

The Messenger

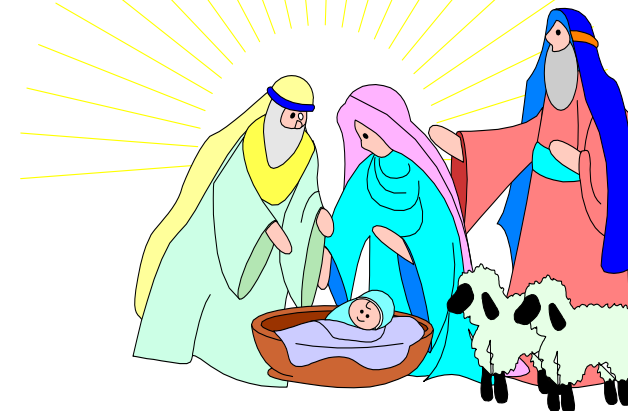
A PUBLICATION OF CARROLLTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CFUMC presents its annual
Live Nativity
Sunday and Monday,
Dec. 20 & 21, 6 p.m.
on the front lawn of the church.

Tony and Cheryl Childers
Christmas Concert
Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Following the concert, hot chocolate will be served. Come hear beautiful music, enjoy warm fellowship, and the stay for the Live Nativity!



Christmas Eve
Services



5:00 p.m.
Children/Family Worship Service

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Come and Go Communion

11:00 p.m.
Carols, Candlelight, and
Communion Worship Service

All held in Sanctuary

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Erickson • Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley
Buck Chavies • Frank Ledbetter
Harvey Copeland
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member
Jess Wiggins, nephew of Phil and Marian Wiggins
Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish
Julia Rodenburg, mother of Susan Manion-Galloway
Laurie Keirse, daughter of Francis and Don Martin
Cheryl Boyd • Debra Elarbee Wahl, friend of Jan Hembree
Carrie Smith, daughter of Kathy Smith
Kathy Hulsey, friend of Michael and Kristin Poss
Tom Harvey, father-in-law of Charlie Hubbard
Tanya Ferguson, friend of the Shunn family
Jason Cates, friend of Kerri Ledbetter
Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley
Marla Shettles, friend of Tom & Idys Overton
Mary McGinness, mother-in-law of Merrell Hubbard
McGinness
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is expressed to Laurie Gustafson and family in the death of her father, Oliver Thornton, Dec. 9, in Stockbridge.

Your Staff

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor	Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor	Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister	Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister	Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Rev. John Cuencas, Hispanic Minister	Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
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Win Pray Attend Give
Wow!

What a powerful two weeks we have experienced as we have passionately worshipped Jesus. Both Dec. 6 - musical with the choir, Crosswalk, and orchestra and the children, and Dec. 13 with the Carroll Ringers, Celebration, Men's Ensemble, and the Children's musical, "Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem." Jesus was worshipped and glorified. I have truly felt the presence of God in a special way. I know you have, too, because everyone is talking about the last two weeks. And we are not finished as we move closer to Bethlehem. This Sunday, Dec. 20, we will have:

- Piano and organ concert of Christmas music at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- At 5:30 p.m. we will be serving hot chocolate in anticipation of The Live Nativity.
- At 6:00, the Live Nativity will proclaim the birth of Jesus on the front lawn of our church in downtown Carrollton. This will be Dec. 20 and 21 at 6 p.m. Help me out by inviting your friends and family to come. It would be fabulous if we could have 3,000 people in downtown Carrollton to experience the birth of Jesus.

You will not want to miss any of the celebration.

Thank you for all of you who have taken an angel off the Angel Tree and have blessed the life of a child. Don't forget Christmas Eve with our three services at 5 p.m. for families and children; 6 - 7:30 p.m. Come and Go Communion; and 11 p.m. Candlelight worship.

'Hope to see you at church Sunday and at these special Christmas opportunities to experience Jesus, share Jesus, bless someone, and have a blessed week!

Eddie

'The Very Best Time of the Year'

The Children's Choir, Men's Ensemble, and Celebration are shown at right joining together to sing "The Very Best Time of the Year," during the Christmas Concert held Sunday night. The concert featured those groups as well as the Carroll Ringers for an evening of Christmas music and a children's musical.



Announcements

The flowers at the altar given in loving memory of Angela Sanders on her birthday, Dec. 22, by her family.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The church office will be closed for Christmas, Friday, Dec. 25, Monday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, for New Year's Day.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mindy Runyon - 12211 U.S. Hwy. 27, Franklin, GA 30217; 404-966-7010

BRING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our 10th grade Sunday School class is sending cards to area nursing homes. Please bring in any extra Christmas cards that you are not usingyou may drop them off in the basket in the first floor hallway near the church office. Thank you!

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Money is needed for our Good Samaritan Fund, which helps those in our community who need financial help. If you can give, please make your check out to CFUMC, marked "Good Samaritan Fund."

FOOD BAGS PROJECT

Thank you to those who have donated food for our food bag project. You may still bring food in..... instant oatmeal, granola bars, canned fruit, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cereal bars, apples, oranges would be greatly appreciated. These food bags will be given to children at Carrollton Middle School.

This Sunday at CFUMC



December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Sermon: Christmas Hymns part 4:
"Joy to the World"
Scripture: Psalm 98
Rev. Eddie Herring

**11:00 a.m. Contemporary
Worship Service
Fellowship Hall**

Sermon: Receiving God's Gifts: "The Gift of Love"
Scripture: Luke 1:26-38
Rev. Karla Otroszko
Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
John Cuentas preaching
Solid Rock Cafe

Angel Tree Additions



distribution on Monday.

We have 14 new angels hanging on our Angel Trees that are waiting for you. Bless a child this Christmas by providing them with Christmas gifts. Just come by the church during business hours this week and pick an angel from the tree. Please have your gifts back to the church as soon as possible. We will begin

Adventuring Ministries Upcoming Trips

Upcoming trips for CFUMC's Adventuring Ministries are to Niagra Falls & Toronto, and Las Vegas & Grand Canyon. The Niagra Falls trip will be May 2 - 8, 2010, with a \$75 deposit due upon signing up. Total cost is \$555 per person, with final payment due Feb. 24. The Las Vegas trip is set for Sept. 23 - Oct. 4. Cost is \$999 per person, also with a \$75 deposit. For more information, contact Dr. Dean Milford at the church office, 770-832-7069.

A Different Kind Of Christmas

Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems,
As we rush around buying up stuff.
We spend without end, and we rack up those bills,
But it feels like it's never enough.
So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:
Let's try to be more in accord
With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all—
Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.
We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind,

And we'll keep our priorities straight;
The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart
Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.
And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,
As we decorate, package, and trim;
Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,
As we try to be much more like Him.
By Joanna Fuchs

Dec. 8 - 14, 2009

Our Positive Witness

Dec 13, 2009

Worship: 527

9 am - 102; 11 am Contemporary- 179;
11 am Traditional - 155; Nursery - 23;
Hispanic - 68
Nursery - 35; Hispanic - 55
Sunday School - 10 am - 339

2010 Pledges to Date

184 Pledges - \$619,579.00

Weekly Revenue Needed	\$ 50,000.00(Amended Budget)
Weekly Revenue Received	31,431.70
Last week's revenue was reported as	132,917.82. It should have read 32,917.82
YTD Revenue Needed	1,058,684.00(Amended Budget)
YTD Revenue Received	1,041,793.70
Designated Funds:	
Memorial: Audrey Albright	25.00
Youth Mission Trip	200.00
Nicaragua Medical Mission	500.00
UMCOR	100.00
Angel Tree	150.00
Good Samaritan Fund	1,985.00
Hispanic	100.00
Wesley Foundation/Fish House	150.00
KidZone Backpack	650.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

Ushers: Bill Cook, Milton & Susan Berry

Greeters: Jim & Carolyn Sneddon, Nancy Tunnell

11:00 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tony Newman, Lee Barr, Karen Howson, David Godwin, Paul & Patti Allen

Greeters: Paul & Charlotte Penland, Jan & Tom Nielsen, Marni & Michael Flinn

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Jeff Gordon, Ben Gordon, Gary Cottrell, Ernest McClendon, Charlie Murrah, Bobby Sanders, Cal Johnson, Warren Daubenspeck, Mark Gustafson

Greeters: Peggy Gordon, Chuck & Michelle Conerly, Robin & Matt Street

Acolytes - Susanna Seeman, William Smith, Sam Tuggle

Front Porch Visitation - Idys Overton

Communion Servers for Dec. 24 - Linnie Dortch & Susan Helton

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Dec. 20 - No Youth Activities

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - No Youth Activities

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Dec. 20

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary
10 am - Church School
11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe
4:30 pm - Tony & Cheryl Childers Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
6 pm - Youth Christmas Party, all ages, Solid Rock Cafe
6 pm - Live Nativity, Front Lawn

Monday, Dec. 21

6 pm - Live Nativity, Front Lawn

Thursday, Dec. 24

5 pm - Children/Family Worship Service, Sanctuary
6 - 7:30 pm - Come and Go Communion, Sanctuary
11 pm - Carols, Candlelight, and Communion Service, Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!!

Saturday, Dec. 26

4 pm - Ogletree/Yates Wedding, Gathering Room