

Order of Worship 8:45 a.m., December 13, 2009

+Stand as you are able

Welcome, Announcements, and signing the Friendship Pads Rev. Werner
Passing the Peace of Christ "May the grace and peace of Christ be with you."

Prelude Carole Hall

Worship Leader: Peg Jones

Greeting

What have we done to deserve God's presence with us?
What could we do to earn God's love?
Not a single thing. For this is how God loves, freely, fully, without condition.
We gather to celebrate God's love and praise God

+Opening Hymn "People, Look East" p. 202

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed p. 881

+ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

Litany "To Listen, To Look" by Ann Weems, Kneeling in Bethlehem

Is it all sewn up – my life?
Is it at this point so predictable, so orderly, so neat, so arranged, so right,
**That I don't have time or space
for listening for the rustle of angels' wings
or running to stables to see a baby?**
Could this be what he meant when he said
Listen, those who have ears to hear...
Look, those who have eyes to see?
**O God, give me the humbleness of those shepherds
who saw in the cold December darkness
the Coming of Light
the Advent of Love !**

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle Mary Lou Pitzer and Margaret Ann Holt

Children's Moment Mary Lou Pitzer
We provide a staffed nursery for infants – 5 yr. old during 8:45 worship and 11:00 am worship.
Children's Church is provided during the 11:00 am worship for ages 3-6.

Blessings Gathering of Prayers

Sung Prayer "Emmanuel" p. 204

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Worship Leader

Receiving the Offering

Offertory

+Doxology

Musical notation for the first line of the Doxology with lyrics: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all

Musical notation for the second line of the Doxology with lyrics: creatures here below. Praise God above, ye

Musical notation for the third line of the Doxology with lyrics: heaven-ly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Scripture Luke 3:1-6 BB p. 60 RB p. 56

Special Music "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life" Norma Polley

Sermon "A Grown-Up Christmas List" Rev. Werner

+Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" p. 211, v. 3 & 4

+Benediction
"I know not always how God comes, but that God comes often, my friends, incarnate in you. For God, I believe, still comes in the flesh, in people. Now and always may the Christ in you keep you a sign of living love and love living among us."

+Sung Benediction "When They Saw the Star" Congregation

+Postlude

Scripture Reading for Dec. 20
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45



Sunday, December 13

Happy Birthday Veronica Applebee & Barbara Kendall!

Bible Study Rm. 10
Seekers w/ Gary SH. A
Bible Basics Pastor's Office
Nursery – 2 Rm. 15
3 & 4 yrs. Rm. 6
K – 1st Rm. 8
2nd – 3rd Rm. 18
4th – 5th Rm. 17
6th – 8th Rm. 16
9th – 12th Rm. 4
11:00 am Cantata
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm UMYF

Monday, December 14

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 15

Happy Birthday Samantha Lamm & Dotty Little!

Wednesday, December 16

11:00 am Prayer
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 17

Happy Anniversary
Spencer & Ruby Courtney!

7:00 pm Al-Anon

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

Happy Birthday Brenda Trant!

6:00 pm 4 C's Sleighride
7:00 pm Bridge

Can you help us in worship?

We need four ushers and four candle lighters for our Christmas Eve services, 7 and 9 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.



UMYF ...AT A GLANCE!

12/13 (TODAY) 7:00-8:30 CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

****please bring a wrapped gift to exchange/steal! :o)**

(\$15 limit please) and middle school youth...a SWEET

TREAT/DESSERT to share...

high school youth...a 2 liter bottle of soda to share!

12/20 (Sunday) Christmas Card Delivery Day! (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!)

****please attend 0845 service. We will begin sorting after Sunday School,**

have lunch (provided) then hit the delivery trail! Adult/Parent drivers

needed! Please contact Dixie Davis at 371-2528 if you can help out!

NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED UMYF meeting 12/20.

12/27 NO UMYF over Christmas Break!

SERVICE PROJECT REMINDER! TODAY!! 3:00-4:30

Please arrive promptly at Andrew Chapel UMC to prepare sandwiches & pack food bags for delivery to the D.C. homeless!

EACH CONFIRMAND IS ASKED TO BRING:

1 box (12 count) oatmeal crême pies AND

1 box (8 count) peanut butter snack crackers

Any questions please contact Dixie Davis at 371-2528. If you would like to go to

DC to help distribute the food to the homeless, please contact Pastor Teague

directly at Andrew Chapel UMC.

FAMILY MINISTRIES invites EVERYONE!

Oh, hear those sleigh bells jinglin'...

CAROLING FOR CHRIST SLEIGH RIDE

Join us! We'll be laughing all the way!

Saturday, 19 December 2009

5:30 pm Come help *whimsically decorate our sleigh!

*Bring any "extra decorations" you may have on hand!

(Garland, wreaths, battery operated lights...)

6:00 pm St. Matthias' Sleigh departs for "...over the river and

through the woods..." to The Hughes Home and The

Woodmont Home...caroling all the way!

7:30 pm Sleigh returns to St. Matthias for Hot Cocoa and Christmas cookies!

PLEASE BRING:

- **A dozen cookies to share!**
- **Blankets to sit on & wrap up in!**
- **Flashlight (to read music in dark)**
- **Sleigh decorations**
- ****A gift for Baby Jesus!**

****All gifts will be given to The Hope House, in Jesus' name!**

They have asked for gift cards from Walmart, Kmart, Lowes, Giant or Food

Lion...remember script cards are available in the church office and would be a

benefit and blessing to St. Matthias as well! (A two-fer!)

Please sign up on narthex or family ministry bulletin board!



**Saint Matthias
United Methodist Church**

Third Sunday of Advent

Nursery and Children's Sunday School

8:45 & 11:00 Worship:

Staffed nursery for infants – 5 yrs.

Sunday School 9:45 – 10:45:

Nursery for infants – 2 yrs.

11:00 Worship:

Children's Church for 3 – 6 yrs.

after Children's message during service.

Sunday School Classes:

for ages 3 – grade 12



... front door accessible

... wheelchair available



... amplified earphones and telecoil loops are in the basket on the shelf at the sanctuary door.

Large Print Bulletins- Available by request to an Usher.

Here to Serve Christ and You:

Congregation

Pastor

Nursery Provider

Choir Director/Accompanist

Custodian

Administrative Assistant

District Superintendent

Resident Bishop

All are Ministers

Rev. Paula P. Werner

Judy Purinton

Carole Hall

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Attendance: December 6, 2009

Sunday School: 59

Assisted Living: 29

Finance: Weekly Need: \$5,287.70

Last Sunday: \$9,240.75