



The Messenger

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Two musical performances featured this Sunday

This Sunday will prove to be a music-packed day at CFUMC with *Crosswalk* presenting a concert during 11:00 contemporary worship, and the Children's Choir, Celebration, Men's Ensemble, and Carroll Ringers performing at 6 p.m.

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. The Carroll Ringers, Celebration, and Men's Ensemble will present a program of traditional Christmas selections, followed by the Children's Choir presentation, of "Once Upon a Christmas Light," all at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A reception will follow.



Madison Harris gets help fitting into her costume from Caroline Rothschild and Sara Cody, for the children's choir musical, "Once Upon a Christmas Light." The musical will be presented Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Carroll Ringers, Men's Ensemble, and Celebration will present their musical selections as well. A reception will follow.

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
Preston Thomas, father of Nick Thomas, Augusta
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

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
Ernesine 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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Win Pray Give Serve Glorify



Christmas is all about Jesus

The following are suggestions so you can keep Christ in Christmas. Be present as we proclaim Jesus' birth through:

- Crosswalk's Christmas Concert, this Sunday, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- An evening of handbells, Celebration, Men's Ensemble, and the Children's Christmas musical, this Sunday, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall.
- Live Nativity - Dec. 21 & 22, 6:15 and 7 p.m., Front Lawn
- Christmas Eve Worship - 5 p.m., 6 -7:30 p.m., and 11 p.m. Sanctuary
- Take an angel off the tree and bless the life of a child
- Ring the bell for Salvation Army
- Light candles of your Advent wreath
- On Christmas Day read Luke 2: 1-20 as a family
- Wish everyone a Merry Christmas
- Be present in worship as you prepare for Jesus' birth.

Jesus will be born. Christmas cannot be stopped. Take advantage of every opportunity to worship Jesus. Open your heart and let Jesus come alive in you.
See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, help someone in need, wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and have a great and safe Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Eddie

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



The Chancel Choir presented its Christmas concert, "Season of Wonders" last Saturday and Sunday complete with live orchestra.

Announcements

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of Skee Waid on her birthday by her children and grandchildren. The family is very appreciative of the support the church family has given throughout the year.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JAN. 14

A Beth Moore Bible Study will begin, Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m., in rm. 201. This study will be on Esther and taught by Betty Green and Libby Thomasson.

FURNITURE NEEDED

Our present client at the Transitional House will be moving into a Habitat House this week and is in need of a dresser and chest of drawers. If you have these items you would like to donate, please call Martha Thurman at 770-832-8962.

SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. Think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

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. You can pick up a card in the church office or on tables throughout the church.

This Sunday at CFUMC



December 14, 2008
Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sermon: "Party Clothes"
Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-4; 8-11
Rev. Karla Otroszko
Special Music:

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Fellowship Hall

"The Baby Changed Everything"
Christmas concert
by



Special music: Children's Choir

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas



More angels on Angel Trees

More angels will be on the Angel Trees in the church this Sunday. Thanks to the generosity of CFUMC members, all the angels from both trees were selected; therefore, the trees will be replenished so even more children can be helped. The deadline to turn in gifts is

Dec. 21. Please put all of the individually wrapped gifts in one bag, securely fastened. Please put names on all the gifts as well as on the bag. If you bring your gifts on Sundays, take them to the InZone building. If during the week, bring them by the church office. Selecting an angel will provide Christmas for a Carroll County foster child or one of our CFUMC Hispanic children.

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

Dec. 7, 2008

Worship: 705

9 am - 70; 11 am Contemporary- 345;
11 am Traditional - 206; Nursery - 32;
Hispanic - 22; Children's Choir - 30

Sunday School:

10 am - 440

2008 Pledges

283 pledges = \$975,251.00

2009 Pledges

190 pledges = \$634,828.00

Dec. 1 - 7, 2008

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget \$38,428.00

Weekly Revenue Received 30,941.07

YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget 1,003,761.00

YTD Received 1,004,578.17

Designated Funds:

Memorial: Jake Harrison 25.00

E.H. Hearn 125.00

Sam Phelps 40.00

Salvation Army 20.00

Hispanic Ministry 20.00

Youth Kenya Mission Trip 510.00

Homeless Offering/Pin Sale 15.00

Murphy-Harpst 500.00

Good Samaritan Fund 1,062.00

Youth Building Renovation 135.00

Crosswalk Band 572.73

Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Jim Carr, Harlan Carroll

Greeters: Merrell & Sandra Law, Myline Chappell

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Dan Minish, George Ward, Ben Garrett, Tom Glanton, Jim Reynolds, Bruce Sener

Greeters: William Traylor, Libby Thomasson, Charlotte Shackelford

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Paul Simpson, H.L. McCright, James Crews, David Miceli, Chuck Conerly, Gerald Pilgrim, John Trawick, Rusty Batch

Greeters: Glenda Banks, Betty Garrett, Lori Harris

Acolytes - Anna Schulenburg, Jack Garrett, Abby Herring

Front Porch Visitation - Angie Cook & Joan Jones

Youth Volunteers: Sr. High Snack Supper Dec. 14 - Cathy Gragg

Jr. High Snack Supper, Dec. 17 - Ben & Pam Gordon

Jr. High Chaperones, Dec. 17 - Krist & Ben Garrett; Larry & Suzanne Worsham

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Dec. 14

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

3:30 pm - Children's rehearsal

5 pm - Dinner for Children's Choir,
InZone

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

*This is the last Sr. High Youth meeting
until after the first of the year.*

6 pm - Children's Christmas Con-
cert, FSH Reception to follow

Tuesday, Dec. 16

6 pm - Cub Scouts Pack Meeting/
covered-dish supper, FSH

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple III, rm. 206

Wednesday, Dec. 17

10 am - Disciple II

5 pm - Live Nativity practice, Front
Lawn

6 pm - Youth Christmas Party, Cafe

6 pm - Finance/Staff-Parish Rela-
tions meeting, Library