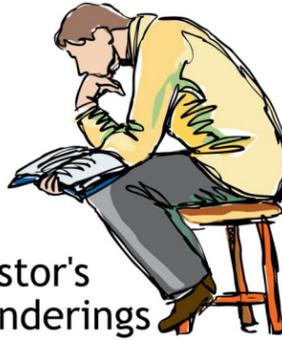


The Great Cookie Caper is Almost Here

In case you have forgotten, we are once again going to engage in The Great Cookie Caper. This will be our third year of surprising folks in our community: doctors, firemen, policemen, and other folks that make our community so special. We will deliver them a tray of cookies and a note from the church thanking them for all that they do for us. In order to make this a success, we need cookies--homemade preferred--lots of them. Our goal is at least 3,000 cookies--it takes quite a few cookies to thank everyone!

Here is how it will work. We need for you to bring your cookies to the church on Sunday December 6th. Immediately following the worship service, we will gather in the fellowship hall and start boxing and bagging the cookies. Once we have them all prepared, we will then deliver them over the next couple of days. If you have any questions, then please contact Patty Robbins who is in charge of this activity.

Pastor's Ponderings



The United Methodist Youth Are Planning a Lock-In

On Friday night December 4th, the United Methodist Youth are planning a Lock-in at the church. The event begins with a bonfire at 8:30 p.m. and the Lock-In proper begins at 10:00 p.m. We will let the kids go home Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. Last time, we found that it worked really well to have some breakfast casseroles. We'd put them in the oven around 5:00 am and start serving when they were done. If you would like to supply a casserole or other treat: cookies, chips, veggies, etc. then please contact Christy Smith.

Christmas Parade Hot Chocolate Give Away

We are planning on giving away hot chocolate this coming Thursday night at the Christmas Parade. We will set up a table downtown in front of the realty office on the main corner. Helpers are needed for this activity. A message will be sent out with times on Monday. If you want to help, please let us know in the office.

Please Donate to Staff Christmas Fund

Each year we take a special Christmas offering for our staff. The amount gathered will be divided among the following persons: Becky Rogers, Joyce Palmer, Rick Galyean, Robert Holbrook, Jan Tate, David Barker, Steve Guerreant, and Lisa Soechtig. PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to receive a tax deduction for this gift. Please make your checks out to CASH or enclose cash in an envelope clearly marked Staff Christmas Gift. We will collect these gifts through Sunday December 13th. On behalf of the staff, let me say thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Upcoming Events/Activities

NOW Team Has Begun a New Ministry on Sundays

The NOW Team has decided to begin a new Sunday Morning ministry aimed at children up through the second grade. We are going to call it Children's Church. The basic format of the ministry is that the children will be in the worship service through the Children's Message. Following the message, those up through the 2nd grade, will then go upstairs for a special time that will involve teaching, crafts, and activities. Persons interested in assisting in some way with this ministry should contact Patty Robbins.

Hanging of the Greens is Scheduled

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday following Thanksgiving. (November 29th) We are going to have the Advent wreath up on that Sunday morning, but we are not going to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season until that Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm. So please plan on giving some of your time that afternoon so that we can prepare our worship space for the upcoming Advent/Christmas seasons.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations to Meet

There will be a meeting of the SPPRC on Monday night November 30th at 6:30 pm in the Wicker Room. All members should attend this meeting. Members of the Committee are: Skip Skinner, Chairperson, Alberta Mitchel, Martha Spurlock, Rob Moore, Dianne Botts, Jackie Mainous, Donnie Ratliff, Angie Clendenon, Ann Whittaker and Chris Higgins.

Come to our Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Rick Galyean, has been working hard to get our Christmas Cantata- *The First Noel—Born is a King* ready for its premiere on Sunday night November 6th at 7:00 p.m. Accompanied by a small ensemble of brass, woodwinds, percussion and strings, the choir will take us into the spirit of the season. We need for everyone to commit to being a part of this event. You can do your part by deciding to attend. You can go over and above by bringing someone with you. If you have not attended one of our last few Christmas/Easter cantatas, then you just don't know what you have missed. So mark your calendar and join with us as we celebrate this Advent by preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The Trinity Companion Sunday November 29, 2015



FIRST SUNDAY OF

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Greeters: Nancy Allman and Peggy Beverly

Prelude

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

Call to Worship: "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"

The Lighting of the Advent Candle-The Toney Family

LEADER: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:25-28, NRSV)

The Wise Men and shepherds saw signs that foretold Jesus' coming 2000 years ago. Today we don't look for a single brilliant star to follow or for angels singing in the heavens. We look for other signs that Jesus is with us, signs that:

CONGREGATION:

...we are feeding the hungry, healing the sick,

...clothing the naked, caring for the poor,

...working for justice and righteousness at home and in our world.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!

LEADER:

And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus. And we light a single candle in preparation for that glorious day.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

*** Opening Hymn:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs.1-4 No. 211

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns.

Please raise your hand and wait until an usher comes to you with a microphone.)

Gloria Patri No. 70

Children's Message Patty Robbins

(Following the Children's Message, those children 2nd grade and younger will be able to go to Children's Church held upstairs.)

The Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Ushers: Pat Bowden, Patty Robbins, Kathleen Gillespie, Alberta Mitchell

Offertory:

*** The Doxology** No. 95

Musical Offering: "A Distant Voice"

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36 Chris Higgins

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon : "Living in Anxious Times"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Please join in the liturgy as it begins on page 12 in your hymnal.)

Communion Stewards: Jack and Cathy McClanahan, Phil and Patty Robbins

*** Closing Hymn:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221

*** Pastoral Benediction :** "God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

Postlude:

*** Please stand, as you are able**

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Holston Home for Children

Jason's dad has been in and out of prison his whole life. During his time at Holston Home for Children, Jason has been struggling with the decision to give his life to Christ. After spending days feeling the love and support of his peers and other leaders, Jason finally decided to follow Jesus. He was quickly celebrated and welcomed in to a family that would promise to build him up. As part of Jason's new family, please consider giving to Holston Home and the many other children that will meet Jesus because of your generosity. Please give generously today

UMYF meets Sunday nights at 5:00 pm for a meal and 5:30 pm for meeting.

Choir meets each Wednesday at 7:00 pm



Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Current Balance Forward Trinity Maintenance:\$976.22

Money Given to General Fund

Budgeted Need to Date\$142,425

Actual Amount Given to Date\$135, 330



Our Lay Ministers

December

Announcements

Skip Skinner

Ushers

Jack Williams, Ruben Allman, Spencer Quesenberry, Phil Robbins

Greeters

Alberta Mitchell and Pat Bowden

Scripture

6-Evan Clark

13-Pat Bowden

20-Skip Skinner

27-Kim Parsons

Van Drivers/Riders

6-Doug and Lucy Robinson

13-Kenny and Martha Spurlock

20-Pat Bowden and Diane Botts

27-Doug and Lucy Robinson

Children's Message

6-Kim Parsons

13-Christy Smith

20-Nancy Toney

27-Bill Cole

Nursery Workers

6-Kenny Spurlock

13-Pat Bowden

20-Paula Barton

27-Cathy Galyean

Money Counters

6-Diane Botts and Christy Smith

13-Kim Parsons and Pat Bowden

20-Martha and Kenny Spurlock

27-Bill Cole and Evan Clark

Children's Church

6-Mary Beth Allen

13-Kim Parsons



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

James Horne; Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Barbara Polly; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Sandra Rich; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry and Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy and Phyllis Compton's daughter)

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; Liz Ashley; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Patricia Redman; Jim Cooper

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Kenny Spurlock's mother; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.