UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC

Sunday, December 27, 2015 10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service

Monday, December 28, 2015

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

January 3 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Office Closes at 12:00pm

Friday, January 1, 2016

Office Closed

Sunday, January 3, 2016

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: Anthony Harris

McArn Item: Canned vegetables

Nursery: Caroline Berry

Hostess: Kelly Dusa **Acolyte:** Alex Lee

Greeters:

Lobby Door Greeters: Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Altar Guild: Sarah M. Therrell

Cross Bearer: Lydia Lee

Next Week's Lay Reader: Eric Dusa Flowers Next Sunday: Communion Children's Church: No Children's Church Counters: Jane Mayhew, John Moore Alternate Counter: Mary Burr

Worship Attendance, Dec. 20—165

Attendance in Worship the same Sunday last year—209

FUMC STAFF

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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.

December 27, 2015 1st Sunday After Christmas Day

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Greg Sanderson

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

Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)

Greg Sanderson

Christ is born; give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven; receive him! Christ is now on earth; exalt him! O you earth, sing to the Lord! O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Greg Sanderson

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son. Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelled, who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn No. 246 in the Hymnal "Joy to the World" Antioch

Children's Sermon Sara Sanderson

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Jenny Keefe, Lay Reader

Psalter No. 861 in the Hymnal (Read responsively) Psalm 148 Lay Reader

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881 The Apostles' Creed Lay Reader

*Gloria Patri

*Gospel Reading Luke 1: 47-55 Lay Reader

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer Greg Sanderson

Hymn No. 240 in the Hymnal "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings, Offertory

Greg Sanderson

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

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings with Prayer

*Gospel Reading Luke 2: 41-52 Anna Feagin, District Lay Leader

Sermon "Wisdom and Stature District Lay Leader

*Hymn No. 217 in the Hymnal "Away in a Manger"

(During the hymn you are invited to come to the chancel rail, kneel, pray to God, then return to your pew when ready.)

*Benediction

Greg Sanderson

*Postlude

*Indicates where you should stand if you are able.

Memorials for Flower Fund Poinsettias

Memory of Allison Toole from Roger & Margaret Wolfe Memory of Robert "Bob" Lockey from Micki Lockey Memory of J.K. and Elaine Motley from M&M Dallas Keefe

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 537-7002.

OUR PRAYER LIST — our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), DeAnna Starling, Mike Starling, Hope Griggs (Kelly Dusa's friend), Lindsey Griggs (Mary-Charlotte Dusa's friend), Walter Crosby, Becky Thompson, Carabo Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT REMINDER — Just a reminder that we have automatic bank draft for your pledge. If you are interested in signing up for this, please see Angie in the church office. If you are already signed up, your bank draft will continue to be taken out next year, unless Angie is contacted otherwise.

ITEMS FOR MCARN FOOD BANK — Sharon at the McArn Food Bank has asked for donations of gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, socks, blankets and toys. These can be placed in the baskets by the church office.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS — In order for contributions to be posted to your 2015 giving record, they must meet one of three requirements: 1) The gift is received and posted to your account before December 31, 2015. 2) The contribution is dropped into the offering plate or delivered to the church office on or before December 31, 2015. 3) The envelope in which the gift is mailed is postmarked on or before December 31, 2015.

The church office will be open December 21, 22, 29, 30, 2015 from 8:00am—3:30pm and December 31 from 8:00am—12:00pm 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. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS — The office will be closed Monday, December 28; and will close at 12:00pm on December 31. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

FLOWER CALENDAR — The flower calendar for 2016 has been placed in the lobby by the church office. If you have a special Sunday you would like to put flowers in the church, stop by and sign up.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas season. Our Christmas gift is greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to work with a supportive church.

Angie, Sara, Jack and Shane

The Chancel Choir did an awesome job this past Sunday! Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Shane

Dr. Thompson and I had a great time playing last Sunday night! Thank you all for coming out and supporting the music ministry at FUMC!

Shane