

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

**Sunday, December 30, 2012**

9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service

**Monday, December 31, 2012**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, January 1, 2013**

*Office Closed*

**Wednesday, January 2, 2013**

7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*January 6 Bulletin Deadline*

**Sunday, January 6, 2013**

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10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
7:00pm Praise Singers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)



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The Mission of the First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.

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**December 30, 2012**  
**4th Sunday in Advent**

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements** *Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew.*

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn No. 214 in the Hymnal** **“Savior of the Nations, Come”** Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

**Unison Prayer**

Lib Norton, Lay Reader

From our mother’s womb you have known us, O God. You call us to follow you through all our days and seek us even when we wander. As we advance in years, clothe us with your love, that we may grow in grace and find favor in your sight; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Silent Prayer and Words of Assurance**

**Mini Sermon**

Rev. Paul Wood

**Foundation Scripture Passage**

**Jeremiah 29: 11 — 13**

Lay Reader

“I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.”

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Colossians 3: 12 — 17**

Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation No. 881 in the Hymnal**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

Lay Reader

**\*Gloria Patri — Page No. 70 in the Hymnal “Glory be to the Father”**

Meineke

**Epistle Lesson**

**Colossians 3: 12 – 17**

Rev. Wood

**Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 2: 41 – 52**

Rev. Wood

FUMC STAFF

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**Sermon** "A New Wardrobe for a New Year " Rev. Wood  
(Sermons for a New Year, First in the Series)

**Pastoral Prayer**

\***Hymn No. 156 in the Hymnal** "I Love to Tell the Story" Hankey  
*During the singing of this hymn, the altar is open for those who wish to come for prayer and dedication.*

**Presentation of Tithes and Other Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem**

\***Doxology No. 95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old 100th

\***Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

\***Hymn No. 2092 in *The Faith We Sing*** "Like a Child" Like a Child

\***Dismissal with Blessing**

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude**

**\*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.**

**WELCOME VISITORS** — We welcome our visitors! Please fill out the attendance sheet with your contact information. If you wish to join the church by Affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership, please notify the pastor at 843-537-3635.

**FLOWERS** — The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Eutsler and Jan Eutsler Smith by Bill Eutsler, Sr.

**OUR PRAYER LIST** our president, our nation, Brady & Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' parents), Bailey Turner (8-yr-old from Ruby with cancer), Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Betty Thraikill (cancer—would appreciate visits and phone calls), Pal Moore, Kenny "Zeke" Alford (friend of Kelly Dusa), Louis Anderson (friend of Kelly Dusa), Harry Board, Sadie Murvin (Pre-School worker). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**CUSTODIAN DUTIES** — Kevin Chapman, our custodian, has a lot of job duties at the church. While he is so willing to help, his regular job duties are important. If you would like Kevin's assistance, please coordinate special requests as far in advance as possible through Angie. Smith in the church office. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. — The Staff-Parish Relations Committee

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS** — In order for contributions to be posted to your 2012 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements: 1.) The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2.) The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. 3.) The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Church Office will be open Monday, December 31 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm to assist you with year-end giving matters. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

**BANK DRAFT SERVICE OFFERED**— First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that effective in January 2013 we will offer bank draft service for monthly giving. Drafts must be established on a monthly basis. Drafts on your account will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day. Angie Smith our Administrative Assistant, will handle the bank draft so it will remain entirely confidential. If you are interested in this process, please contact Angie Smith in the church office at 537-7002. First United Methodist Church is please to offer this convenient manner of systematic giving at no cost to the church member.

**ORGAN NEWS** — Why aren't we using the organ in our worship services? The pipework still remains in place in our sanctuary-all 2,000+ pipes, but the organ console is in the workshop of Robert Coulter in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Coulter has been extremely helpful to us since we first contacted him in May 2011. One issue, which has caused a lengthy delay, was that the console contained some plywood parts; those sections of the console had to be rebuilt for the console to have a uniform appearance. Further delays have been caused by supplier error. We currently expect the organ console to be returned on January 2, 2013. For more information about this issue, you may contact the Director of Music.

SERVING TODAY	
<b>Head Usher:</b> Robert Calhoun	<b>Greeters:</b> M&M Anthony Harris
<b>Lobby Door Greeters:</b> Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter	<b>Hostess:</b> Marsha Butler
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Kim Williamson and Susan Marsh	<b>Acolyte:</b> Austin Sanderson
<b>Nursery:</b> Caroline Berry & Sally Smith	<b>Cross Bearer:</b> Greer Eddins
<b>Children's Church:</b> No Children's Church	<b>McArn Item:</b> Personal items and toiletries
<b>Counters:</b> Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph	<b>Flowers Next Sunday:</b> OPEN
<b>Alternate Counter:</b> Jerry Tucker	<b>Next Week's Lay Reader:</b> Chuck Barber

Last Week's Worship Service Attendance — 141; Worship Attendance in 2011 for the same Sunday — 129