

The Messenger

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A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

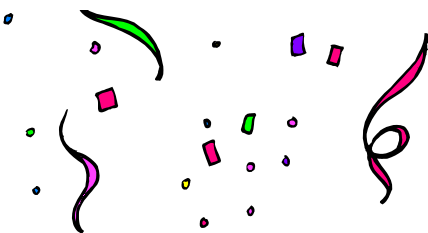
Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find well be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
Well see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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Carrollton First United Methodist Church helped provide Christmas for close to 200 Carroll County children through the CASA program. The church displayed "angel trees" with the names and wish lists of children. Individual members, Sunday School classes, or other small groups chose angels off of the tree and provided Christmas for that child. Shown are a Taylor Finleyson, Graeme Watson, Taylor Teague, and Dallas Dickey delivering sleeping bags for wrapping.

KidZone Resume Wednesday, Jan. 13

Pre-K and kindergarten 5 - 6:15
at InZone Building

Grades 1,2,3 meet and dismiss in room 206.
(5 - 6:30 p.m.)

Grades 4 and 5 meet in the
Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.
They will dismiss from room 306 at 6:30 p.m.

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Erickson • Jack Threadgill • Moria MacKinnon • Syble Gilley
Buck Chavies • Frank Lebetter
Harvey Copeland
Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason
Kitty Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert
Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member
less 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 Lebetter
Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley
Maria Shetles, friend of Tom & Idys Overton
Mary McGinness, mother-in-law of Merrill Hubbard McGinness
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others

Your Staff

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Ortoszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuencas, Hispanic Minister
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The Magi

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany day is Jan. 6. This is the time that the church celebrates the coming of the Magi from the East. They came searching for the newborn King of the Jews. When the Magi found Jesus, they bowed down and worshipped Him. The Magi will be with us during worship services Sunday. As we think about the Magi in 2010, may we follow their example: 1) may we bow down before Jesus; 2) may we present our very best to Jesus, and 3) may we passionately worship Jesus with all our being. May we truly worship this King of Kings and live our lives for Him. This is a great way to live your life in 2010--kneeling before Jesus, giving Jesus your very best, and worshipping Jesus with your whole self. I can think of nothing better that we could do. In 2010, may your life truly worship Jesus. See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, worship Jesus, give your best to Jesus, and have a blessed week! Happy New Year!

Eddie

Win Pray Attend Give

Announcements

MANY THANKS

The church staff would like to thank everyone who brought us Christmas treats during the holidays. That was so special and we enjoyed every morsel.

And thank you from Pastor Eddie and family for the expressions of love and appreciation you showed to them through cards, gifts, and prayers this Christmas.

U.M.W. NEWS

The Morning Fellowship will meet, Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m., in the Gathering Room.

The Katie Downs Fellowship will meet, Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m., with Jane Cook, 422 Oak Ave. Co-hostesses are Peggy Smith, Laura Garland, and Marilyn Wills.

JANUARY BOOK CLUB

The January book for Karla's book club is *Three from Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes. The book is out of print but you can order copies either from Horton's or online.

ADVENTURING MINISTRIES 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.

This Sunday at CFUMC

January 3, 2010

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

Sermon: "We Three Kings"

Matthew 2: 1--12

Rev. Eddie Herring

Holy Communion

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

Sermon: Receiving God's Gifts: "The Gift of Dreams"

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

Rev. Karla Otroszko

Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

John Cuentas preaching

Solid Rock Cafe

CFUMC Hosts Leadership Training



Leadership Training

Our church is hosting the Rome-Carrollton Training Event, Sunday, Jan. 10, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. There will be 13 workshops from which you can choose two to attend during the afternoon. Brochures are available around the church. Listed below are the courses that will be offered: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Services, Extravagant Generosity, Re-Think Church, Committee on Nominations & Lay Leadership, Confirmation, Finance, Prayer Life & Role of the Lay Leader, Methodist Church Structure, Music in the Local Church, Trustees.

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What is Epiphany?

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day.

Guitar Classes resume Jan. 25

Guitar lessons for beginners will be held from 5 - 5:45 p.m. for 5th grade and over, and Advanced Lessons will be from 5:45 - 6 p.m. on Mondays, beginning Jan. 25, in the Choir Room. Cost is \$12 for the book. Email Mark Barnes at mark@cfumc.com to sign up.



Our Positive Witness

Dec 27, 2009

Worship: 430

9 am - 64; 11 am Contemporary- 155;

11 am Traditional - 122; Nursery - 18;

Hispanic - 64

Sunday School - 10 am - 273

2010 Pledges to Date

194 Pledges - \$652,369.00

'Hannah's Sisters' meets Jan. 6

Hannah's Sisters Fertility Discussion Group will meet, Jan. 6, 5 p.m., in rm. 210. Regardless of where you are in your journey toward motherhood, you are invited to join with other women to get great support and learn new skills that can help you during infertility and beyond.

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

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

Greeters: Christine Johnson, Barbara Tanner & Myline Chappell

11:00 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: Maggie Barrett, Madelyn Tuck, Cal Martin

Communion Server for Jan. 3 - Sally Ingui

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Jan. 3 - Buck & Jeanne Swindle

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - Howard & Jana Seeman

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010

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

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

Monday, Jan. 4

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, Jan. 5

10 am - Morning Fellowship, Gathering Room

6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, Jan. 6

10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206

5 pm - Fertility Group, rm. 210

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

7 pm - Chancel Choir

7 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship, 422 Oak Ave.

Thursday, Jan. 7

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel

Saturday, Jan. 9

4 pm - Kunkler - Shadrix Wedding, Sanctuary

Reception, Fellowship Hall