

Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE

Please be generous this season with the best gift of all: blood which can save lives. Anyone who gives blood this Tuesday, Dec. 14th, will be eligible to enter the Red Cross drawing to win a pair of Roundtrip Delta Air Lines Tickets. The Blood Drive will be held in the InZone building from 12:30 to 5:30 pm.

HOLIDAY BABYSITTING

11th Grade Nicaragua Mission Team would like to provide babysitting services for Sunday School Class Christmas parties to raise money for the Mission Trip. Please contact Beth Teague at 770-328-6063 if your class is interested.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

The Confirmation Class will meet this Sunday, 10 a.m., in the sixth grade Sunday School room. If you have questions, contact KellyAmy at cfumcchristianed@bellsouth.net.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR SALE

Boy Scout Troop 138 is selling Gift Certificates from Honey Baked Ham in four different denominations: \$10, \$25, \$35, & \$50. Proceeds from the sale will help our troop with costs for the upcoming Scout year. Please support us by purchasing your Thanksgiving or Christmas ham or turkey from a Troop 138 scout, or Call Ed Ward, 770-830-7775 or 770-836-8272.

KIDSZONE FOOD PROJECT

Please remember to bring food donations for the Backpack Food Program. We will provide bags for the children until school is out for Christmas break. Items needed are canned meat, fruit cups, granola bars, mac n cheese, peanut butter and cheese cheese crackers, breakfast bars, small boxes of raisins. You may drop them off in the receptacles on the first floor outside the church office.



Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir

The Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir presented musical selections during 11:00 worship services Sunday morning. Shown above is their rendition of "Away in a Manger."

This Sunday's Christmas Events:

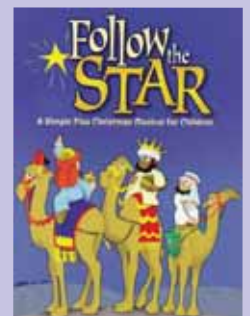


Christmas Concert

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship Service
Fellowship Hall

Children's Musical "Follow the Star"

6 p.m., Sanctuary
Music by Celebration,
Men's Ensemble, and Carroll Ringers



KidZone on Break

The children have had a wonderful Fall of KidZone! We will break for the holidays and resume, Wednesday, Jan. 12. A big thank you to the following committed volunteers who give their time, energy, and patience to the children each week: Ann Fletcher, Rachel Williams, Misty Lambert, Abby Cantrell, Bess Stoeber, Jennifer Green, Anita Buice, Mistie Waters, Beth Ayers, Jennifer Watts, Andrea Godwin, Beth Carter, Amy Lane, Laddie Carter, Rachael Robinson, Leanna Schulenburg, Pam Satterfield, Sarah Thomason, Beth Garrett, Dawn Criswell, Claire Cooley, Michelle Denaris, Linnie Dortch, and Alex Lawrence.

Soup Kitchen Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with Carroll County Soup Kitchen Soup Boxes. Here's how you can help:

Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. - noon: Pack the approximately 400 boxes

Dec. 13, 8:30 - 10 a.m.: Load and deliver boxes

Dec. 14 - 15, 8:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Distribute food from the Soup Kitchen.

Donations of food and financial contributions are also needed. Suggested food items include canned beans (other than green beans), soups, canned meat, plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly, boxes of macaroni and cheese, two-pound boxes of rice.

Contact John Maddox, 770-639-7871, Eddie Adams, 770-317-0423.

Our Positive Witness

Dec. 5, 2010

Worship: 80

9 am - 85; 11 am Contemporary- 192;

Traditional - 208; Nursery - 19;

Hispanic - 71;

Sunday School: 334

269 Pledges = \$977,365.00

Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2010

Weekly Revenue Needed 21,421.63

Weekly Revenue Received 40,446.17

YTD Revenue Needed 1,049,659.87

YTD Revenue Received 1,013,867.01

Designated Funds

Mem.: Maggie Jackson 25.00

Mem.: Jack Dunlap 25.00

Strong Tower Mem: Molly Garner 215.00

Nicaragua Medical Mission 447.00

Soup Kitchen 100.00

UMCOR 100.00

Wesley Foundation 150.00

Wesley Community Center 150.00

Hispanic Ministry 120.00

KidZone Backpack Program 275.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 10,000.00

Poinsettias 60.00

Youth Program 4,000.00

Good Samaritan 350.00

This Week

at CFUMC



Advent

Sunday, Dec. 12

9 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Church School

11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11 am - Crosswalk Christmas Concert, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe

6 pm - Children's Musical and music by Carroll Ringers, Men's Ensemble, and Celebration, Sanctuary

Monday, Dec. 13

9 am - Prayer ministry, Library

7 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30 pm - Carroll Ringers

Tuesday, Dec. 14

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Disciple I, Rm. 207

Wednesday, Dec. 15

9:30 am - Kindermusic, InZone

5 pm - Live Nativity Rehearsal, Front Lawn

7 pm - Youth Christmas Party, Solid Rock

Thursday, Dec. 16

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

Serving this Week

Ushers – 9:00 am - Jim Carr, Harlan Carroll, Zonna Lanier, Nancy Tunnell

11:00 am Contemporary – Dan Minish, George Ward, Ben Garrett, Tom

Glanton, Jim Reynolds, Bruce Sener

11:00 am – Paul Simpson, David Miceli, Chuck Conerly, Gerald Pilgrim, John

Trawick, Jay Trawick, Rodney Smith, James Crews

Greeters –9:00 am – Merrill & Sandra Law, Dan & Sue McBrayer

11:00 am Contemporary – William Traylor, Charlotte Shackelford

11:00 am – Glenda Banks, Betty Garrett, Lori Harris

Acolytes – Maggie Harden, Elizabeth Poncela, Mary Jane Cooley



Sunday, December 12, 2010
Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Liturgical Color: Blue

We Gather to Worship . . .

Gathering
Welcome & Announcements

We Gather to Praise . . .

The Prelude *“Echo Noel”* (Daquin) Tony Childers

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Surely God is our salvation; we will trust and will not be afraid.

Group Response (after each time the leader reads) **“With joy we watch for signs of God’s coming.”**

Leader: God is our strength and our might. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. **(Response)**

Leader: Give thanks to God, call on God’s name; make known God’s deeds among the nations. **(Response)**

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One. **(Response)**

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

(9 am) John and Anne Ball
(11 am) Dan and Linda Camp

*Hymn of Praise

“Joy to the World, the Lord is Come” 246

We Commune With God in Prayer . . .

The Call to Prayer and Confession

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

**Children’s Sermon (11am)

Amy Harris

*The Hymn of Consecration

“In the Bleak Midwinter” 221

We Present Tithes and Offerings to God . . .

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

“Child of God” (Crocker) (9am)

Men’s Ensemble

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Burkhardt) (11 am)

Tony Childers

*The Doxology 94

The Prayer of Consecration

We Gather to Learn . . .

Anthem *“Celebration for Advent”* (arr. Martin) (11am)
Chancel Choir

We Gather to Learn . . .

The Sermon *“The Least of These”*
Rev. Gerry Davis

We Depart to Serve . . .

*Hymn of Direction
“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” 196

The Benediction

The Postlude *“Joy to the World”* (Childers)

Tony Childers

*Standing

**Children are invited to join Mrs. Amy on the front steps of the Chancel area

Contemporary

Sunday, December 12, 2010



Gathering of the Congregation

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle The Ben
Garrett Family

Baptism of Katie Ann Coker

daughter of Jonathan and Jennie Grooms Coker

Traditional Wakes
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
“Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”
“A Charlie Brown Christmas”

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

“Hallelujah, Light Has Come”

“How Many Kings?”

“O Holy Night”

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction



First United Methodist Church

206 Newnan Street Downtown
Carrollton, GA 30117
Church Office (770) 832-7069
Fax (770) 832-7065
Pre School (770) 834-4370
www.cfumc.com

Vol. XXXVIII, No. 49 December 8, 2010

The Way It Used To Be

Over 20 years ago I met a couple whose names were Bea & Paul. The couple had moved to Georgia as a result of a job transfer. Paul worked for a multi-national company headquartered in Toronto, Canada. The move was very difficult because Paul & Bea left behind two fine sons, one living in Toronto and the other in Vancouver. Christmas came that first year in Georgia and Bea said to me, "It doesn't seem like Christmas, too much change!"

I remember the next year both sons came to visit with their new wives just before Christmas. I dropped by to make a pastoral visit and meet the "boys" one afternoon and discovered everyone in the kitchen making shortbread. Bea welcomed me in and said, "I know it's Christmas, but it doesn't seem like it. We are doing what we always do, but it's not the same."

The following summer I was asked to fill out a reference form for Paul & Bea. They were about the business of adopting a 15-year-old teenage girl! Things went well and Paul and Bea were now parents with a kid at home again. I went by in early December and Bea said, "I know it's almost Christmas, but it doesn't seem like it. We are doing what we always do, but it's not the same. Lee is a part of us now, but I can't tell her what Christmas was like before all the changes."

In a few years I had the privilege of performing the marriage ceremony for Lee and her husband. Christmas came and all the family gathered in Bea's kitchen for the annual shortbread baking. I dropped by to get my share only to discover Bea feeling a little blue. Bea said, "I know it's Christmas, but it doesn't seem like it. We are doing what we always do, but it's not the same. Lee's husband is part of us now, but I can't put my finger on why Christmas doesn't feel the same for me anymore."

Grandchildren came in torrents for Paul & Bea. Both their sons and their daughter all brought six kids into the family. Paul got very ill with cancer and died just before Christmas. I was there. I met with the family and saw them all together. Bea said, "I know it's almost Christmas, but it doesn't seem like it. We are not doing what we always do; it will never be the same."

It wasn't long before Bea found herself at the doorway of death. Lee stood by her bed and Bea said, "I'm so thankful for Lee, she has stood by me in the midst of so many changes in my life. Lee may be the best thing that has ever happened to me."

Christmas was just around the corner and Bea was preparing to receive all her family both for the holidays and her death. I knelt beside her bed and she took my hand and said, "I know it's almost Christmas and I think of all that I have. I thank God for Jesus who will save my immortal soul. He is the best thing that has ever happened in my life. This is the best Christmas I have ever had!"

Sincerely, Gerry

Intercessory Prayer List

Betty Jowers
Kathy Hulsey - friend of Michael and Kristin Poss
Earl Hefty - father of Kristin Poss
Ronnie Hopkins
Martha Hurst, friend of Nell Phelps
Debera Balcom, friend of Linda Powell
Nell Seaton, aunt of Ann Fletcher
Connie Walker, relative of Eva Haynes
Tommie Allen, aunt of Celia Ledbetter
Russell Hughes • Zoey Trantham • William Adcock
Linda Skinner
Patricia Hodgins, mother of Karen Hutcheson
Andrew Rodriguez
Samantha & Charles Cambron
Janis Copeland Wright, sister of Harvey Copeland
Robert Williams, friend of Andri Pilgrim
Kelly Sorrells, daughter-in-law of June and James Sorrells

Win Pray

Tommy Vance
Shaun Maddox
Douglass Fisher
Jeanette Jackson
Peggy Hughes
Cheryl Boyd
Frank Satterfield
Buck Chavies
Frank Ledbetter
Dixie Satterfield
John Alsina

Your Staff

Rev. Gerry Davis, Senior Pastor
Rev. Katie Mattox, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuentas, Hispanic Pastor
Pat Reynolds, Church Administrator
Kelly Glanton, Amy Harris, Coordinators of Christian Education
Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults