ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Parade: We will be walking in the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 8th at 10 am – we ned you!! I fyou would like to walk with us, let Pam know or contact the church office.

Youth Ski Trip: The Youth are planning a ski retreat to Wolf Ridge, NC February 15-18, 2019. Cost: $325 – inclues lodging, bus transportation, food, lift tickets and ski/board rentals. A deposit for $50 is due DECEMBER 8th. Youth can reduce their cost by selling Honeybaked Hams.

Pilots for Christ Pancake & Sausage Lunch: Sunday, December 9 – Noon – Wesley Hall. Tickets are on sale in the church office. $7/plate – dine in or carry out.

Holiday Food Sale: Thank you for such a great response to the Holiday Food Sale. All items have been purchased!! Those who contributed dish(es), please remember to bring those on Sunday, December 9th so that they may be picked up following the Pilots for Christ Pancake Lunch.

Children's Advent Activities: December 9th – children are invited to participate in Advent activities starting at 12:30 pm in Norman Barnett Hall. Babies and toddlers will meet from 12:30-1:00 pm and K5-5th graders will meet from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Honeybaked Hams: Youth Honeybaked Ham sale will continue until Sunday, December 16th, with delivery the week of December 17th. Prices for hams are: 4-5 lb. $55, 7 lb $65, 8 lb $70, 9 lb $75, 10 lb $80; smoked or roasted sliced turkey breast $35, smoked or roasted whole turkey $50. Call the church office to order.

Merry Mail: A Christmas card mailbox is set up so that you may spread cheer to folks in our church. This will be a fundraiser for our Youth Ski trip. The mailbox is downstairs in Barnett Hall and you may deposit the cards in the slots that are marked alphabetically. A donation of 25 cents per card is recommended. You may also make donations by check.

2019 Flower Calendar: The 2019 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board outside Norman Barnett Hall Kitchen and is available for you to sign up for flowers.

Year End Contributions:

Please have all gifts to First United Methodist Church to the business office by 11:00 am Friday, December 28th, or postmarked by December 31st.

Thank you for your generous contributions throughout the year.

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December 2, 2018

Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Bill Curtin
Pastor Emeritus: Dr. Thomas Lane Butts
Minister of Education: Rev. Pam Barnhardt
Director of Music Ministries/Organist: Nancy Carleton
Church Business Administrator: Jessica Hankins
Nursery Director: Christi Dunn
Nursery Attendants: Letitia King & Rosie Parker

Morning Worship

December 2, 2018 ‡ 9:00 & 11:00

First Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Gathering	*Prelude*	Nancy Carleton
	Opportunities	Rev. Bill Curtin
	Greet One Another	Rev. Curtin
Introit	There's a Song of Grace	Chancel Choir (9)
	There's a Song of Grace	Ensemble (11)
The Great Thanksgiving		Minister and Congregation

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
The risen Christ is with us!
Praise the Lord!

Presentation of Ornaments to Babies born in 2018		Rev. Barnhardt
† Hymn 211	*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*	Congregation
Lighting the Advent Wreath	*Candle of Hope*	Michael and Katie Lee

PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

† Prayer for the People		Rev. Bill Curtin
† Hymn 171	*There's Something About That Name*	Congregation
Bringing Our Gifts to God	*Of the Father's Love Begotten*	Chancel Choir (9)
	Of the Father's Love Begotten	Ensemble (11)
Doxology	*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*	Hymnal, 95
Children's Moment		Rev. Barnhardt
Scripture	*Matthew 1:18-25*	Rev. Curtin
Sermon	*The Gift of Good News*	Rev. Curtin

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Liturgy — Minister and Congregation

Leader:	All you who love God,
All:	**Come to the Lord's Table!**
Leader	Are you in need to confess your sin?
All:	**Come to the Lord's Table!**
Leader:	All who wish to be at peace.
All:	**Come to the Lord's Table!**
Leader:	Pour out your Spirit on these gifts.
All:	**Pour out your Spirit on us.**
Leader:	Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ.
All:	**Pour out your Spirit on us.**
Leader:	Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.
All:	**Pour out your Spirit on us.**
Leader:	Abba, Father!
All:	**Let your kingdom come!**
Leader:	Come, Lord Jesus!
All:	**Be our daily bread.**

Giving the Bread and Cup — Servers

The Communion Rail Offering supports our Local Mission Fund.

Communion Anthem	*Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*	Chancel Choir (9)
	Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine	Ensemble (11)

SENDING FORTH

† Hymn 213	*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*	Congregation
† Benediction		Rev. Curtin
† Benediction Response	*There's a Song of Hope*	Chancel Choir (9)
	There's a Song of Hope	Ensemble (11)
Going Forth	*Postlude*	Nancy Carleton

† *Standing as able* — *Please silence or turn off your cell phones.*

SERVERS	USHERS	CRUCIFERS	ACOLYTES
9:00		Emory Dunn	Berkley Chambers
11:00		Brooks Wiggins	Grant Wiggins
	ALTAR GUILD	Carole Dean	

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY — Worship – 68 (9) / 46 (11) — Sunday School – 45

The Altar Flowers today are given to the greater glory of God
and in honor our church staff
by Bill and Michelle Rainey.