in need, and have a great week!

Eddie

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Announcements

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the InZone, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

2009 INVESTMENT CARD

If you have not turned in your 2009 Investment card, we need to hear from you. Please pray about it, fill out the card and return it to the church office. We do not want to cut the budget. You can help by investing in what God is doing through Carrollton First UMC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Anne Snider, 424 Old Mill Dr., Carrollton, GA 30117, 678-796-0312

ATTENTION ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We need two classes to coordinate and provide hot chocolate during our Live Nativity celebration, Dec. 21 and 22. Please contact Kelly Glanton at the church office if your class can serve in this way.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Looking for a Sunday School class that addresses current questions? The Christian Fellowship Class (rm. 207) will begin a new study on Dec. 7 entitled, "Seeing Gray in a Black and White World," by Adam Hamilton. His thoughts on Religion, Morality, and politics will provide weekly discussions on such subjects as Liberal Versus Conservative, Situation Ethics and WWJD, Evolution, Honest Doubt, War, A Worthy Vision for America, and many more. If you are looking for lively weekly discussion, come join us at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

This Sunday at CFUMC



December 7, 2008
Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Sanctuary

Sermon: "The Beginning"
Scripture: Mark 1:1-8
Rev. Karla Otroszko

Special Music:

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Fellowship Hall

Sermon: Christmas Movies Part 2
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
"You Can't Stop Christmas"

Scripture: Matthew 2: 7 & 8; 12 - 18

Rev. Eddie Herring

Praise and Worship Music by *Crosswalk*

Special music by the Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir
Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Children's Christmas Party/Birthday Party for Jesus Dec. 10



All Pre-K through 5th graders are invited to celebrate Jesus' Birthday with pizza, cake, and crafts, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. PreK and Kindergarteners will party in the InZone and 1st - 5th graders will be in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost, thanks to a generous donation from a church member.

Make Reservations for Fellowship Dinner

A Sports Night Fellowship Dinner will be held, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009. Serving will be from 6 - 6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to wear their favorite college or professional team jersey, hat, sweatshirt, etc.

The menu will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, baked beans and brownies. Servers will be the church staff and there is **no cost for this kick-off dinner.**

Just fill out the reservation form below and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Jr. High aged children who attend Wednesday night youth activities already have a reservation for this dinner.**

Fellowship Dinner January 14, 2009

Yes I will attend!

Name _____

No. Attending _____

Phone No. _____

Our Positive Witness

Nov. 30, 2008

Worship: 439

9 am - 76; 11 am Contemporary- 182;
11 am Traditional - 142; Nursery - 29;
Hispanic - 10

Sunday School:

10 am - 346

2008 Pledges

283 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges

158 pledges = \$521,948.00

Nov. 25 - 30, 2008

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget \$30,818.00

Weekly Revenue Received 22,209.42

YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget 965,333.00

YTD Received 977,237.10

Designated Funds:

Memorials: Jake Harrison 125.00

E.H. Hearn 75.00

Sam Phelps 100.00

Missions/Faith Commitment 25.00

Youth Kenya Mission Trip 25.00

UMCOR 100.00

Transitional House 580.00

Good Samaritan Fund 535.00

Youth Building Renovation 135.00

Children's Home 30.00

Adventuring Ministriess 465.00

Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Roy Johnson, Dan McBrayer, David Smith, W.H. Smith

Greeters: Angie Cook, Christine Johnson & Barbara Tanner

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Derek Smith, Bill Carter, Donnie Dillard, Tee Green, Rayvan Teague, Bill Garrett

Greeters: Nita Barr, George & Jackie Ward

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Bruce Lyon, Clay Robinson, Mike Barrett, Bob Germany, Dan Camp, Bob Stone, Galen Hobbs, Jason Harden

Greeters: John Bergstrom, Gherry Gustafson, Jim Swinson

Acolytes - Sara Cody, John Martin Pilgrim, Maggie Barrett

Front Porch Visitation - Idys Overton

Youth Volunteers: Sr. High Snack Supper Dec. 7 - Lucy Dermo

Jr. High Snack Supper Dec. 10 - Ande & Staci Gibbs

Jr. High Chaperones - Tim & Debbie Tucker; Angie & Jason Pannell

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Dec. 7

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Contemporary Worship,
Fellowship Hall

11 am - Traditional Worship,
Sanctuary

11 am - Hispanic Worship -
Chapel

4 pm - Cancel Choir Christmas Con-
cert, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

6 pm - Sr. High Youth Activities, Solid
Rock Cafe

Monday, Dec. 8

6 pm - Financial Peace Class, rm.
206

Tuesday, Dec. 9

12:30 - 5:30 pm - Red Cross Blood
Drive, InZone

5:30 pm - Adventuring Ministries trip
to Cedartown

6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple III, rm. 206

Wednesday, Dec. 10

10 am - Disciple II

4 pm - Children's concert rehearsal

5:15 pm - KidZone Christmas Party,
Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm - Celebration

6 pm- Jr. High Youth Activities

6:30 pm - Men's Ensemble

Friday, Dec. 12

Adventuring Ministries leave for Lake
Junaluska