

Our Prayer Concerns

Health Care Facility

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Special Prayer Requests

Ray Alker, Ken Baynes, Kylie Bean, Blondell Bowman, Monica Butler, Bobby Coble, Elaine Gasser, Robbie Gifford, Lee Hammonds, Kay Holland, Christine Jones, Linda Jones, Gene & Sybil Larimore, Michael Melvin Jr., Doris Moody, Tim Moody, Cheryl Myers, Sharon & Steve Myers, Jerry Neal, Kathleen Neal, Ruth Nesbitt, Angela Olsen, Jeremy Page, Ed Ragan, Phyllis Reeves, Amanda Rivenbark, Marietta Roberts, Dennis & Donna Smith, Winston Smith, Bob Simmons, Christine Suits, Eddie Taylor, Allison Tilley, Roberta Trogden, Doris Warren, Betty Welborn, Jackie Wilson, Jewel Wilson.

If you wish to submit a name for special prayer or to remove a name, please call the church office, 299-6330.

SEDGEFIELD SCHOOL CHILDREN

Friends, on behalf of UMW we would like to thank you for your outpouring of generosity, this past week. Your donations, of money, clothes and toys for the children of Sedgefield School have been overwhelming and will go a long way in helping ensure the children have a special holiday season. Boxes of food are being prepared for 15 families to be delivered on Tuesday, December 22. The teachers are delivering the food and need our help. If you can help deliver food please let us know. The prepared boxes will be in the fellowship hall and ready for delivery Tuesday morning, after the MAF Christmas breakfast. If you have questions or would like to help, please see Billie Baynes or Vickie Gordon.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Ray and Shelly Alker Brenda Atkins
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY December 20

9:45 am....Church School
 11:00 am...Worship Service
 7:00 pm...Children's Christmas Program
 7:00-9:00 pm...Live Nativity Scene

MONDAY December 21

7:00-9:00 pm...Live Nativity Scene
 8:00 pm...AA/AI Anon/AI Ateen

TUESDAY December 22

7:00-9:00 pm...Live Nativity Scene

WEDNESDAY December 23

NO ALDERSGATE MEETING TONIGHT
 NO MUSIC REHEARSALS

THURSDAY December 24

5:00 pm...Christmas Eve Worship Service

FRIDAY December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SATURDAY December 26

SUNDAY December 27

9:45 am....Church School
 11:00 am...Worship Service

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Any time you would like Rev. Smith to visit with you, please contact her and she will be glad to arrange a time to visit with you.

RESTROOMS

The Women's restroom is located on the Sanctuary-level of the Sanctuary Building. Go through the door to the left of the altar and the restroom will be the last door on your left.
 The Men's restroom is located on the basement-level of the Sanctuary Building. It is located immediately below the women's restroom.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located on the second floor of the Education Building (above the Fellowship Hall).

OUR FAITHFULNESS
December 13, 2009

Regular Offering

\$6,004.00

Building Fund

\$1,650.00

Singer's Fund

\$90.00

Music

\$60.85

Memorials

\$50.00

(To maintain our 2009 budget, we need an average of \$4,606.58 per week.)

A complete Hinshaw financial update will appear in each Hinshaw Church Newsletter. This newsletter is mailed to the entire congregation and it is also available on-line: www.hinshawumc.org

ATTENDANCE

Worship 76
 Study Groups 64
 (includes Sunday School)

WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

Hospitality Host

Howard Weast

Ushers

Bill Fowler, Jim Brentnell,
 Tom Smith, Ray Ward

Greeters

Vickie Gordon & Ray Ward

Nursery

Sheri & Randy Reading

Nursery Next Week

NEED VOLUNTEER

If you would like to help in the nursery, become a greeter or usher, please contact Jim Waynick.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers.....The Congregation
Pastor.....Rev. Donna Smith
Program/Youth Director.....Mr. Jim Waynick
Choir Director.....Ms. Lyn Koonce
Church Custodian.....Mr. Steve Benoit



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"Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ with All People"

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Welcome...
 ...To All who need the Love and the Grace of Our Heavenly Father,
 the Care of Christian Friends, and A Place to Serve God.

December 20, 2009

Eleven O'clock



Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 COMING TOGETHER TO PRAISE GOD
 *Congregation Stand**

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to our fellowship. We thank God you are with us. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew rack and place it in the plate during the offering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
L: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Prelude is a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE "Angels We Have Heard on High" French 19th Century Carol

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the hope, the peace, the joy and the love of God be with you all.

And also with you.

We gather to bless the Lord our God and to follow in the steps of our Savior.

Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

We have gathered to share the Word that our God has spoken, the Word

that gives life to all who believe in it and in the One to whom it points.

Blessed are they who trust in the promise of God and wait patiently for the revealing of the glory that is to be.

Our Savior comes! Even now the light of his presence shines in the darkness!

HYMN OF PRAISE “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” 240 UMH

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895 UMH*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

ANTHEM “Mary Did You Know?”

THE DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 94 UMH*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

Introduction (Prayer)

“Carols Around (And a Round)” arr. by Carl Nygard

Matthew 1:18-25

“Mary Had a Baby” arr. By Ralph C. Shultz

Soloist: Allison Moore Saxophonist: Gerard Moses

Luke 2:8-14

“Issay, Issay! (Hear Ye, Hear Ye!)”

Traditional Ethiopian Christmas song arr. by Philip Kern

HYMN “In the Bleak Midwinter” 221 UMH

“Christmas Fantasy” arr. by Victor Gumma

Isaiah 9:6-7

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” arr. by Barbara Kinyon

“The Jesus Gift” Gilbert Martin

Soloist: Allison Moore

Luke 2:15-16

“The Friendly Beasts” arr. By Anne-Marie Hildebrandt

Matthew 2:1-10

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Noel Regency & Gloria Shayne arr. By Harry Simeone

Prayer

“O Night of Nights” Robert C. Lau

CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World” 245 UMH*

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE “Ding Dong Merrily on High” 16th c. French tune

** United Methodist Hymnal*
*** The Faith We Sing, hymnal supplement*

We extend an extra special word of WELCOME to persons who are worshipping with us for the first time. We hope you will prayerfully consider making Hinshaw Church your church home.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bessie Layton by Bob and Katherine Layton.

Anyone who purchased a poinsettia(s) and/or received a poinsettia(s) in their honor, may take them home today after the worship service to enjoy through the Christmas season.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tonight, Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

Treat bags and hot chocolate after the program.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:00 PM

MISSIONS

During this season of Advent we will continue to bring food to church each Sunday. Place it underneath the Chrismon tree each Sunday. Thank you for your support of missions.

PECANS

The Asbury Sunday School Class is selling pecans.

They still have a few bags left, but they are going fast!

They are \$7.00 per pound.

Please see any member of the Sunday School Class if you wish to buy pecans. All Proceeds will be used for missions.

Thank you for your support!

Midweek Advent Services

Friends, we have been enjoying our times of worship along with other churches in our area. These services will be 30 minutes 2 songs and a meditation. We hope you will consider joining us for one or more of these special services. The church location and the pastor leading the service are posted here.

12:00 Noon Wednesdays of Advent

Dec 23 Saint Timothy's UMC

Rev. Donna Smith

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY ON THE LAWN

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

DECEMBER 20 - 23, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

METHODIST ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Christmas Breakfast

Tuesday, December 22nd 8:00 a.m.

Please call the church office 299-6330 by noon on December 21st to sign-up for this great meal.

LET’S GO TO TANGLEWOOD

TO SEE THE LIGHTS

MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 28th

We’ll load the bus at 5:30 p.m. We’ll eat supper along the way. We’ll share the cost of getting into Tanglewood. The cost is dependent on the number of participants. Please call the church office 299-6330 to put your name on the list for the trip. This is a night for everyone! Bring friends and family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 23rd — 12:00 Noon Advent Services

December 20th, 7:00 pm — Children’s Christmas Program

December 22nd, 8:00 am — MAF Christmas Breakfast

December 20th - 23rd, 7-9:00 pm — Live Nativity Scene

December 24th, 5:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service

December 28th, 5:30 pm — Trip to Tanglewood

Hinshaw and Glenwood United Methodist Churches
Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion
Thursday, December 24, 2009
5:00 p.m.

PRAISE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

**People: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**

Leader: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

People: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

(Traditional Byzantine Christmas Prayer, Alt.)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

Lighting The Christ Candle

Hymn No. 240

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PREPARATION

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Let us pray:

**Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of your Son.**

**Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;
and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,
as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where he dwelled,
who now and ever reigns in our hearts,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(John Suter, U.S.A., 20th Cent., ALT.)

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Donna Smith

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Sarah Smith

RESPONSE

Responsive Reading Leader/People

It was cold and Mary and Joseph were fearful.

But that did not stop the birth.

They were poor and had no place fitting for their child.

But that did not stop the birth.

They were uncertain about what God wanted from them.

But that did not stop the birth.

Today we are still sometimes cold and fearful, certainly poor in many ways. We often feel we have no place and are unclear about what God wants of us. But these things did not stop the birth of Jesus then, nor will they now.

Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

Like Mary and Joseph, who trusted in your grace,
may we trust all that we have and are to you.

**Bless the gifts we bring, bless our thoughts and our actions,
that Christ may be glorified through them,
that we might bring light to a world that is yet in darkness.**

We ask these things in his name, saying together the prayer
he taught us, saying...

**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 to
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Service of Holy Communion

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We will celebrate Holy Communion by intinction.

(dipping the bread into the juice)

*You will be led forward to receive the bread, and to dip the tip of the bread
into the cup of grape juice and eat it. If you need to be served where you are,
simply let an usher know and the pastors are happy to serve you.*

(Songs to sing during communion)

Hymn No. 217

"Away in a Manger"

Hymn No. 219

"What Child Is This"

Affirmation for Christmas Faith

**We believe that God was the beginning; that God created all things
and that God chose to love us forever. Only our choice of sin can
separate us from God's fellowship. Even this barrier was broken by
God when God sent his holy Son as the Babe of Bethlehem. We
believe that this is what the Christmas story is all about: God's love
coming down to humankind in our sin and need. We believe that
the Bethlehem Baby grew up to become the man of Nazareth, the
Lord Jesus Christ. He showed us by precept and example how to
live. His whole life, especially his death and wondrous resurrection,
was evidence of the love of God for us. The living presence of the
Holy Spirit in our lives is the continued testimony of what happened
that first Christmas. Thanks be to God for the gift of this holy
mystery! Amen.**

Service of Candlelight

Lighting of Candles

The pastor's candle(s) will be lit from the Christ Candle. The ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle, and move down the aisles. The worshiper nearest the aisle will receive the light, and in turn give the light to the one by his/her side. Please give special care not to drip wax. The lighted candle should remain upright and the candle to be lighted tipped to receive the flame.

Song during the candle lighting

“O Holy Night”

Silent Night

(as you are able, please form one large circle around the walls of the sanctuary)

**Silent night, holy night all is calm, all is bright,
Round you virgin mother and child, Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy Night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent Night, Holy Night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

Benediction

Cradle Christ in your hearts, bow in the presence of the Holy, and return to your homes with praise on your lips and joy in your soul.



*Hinshaw UMC and Glenwood UMC
Combined Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24, 2009
5:00 p.m.*