

Faith Calls...

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Pastor's Paragraph

December, 2011

Dear Faith Family,

A classic Christmas...just the phrase conjures up scenes of pristine snow, happy people, warm firelight, decorated homes, beautifully sung carols, ...*if only* that was how Christmas could be experienced. But with busy schedules, finances tight, and added stress this important celebration and worship in the Christian's life can be met with foul moods and missed expectations. However, there is a remedy. Come to worship. Notice, I didn't write "come to church", there's a difference. During these four weeks of Advent (the season of preparing for Christmas) *come to worship* and participate in: Singing the songs of the season, greeting others warmly and being greeted, welcoming guests, the quiet of prayer together, and being renewed by God's presence among us. Worship will prepare us to truly celebrate God's gift of love to the world-Christ, the new-born King.

Advent blessings to you,

Pastor Harriett

*Thank you for your "Grow Faith" commitments.
 Accepting forms through December.*

Invite Someone/s!



December 11th Worship Service, "Waiting for a Classic Christmas", will be led by the puppet team with music by the Faith Bells and congregational singing of carols and hymns. Invite others to join you for this meaningful worship experience! Members of our Puppet Ministry Team are outstanding and have had great fun preparing for this performance.



Faith Family Cross Wall

Each household is invited to bring a cross to be hung in an arrangement at the church. Crosses should measure 6" - 14" with a hole or hanging bracket on the back. The cross can be made of any material: Stone, ceramic, beads, wire, etc. Please bring by Sun., 12/18, and place on the table in the sanctuary. (This is one week later than the previously mentioned deadline). Crosses will be blessed during the service on 12/18.

ADVENT STUDY

The Journey

Walking the Road to Bethlehem

by Adam Hamilton

It's not too late to participate in this study of the nativity story that adds insight and depth to this familiar and important story. Books available at the FYI table, at Cokesbury, and Amazon. An advent devotional guide that compliments the study is also available. Check out the mobile app and more at www.JourneyThisChristmas.com.

Birthdays

12/4, Carol Dyson
12/5, Ginny Ryan
12/6, Bill Kennedy
12/10, Becky Lay
12/12, Jeannie Smith
12/17, Betty Caruthers
12/18, Peggy Oakes
12/20, Bret Hall
12/28, Ramona Patton
12/29, Herb Williams
12/30, Gary Horton
12/31, Sandy Burgess
12/31, Dave Dyson

Anniversaries

12/11

Don & Sarah Shelman

Upcoming Events...

- *Dec. 14, 7:00 a.m., delivery of Gift Bags to Salvation Army by volunteers. Deadline for donations, 12/4. See Ginny Ryan.*
- *Handcrafted Ornaments Sale, made by children & youth to support their mission opportunity.*

- *See FYI table for scheduled opportunities for FUMC Advent Study for children/youth/adults.*

SAVE THE DATE:

- *Rev. O.D. Turner will lead our Short Term Sunday School Class Jan. 8-29. "Spiritual Gifts" will be our focus.*