

Tunnel Hill United Methodist Church

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The Advent Wreath

This Sunday in worship, we will begin the season of Advent by lighting the candles on the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This practice began in the Lutheran Church but now it has spread to many other Christian denominations. It's a great way to tell the story of Jesus' birth and adds to the hope and anticipation of Christmas.

The evergreen wreath traditionally includes four candles around its perimeter with a fifth candle called the "Christ Candle" located in the center. Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, the lighting of a candle is accompanied by a Bible reading and prayer. An additional candle is lit each week until all four candles are lit the last Sunday before Christmas. Then, the Christ Candle is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas day. THUMC's advent candles are trimmed in purple to symbolize royalty and to remind us that Christ was the King of Kings. Here is the significance of each candle:

- **1st CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF HOPE or THE PROPHECY CANDLE**
This candle reminds us that we can have hope because God is faithful and keeps His promises.
- **2nd CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF PEACE or THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE**
This candle reminds us that God kept His promise to send the Prince of Peace. It also reminds us of His birth in Bethlehem.
- **3rd CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF JOY or THE SHEPHERD CANDLE**
This candle reminds us of how the shepherds came to discover Christ and how He brought joy into the world.
- **4th CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF LOVE or THE ANGEL CANDLE**
This candle reminds us of how the angels announced Jesus' birth and how the motivation behind His coming was pure love.
- **5th CANDLE - THE CHRIST CANDLE**
This white candle reminds us of the purity of Jesus Christ, the spotless lamb of God. It also reminds us that He was, is, and will forever be the light of the world.

We hope that you'll be able to be present in worship over the next few weeks as we begin to prepare God's house to celebrate the birth of His Son.

Grace & Peace,
Jay



PRAYER LIST

Al Nuckolls, Kathryn Middleton, Margaret & Jim Doyle, Sis Damron, Mildred Dreschel, Ray Anderson, Barbara Vaughn, Shirley Gribble, Norma Griffin, Vera Nations, Smokey Lusk, Butch Middleton, Ellen Dreschel, Jane Griffin, Tammy Balsler, Maurice Moody, Marilyn Martin, Vera Nations, Mary Helen Jolly, Denton Nuckolls, *Ray Sharp

THUMC's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
Brooks Lansing-Jim Lansing's Brother
Sue Broome-Friend of Janice Helton
Terry Corcoran-Erin Middleton's Dad
Agnes Sutton-Kay Henderson's Mother
Kenneth Tatum-Veda Nuckolls' Brother
Raya Owens-Friend of Jada Barton
Gabarb Vaughn Summers
Breanne Locklear-Jo Anna Davenport's niece
Marge Fox-Cindy Fehd's mother
Brantley Dean-Friend of Julie Frisbee
Peggy Cochran-Friend of Amy Roberts
Whitley Brooker-Friend of Lindsey Roberts
Orallia Hernandez-friend of the Middletons
Richard Sharp-Friend of Stephanie Loggins
Jackie Neel – Anne Monk's Sister
Kinslie Marie Flowers-friend of Julie Frisbee
Dolly Hamby-friend of Kay Jernigan
Eddie Mac Sanders-Friend of Kenny Gowin
Ricky Reed-friend of Amy Roberts
Kyler Bass-Friend of Wendy Voiles
Glen Dean-Friend of Susie Webb
Agee Martin-Valerie Cleaver's brother
Alyssa Talley
Chet Dreschel
Brecklynn Allgood
Doug Mitchell
Tina Taylor-Val Cleaver's Sister
Carl Hooper-Friend of Amy Roberts
Trish Phillips-Friend of Jeanine Clark
James Breeden-Friend of Butch Middleton
Virginia Campbell
Teresa Evans-Friend of Amy Roberts
Scott Hannah-Friend of Todd Middleton
Betty Fetzer-Tammy Horne's mother
Jack Rhodes-Grandson of Linda & Gerald Pack
Arlene Hooker-Friend of Gwen Maddox
James & Lynda Quarles-Friend of Gwen Maddox
Marilyn Brown-Friend of Gwen Maddox
Ali & Jase Carter-Friend of Susie Webb
B.J. Jarrett-Nancy Hampton's nephew
Mr. Andrew Martin-Valerie Cleaver's uncle
Mrs. Vickie Moore-Friend of Carolyn Watkins
Erin Middleton-Jamey Middleton's wife
Cheryl Quarles-Friend of Julie Frisbee
Mrs. Barbara (Bobbie) Phillips-Mickey Reed's sister

(*Denotes new additions)

To add/remove a friend or loved one to the Prayer List, please contact the church office at 706- 673-4022 or thumc@optilink.us. Thanks!



Thursday, November 29

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (Legacy Apt. C'house)

Sunday, December 2-1st SUNDAY IF ADVENT

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 3

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (F.H.)

Tuesday, December 4

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)

6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)

6:30 PM UMW Christmas Party (Gr. I & II)

7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, December 5

3:00 PM Cub Scouts

Thursday, December 6

7:00 PM Grief Support Group (Legacy Apt. C'house)

Sunday, December 9-2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Choir Practice (S)

9:15 AM Intercessory Prayer (Library)

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

7:00 PM Staff Dessert & Coffee (Parsonage)

Monday, December 10

6:00 PM Cub Scouts (F.H.)

Tuesday, December 11

5:15 PM Girl Scouts-Cadettes (Ch. Room)

6:30 PM Brownies & Juniors (YR)

7:00 PM Boy Scout meeting (F.H.)

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 PM Children's Christmas Program (S)

6:45 PM Church Christmas Party (F.H.)

FH-Fellowship Hall

FC-Friendship Classroom

CB-Church Bldg.

S-Sanctuary

FEL CL-Fellowship Classroom



Is it Christmas time already? I suppose for some of you it has been for a few weeks. I'm looking at you, McRae! What a wonderful time of year and so many things happening! Oasis will be moving into our new youth house, known as The Oasis, in December. Our Christmas party will be held the 19th complete with gingerbread house decorating competition, cookie baking, and Christmas movies! The new story for Oasis is being written, and we rejoice to know that God's hand is on the pen! Garrett Teems, *Youth Pastor*



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

All of THUMC's elementary aged children have been practicing for their Christmas Musical titled "*For the Glory of the King*". The musical will take place on Wednesday, December 12th at 6pm. Following the musical this year, dinner will be served for everyone in the Fellowship Hall and we're hoping that Santa will have time to stop by. If you'd like to help with this meal, please bring your favorite Christmas dessert to share. Below you'll find the dates/times of the remaining practices:

- December 5th - 6:15pm - 7:30pm - Pizza and Practice
- December 12th - 5pm - Final Practice
- December 12th - 6pm - Musical / Christmas Dinner & Party to Follow



THE GIFT OF LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook. If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing. If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss a loved one.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another person's beautifully decorated.

Love doesn't yell at someone in the parking lot.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. The things of this world are only temporary.

They lose value, they rust and are sometimes lost.

But God's gift of love in Jesus Christ will endure forever. - Author Unknown

THANKS FROM TOPPI

THANK YOU - You certainly know how to make a person feel special!

To all my church family, friends and loved ones - many, many thanks for such a wonderful 100th birthday celebration. It was well worth waiting 100 years to celebrate. I am still in shock over the hundreds of cards, loving gifts, visits and calls. May God's richest blessings be on each and every one of you.

All my love, Toppi

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Budget Needed: \$5,130.00

GIVING FOR OCTOBER 28

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4742.50
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$1.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 4

GENERAL BUDGET: \$5729.08
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$350.28

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 11

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3410.35
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$85.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 18

GENERAL BUDGET: \$4558.40
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$352.00

GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 25

GENERAL BUDGET: \$3270.04
DESIGNATED GIVING: \$260.00

ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 28

Sunday School – 65
Worship – 128

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 4

Sunday School – 57
Worship – 154

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 11

Sunday School – 78
Worship – 173

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 18

Sunday School – 74
Worship – 134

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 25

Sunday School – 72
Worship – 131

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

USHERS: Ken Gowin, Bill Chesser,
Matthew Blackwell & Thomas Blackwell
NURSERY: Jada Barton
OFFERING TEAM: Chuck Davidson &
Brenda Hampton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

USHERS: See Sunday, Dec. 2
NURSERY: Jennifer Bollwerk
OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Dec. 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

USHERS: See Sunday, Dec. 2
NURSERY: Tammy Horne
OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Dec. 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

USHERS: See Sunday, Dec. 2
NURSERY: Sydney LaVelle
OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Dec. 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

USHERS: See Sunday, Dec. 2
NURSERY: Volunteer Needed
OFFERING TEAM: See Sunday, Dec. 2