

First United Methodist Church
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We thank God for.....

Chili Super Sunday, November 22 5:00 pm

We will meet in the fellowship Hall for a meal at 5:00 p.m.

Youth will decorate the Fellowship Hall with wreaths and a tree, Children will make ornaments. Adults will help set up the tree and wreaths in the Sanctuary and Narthex.

Bring your favorite chili and fixings. Tea and dessert will be provided.

Hanging of the Greens November 29, 2009

Sunday, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent . We will have a combine worship Service for the Hanging of the Greens. At this service the symbols of the Advent and Christmas Season are put into place and the meaning behind these symbols is explained.

9:45 am fellowship in the Hall
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Hope to see everyone!



Worship with Us

Sunday

9 a.m. New Creation Service

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

*5:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m. UMYF
YOUTH*

Wednesday

6:45 a.m. - Sam's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. A.W.E. Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. UMYF Youth

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

The Staff of First UMC Fairfield

Pastor

Rev. T. Paul Kethley

Director of Music

Dianne Murden

Organist

Cynthia Outlaw

Pianist

Marilyn Toothman

Secretary

Tonya Roberts

Director of Weekday Ministries

Cynthia Outlaw

First United Methodist Church Fairfield

"Serving God with Love"

November 19, 2009

Christ is Coming

Time to get ready again. All around Fairfield and other cities things are changing, decorations are being put out, Christmas trees are going up. This is the season of getting ready.

The question is, "What are we getting ready for?"

There are many answers to this question. We are getting ready to have family come to our homes or make visits to see others. We are getting ready for the Christmas Party at work/school/club/church/with friends. We are getting ready to see the Christmas lights and hear the carols. We are making all necessary preparations to celebrate Christmas.

But are we prepared to receive Mary and Joseph when they come knocking on our door seeking a place to spend the night? Are we preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

Advent is a season of preparation that begins the Christian year. We use this time to intentionally prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into the world. As we worship we will share the sacred story in word and songs. As we continue to get ready for Christmas, let's be intentional about preparing to receive God's gift.

I'll see you in worship,

Pastor Paul

Charge Conference

**Saturday, November 21, 2009
4:00 p.m.
FUMC Sanctuary**

FUMC PRAYER MINISTRY

FUMCEPRAYERS@YAHOO.COM

STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- ◆ Bob Adams
- ◆ Sonny Andrews (Patsy Ahlfinger's Son)
- ◆ Bob Brandt
- ◆ Stanton Brown
- ◆ Ginger Choucair
- ◆ Juliette Coleman
- ◆ Lucy Corne
- ◆ Morris DeFriend
- ◆ Amy Ernest
- ◆ Jamie Filis
- ◆ James Hardison
- ◆ Betsy Keller (homebound)
- ◆ Don Knapp
- ◆ Reba Long (homebound)
- ◆ Mary Marberry
- ◆ Don McLeod
- ◆ Cindy Neal
- ◆ Jackie Parker
- ◆ Kathy Pate (Robert Gentry's Sister)
- ◆ Marty Patterson
- ◆ Don Patton
- ◆ Mary Kay Stator
- ◆ Eddie Tarrant
- ◆ Carol Taylor
- ◆ William Van Houten (Patsy Ahlfinger's brother)
- ◆ Tonja Vaughan
- ◆ Patricia Wattis
- ◆ Natasha Webster
- ◆ Doug Wells

PERSONS IN LOCAL NURSING HOME FACILITIES

- ◆ Larry Bonner
- ◆ Lee Clark
- ◆ Dorothy Cryer (Mary Awalt's mother)
- ◆ Mattie Medford
- ◆ Virginia Vodicka

THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

- ◆ Brandon Ball - Marines
- ◆ Colby Barker - Air Force
- ◆ Chris Baehr - Afghanistan
- ◆ Kelly Bean - Iraq
- ◆ Maria Berger - Army
- ◆ Damon Box - Iraq
- ◆ Ian Burns - Afghanistan
- ◆ Jordan Burton
- ◆ Justin Coleman
- ◆ Chad Day - Marines
- ◆ Michael Faulkner
- ◆ Chris Marr - Army
- ◆ Ryan Mathison - Afghanistan
- ◆ Angela Murphy
- ◆ Terry Oliver
- ◆ Cody Posey - Afghanistan
- ◆ Trent Satterwhite - Air Force
- ◆ Shane Whicher - Iraq

Who's in the Hospital?

Please contact the church office to let us know if you or someone you know is in the hospital or otherwise in need of a visit.

We are always ready to pray for one another and to visit as needed. Please allow the church to serve you and your family.

Church Office 903-389-2225
 Pastor Paul 903-388-8336



Memorials & Honorariums

Memorial Gifts

Gifts to Capital Building Fund

*In memory of Tom (Tuck) Bonner
 by, J.R. & Lucy Corne*

*In memory of Adelle Hulum
 (Cynthia Kethley's mother)
 by Chancel Choir*

***Remember to indicate the person or persons your memorial or honorarium is for and what fund is to be credited, i.e. Capital, Building, Choir, Youth, etc.*

Reminder

Pledge Cards are due.
 If you have already turned one in thank - you for your faith and commitment.
 Please complete and return your pledge card to the church.

Thank you



For the Month of December
 Mac & Cheese



For the month of December

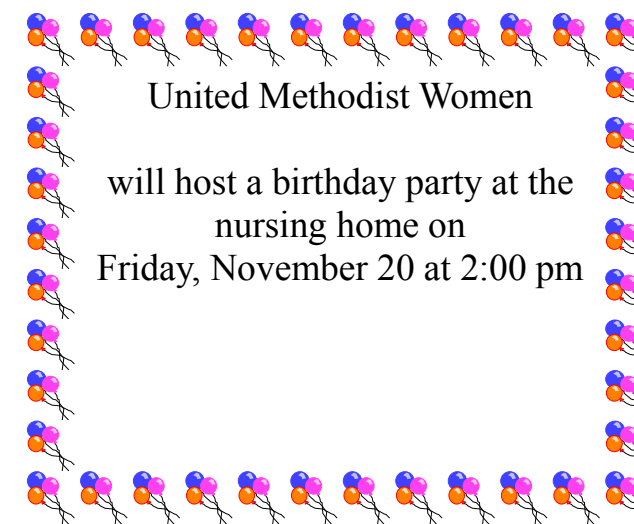
Lay Readers:
 December 6 Kevin Benedict

Ushers:
 Joe Schick, Sonny Schick, Ed Smith
 Bill Whitson

Counters:
 December 6 Linda Grant
 December 13 Joe Schick
 December 20 Jenny Calame
 December 27 John Thorne

Altar Flowers Given By:

December 13 Donna & Michael Landers
 December 20 Bob & Billie Pearson



United Methodist Women

will host a birthday party at the nursing home on Friday, November 20 at 2:00 pm

CHURCH BUSINESS

New Building Financial Position

Offerings 2009	37,000
Offerings 2008	126,560
Offerings 2007	200,237
Offerings 2006	386,499
Total	713,296
Interest paid 2007	40,042
Interest paid 2008	72,022
Interest paid 2009	57,540
Principal paid 2007	30,392
Principal paid 2008	55,935
Principal paid 2009	47,221
Note Balance	1,033,121.80

Our Faithfulness

November 8
 New Creation Service: 45
 Sunday School: 45
 Worship : 115
 General Fund: \$ 8,343.43
 Building Fund: \$ 60.00

November 15
 New Creation Service: 72
 Sunday School: 69
 Worship : 113
 General Fund: \$ 7,313.30
 Building Fund: \$ 205.00

Church Finances 2009 Giving

January	29,393.05	Prorated Monthly Budget Need	
February	30,611.85		\$38,689.33
March	36,815.19	Monthly Building Note	
April	30,174.47		\$11,633
May	35,673.31	Prorated Monthly Need For Budget	
June	27,960.86	Including Building Note	
July	29,552.38		\$50,322.33
August	31,610.82		
September	27,458.05		
October	39,340.95		

Worship in December

Several weeks ago we started a church wide conversation about worship. There are many who enjoy the times we worship together and would like to move toward one worship service. There are also many who enjoy the two services we presently have. Some like informal while others like formal. Some appreciate piano and organs and others drums and guitars. What has become clear through this conversation is that worship is very important to our congregation.

Our worship services are planned to help a variety of people make a meaningful connection with God through music, prayer, images and word. That is why we have two worship services. There are appropriate times when we combine our worship services to celebrate together.

We will have a combined worship service on the First Sunday of Advent for the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m. We will resume both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on December 6.

Thank you all for your thoughtful and prayerful input to this conversation.

Pastor Paul

Office Holiday Hours

November 25 - Closed

November 26 - Closed

November 27 - Closed



December Birthday's

- 1 Ann Gatlin
- 2 Linda Meiske & Michael Pratt
- 3 Dane Allman & Kay Turner
- 4 Kay Coleman & Sonny Schick
- 5 Jinee Ray
- 7 Charlie Micheletti & Stephanie Thorne
- 8 Paula Wade
- 9 Robert Gentry, Travis Robertson &
- 10 Brenda Moore
- 11 Tim Chappell
- 12 Courtney Eidson & Patsy Emmons
- 13 Donna Landers, Pam Steward & Dee Whitson
- 14 Buzz Hamilton
- 15 Don Awalt, Reed Jackson & Billie Sell
- 17 Lauren Cole & Jeff Taylor
- 18 Juliette Coleman, Nikki Fernandes & Millie McLeod
- 19 Katie Berger, Taylor Moore & Becky Sandlin
- 20 Morris DeFriend, Lisa Epp, Linda Grant, Michael Landers, Michael Mooneyham, Jennifer Russell & Kristi Sleziak
- 21 Jackie DeFriend, Terry Lair & Karen Smith
- 23 Kurt Kropp
- 24 Casey Elliott
- 25 Neil Bass
- 26 Cameron Barker
- 28 Sarie Hill
- 29 Brian Jackson & Cassie Robertson
- 30 Shelby Sandlin
- 31 Ron Lacey



December Anniversaries

- 3 Kenny & Nicole Hughes
- 6 Homer & Billie Bond
- 10 W.O. & Traci Wetzal
- 11 Keith & Penny Meredith
- 12 Edwin & Karen Smith
- 16 Randy & Sony Maness
- 18 Mike & Carol Chappell Guy & Dianne Murden
- 22 Bob & Billie Pearson
- 24 Lee & Eleanor Clark
- 29 Lyle & Sally Red
- 31 Steve & Debbie Rash

Angel Tree

The Fairfield Ministerial Fellowship is working with the school counselors to identify families in need of assistance during the Christmas Season. Watch for Angel Trees to begin appearing in local banks as well as in the FUMC Narthex. Be praying about how you will participate in this community wide ministry opportunity.

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

Sermon Series

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

I SAMUEL 1:4 - 20
HANNAH'S PRAYER



ISAIAH 9:2,6-7
HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE



December 2

A.W.E. Dinner

Children's Menu

PBJ

We welcome all to come and fellowship with us.

Hope to see you there!

Baked Pork Chops

Au Gratin Potatoes

Caesar Salad

Rolls

Banana Pudding