

+Stand as you are able

*Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees, finally knows love.**And in heaven there is great rejoicing!**The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed!*

Ann Weems

Welcome, Announcements, and Signing the Friendship Pads

Rev. Werner

Passing the Peace of Christ "May the grace and peace of Christ be with you."

Bicycle Dedication

Mary Lou Pitzer and Children

Prelude

Carole Hall

Worship Leader 8:45 Dianne Moore 11:00 Dave Hogue

+Call to Worship

God of the good news, in the fullness of my life,

empty me of distractions. Still my busyness. Quiet my thoughts.

Sing your song of grace to me

until the tune rings in the core of my being and my life resonates with your good news.

God of surprises, just as you came as a baby two thousand years ago, you will come in unexpected ways.

Help us recognize you in the faces of strangers and loved ones.**Open us to receive you and others as gifts in our lives.**

+Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

A Shepherd

Roy Werner

Baptism

11:00 a.m. Haleigh Elyse Roland

Confirmation Service

Congregational Response

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Children's Moment

8:45 Rosemary Balgavy 11:00 Linda Reichard

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

Sung Prayer

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

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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.

Special Music

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Choir

Scripture

Ephesians 1:15-18a

BB p. 192, RB p. 181

Sermon

Telling the Story of Hope

Rev. Werner

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, in all the ways we have failed to love and serve, forgive us, we pray. Redeem us to walk in your holy way. Amen.

Communion Service

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise....**

...we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.***You may place your gifts, tithes and offerings in the plate, held by the ushers, as you come for communion. The love offering, collected in the baskets at the sides, will be used by the pastor for the emergency needs of those in our community. Thank you for helping our neighbors.*

+Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

p. 211, v. 1 & 2

+Benediction

"I know not always how God comes, but that God comes – this I know: in an obscure stable, in splashing baptismal waters, in the breaking of communion bread, and 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

*All are invited to a reception honoring the Confirmands after the 11 a.m. service in the Social Hall.***Congratulations Confirmands!!****Confirmands**Robbie Anderson
Beth Barnes
Jacob Berry
Stephanie Bornholtz
Alexis Bush
Shelby Davis
Kara Hogue
Gabrielle Hull
Haleigh Roland
Rachel Scarcia
Riley Wilkerson**Parents**Greg & Betsy Anderson
Darryl & Doreen Barnes
Jeff & Laraye Berry
Tim & Lisa Bornholtz
Jeff & Paula McClure
Mick & Dixie Davis
Dave & Rosa Hogue
Catherine Hull
Sherrie & Mike Roland
Domenic & Lisa Scarcia
Larry & Regina Wilkerson**Mentors**Jr. Posey
Brenda Trant
A.C. Glover
Linda Reichard
Rosa Hogue
Erin Wetzel
Brenda Wood
Erin Wetzel
Dixie Davis
Dixie Davis
Eileen Rivera***This Week at a Glance*****Sunday, December 6**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
12:00 pm Reception
12:00 pm Kid's Club
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm UMYF**Monday, December 7***Happy Birthday Charles Kendall & Jacob Morgan!**Happy Anniversary Russ & Bonnie Gardner!*

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 8**Wednesday, December 9**10:00 am UMW Mtg.
11:00 am Prayer
12:00 pm UMW Christmas Luncheon
7:00 pm Finance
7:00 pm Choir**Thursday, December 10***Happy Birthday Doreen Barnes & Mary Lou Wade!**Happy Anniversary Evette Russett!*

7:00 pm Al-Anon

Friday, December 11*Happy Birthday Mike Sponseller!*

7:00 pm Choir Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 124:00 pm Cantata
5:15 pm Cantata Dinner

Prayers of Hope
Advent Devotion Booklet
 Free, from SOSA – pick up on the table.

Reminder: Dove gifts are due back to the office TODAY!!!

LAST CHANCE to buy **ADDRESS LABELS** Today. UMYF Christmas card delivery is Dec. 20. Your cards must be at the church prior to the 11 a.m. service for delivery.

Order your **UMYF EVERGREEN WREATHS**. Sign up on narthex bulletin board. Delivery - Dec. 13.

Helpers Needed: Salvation Army Christmas food & gift outreach. Dec. 7 - 9 (M-W), at the former Linens n' Things in Central Park (next to Shoppers Food Warehouse). Volunteers MUST be there by 9 a.m. or by 1 p.m. to enter the locked door. Questions? Call Earline Haney 371-7334.

Prayer Request

Name _____

Concern _____

Date _____

Requested By _____

* * * **Glorious Impossible** + + +

Saturday, December 12, 4 p.m. The choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "Glorious Impossible". (Babysitting provided for Cantata only).
 Dinner (reservations required) will be served at 5:15 p.m. in the social hall by the United Methodist Men.
 Menu: lasagna, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, beverage.
 To reserve your dinner, sign up on narthex bulletin board.

Sunday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. service, will feature the choir's cantata, "Glorious Impossible". The 8:45 a.m. service will be a traditional service.

OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT ST. MATTHIAS STAFF

The Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee has voted to provide all Church staff a monetary Christmas gift as recognition for their excellent St. Matthias Church support work.
 If you wish to contribute, place your gift in an envelope marked "Christmas Staff Gift". Please do this **by December 20, 2009** or before if possible. Place your gift in the Church collection or bring to the Church Office.

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 p.m. Children's Service by/for children and their families.
 7:00 p.m. Candles, carols, communion, choir.
 9:00 p.m. Candles, carols, communion.

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

Second 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
Greg Anderson
Chris Embrey
Rev. Mark Ogren
Rev. Charlene Kammerer

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Attendance: November 29, 2009

Sunday School: 54

Worship: 202

Assisted Living: 36

Finance: Weekly Need: \$5,287.70

Last Sunday: \$3,521.50