

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

* Nursery Available

Sunday, December 6, 2009

- * 8:55 AM Sunday Morning Praise
- * 9:45 AM Sunday School
- * 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth Handbells
- 4:45 PM Awesome Kids of God
- 4:45 PM Adult Handbells
- 4:45-6:30 PM UMYF
- 5:00 PM Trustees Meeting
- 5:55 PM Children's Handbells
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday, December 7, 2009

- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class
- 6:00 PM Staff Christmas Party @ parsonage
- 6:30 PM Circle 3

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

- 10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

- 6:00 PM Family Night Fellowship
- * 6:45 PM Adult, Youth, & Children Bible Studies & Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 10, 2009

- 7:00 PM District Christmas Party

Friday, December 11, 2009

PASTOR'S SABBATH

- 10:00 AM Arthritis Exercise Class
- 7:00 PM Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 12, 2009

- 10:00 AM Children's Dress Rehearsal



Christmas Concert at Jesup FUMC

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm

Joy Kelley, Davida Phillips, Tori Ayers, and Mamie Alice Barwick will be performing wonderful Christmas music. Bring a friend and celebrate Christmas together.

OUR FAITHFULNESS November 22, 2009

Sunday School	135
Sunday Morning Worship	179
Evening Worship	100
Budget Needs This Week	8,626. 10
Receipts This Week	6,690. 00
Receipts To Date	317,092. 70



Children's Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 am

Adult Cantata Dress Rehearsal
and Christmas Party

Friday, December 18 at 5:00 pm

Pastor's Vacation & Spiritual Retreat December 28—January 6

Tabitha's Place

The following items are needed for Tabitha's Place on Dec 9th: institutional sized green beans or white acre peas and individually wrapped brownies. If you are able to help with these items, please contact Tommy Causey or Chandra Cox.

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

As Christmas draws near, keep in mind those who are less fortunate than yourself. Financial contributions and donations of canned food items can be made through First UMC. Mark your checks appropriately. A box for canned items is on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.



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Hope ... PEACE ... Love ... Joy ... Christ

It was the most heart wrenching time of his life; Henry and his wife stood in tears as their son left home to fight for the United States in the Civil War. There was a long period of silence during which no direct word of his son's fate reached home. And then, on Christmas Eve, a messenger brought news that their son had been seriously wounded in battle. He was alive but suffering. That's when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow sat down and penned his emotions into a song. Its lyrics include:

*And in despair I bow my head.
There is no peace on earth I said,
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.*

In a world where conflict is more convenient than compromise, where discord seems more inviting than discourse, where a quiet stroll through the neighborhood turns into the latest episode of "Cops," Henry's words ring true. There is no peace on earth!

Or is there?

To a war torn and conflict threatened nation, to people beaten and battered by sin and strife, God sent a message of peace. God promised a day when weapons of war would become instruments of agriculture, when even the Ruler would be recognized as the Prince of Peace.

Come, let us live in peace for Peace's Light is shining during this season of Advent and Christmas, let it shine through you.

Peace ... Tucker



The Worship Of God
Second Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: White
December 6, 2009 11:00 A.M.

THE PRELUDE Johnnie Hayes

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance, using the pew pads, during this time

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

The Bond of Love

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love;
 We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God, we are one in
 the bond of love.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* **THE CHORUS** (words below)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
 blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
 send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

* **HYMN** No. 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Child - Jacob Cox
 Joseph - Randolph Cox

SONG FOR THE CANDLE (words below)

Advent Song

Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
 candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light

Children through 3rd Grade are dismissed for Children's
 Church. A Nursery is provided for small children.

PASTORAL PRAYER

* **THE HYMN** No. 211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Ave Maria

Joy Kelley, violin
 Anne McGahee, piano

* **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 79

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
 though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
 and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Advent Prayer

THE GOSPEL Mavis Rosbach

Isaiah 9:2-7

THE SERMON Rev Tucker Lewis

Peace's Light is Shining

HOLY COMMUNION

* **THE HYMN** No. 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

* **BENEDICTION**

* **THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Redeemer come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;
 eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name.

* **THE POSTLUDE** Johnnie Hayes

* *Congregation Standing*



Hanging
 of the
 Greens

Thank You: We're indeed grateful for those
 who helped to decorate our church for the Advent
 season, for members of the Sunday School classes
 who readied their rooms, for those who offered
 leadership in Sunday Evening's Worship Service,
 and for Steve Card and his crew for the fine meal.

Thanks: David Amann for planning and leading a
 beautiful opening to our holiday season.

WELCOME VISITORS

*All who worship here enter into God's
 presence as family. Worship is designed
 to honor God and to strengthen us in our faith.
 We trust your experience has been a blessing
 and that you will join us again soon.*

THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

GREETERS: First Sunday School Class

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Lori Lewis

ACOLYTES: Amanda Sharp, Laura Raczkowski, Daniel Schleder,
 Richie Schleder, Alan Schleder, Madison Spradley

ALTAR GUILD: Diane Murphy, Frances Reddish, Beverly Thomas

VISITATION TEAM: 1

OUR NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Joel Dent

Bishop King has appointed Dr. Joel Dent to serve as our interim
 District Superintendent. Joel and his wife Joyce have served
 our Annual Conference faithfully and effectively. Messages of
 welcome may be sent to: PO Box 2054, Statesboro, 30459.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Sunday, December 13

5:00 pm



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 20

11:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Thursday, December 24

6:00 pm

Our Ministry of Prayer

Members: Mark Johnson, Fred Donica, Larry Collins, John Barry
 Nichols, John Lee, Kathy McCormick, Layton Martin

Friends and Family: Laura Haley (Marianne Patton's niece), Family of
 Rev. Joseph Roberson, Jack Smith, Dorothy Sponholtz (Louise
 Dear's sister), Jack Jordan, Russell McGehee

Shut-In's: Lucille Collier, Martha Gibbs, Tom & Sara James,
 Carolyn Littlefield, Adele Long, Ashley Madray