

## Ministry Opportunities

### SUNDAY, November 20

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion  
 8:00 am: Praise Team Practice  
 8:30 am: Choir Practice  
 9:00 am: Worship  
 10:15 am: Sunday School  
 2:00 pm: Hanging of the Greens  
 6:00 pm: Community Thanksgiving Service, First Baptist Church  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

### MONDAY, November 21

8:30 am: Staff Meeting  
 6:00 pm: Nominations Committee Meeting  
 7:00 pm: SPRC Meeting  
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts  
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg

### TUESDAY, November 22

12:00 pm: Loaves and Fishes  
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Building

### WEDNESDAY, November 23

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library  
 12:00 pm: District Bible Study, District Office  
 5:30 pm: Handbell Practice  
 6:30 pm: Youth Group  
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice  
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

### THURSDAY, November 24, Thanksgiving

Office Closed

### FRIDAY, November 25

Office Closed  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

### SATURDAY, November 26

### SUNDAY, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

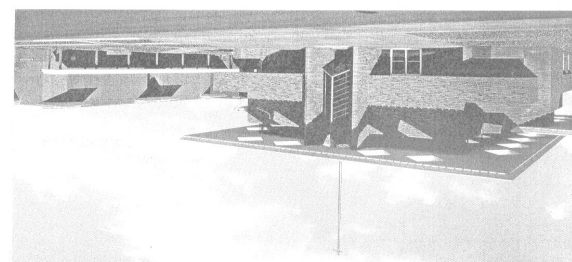
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\*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

### First United Methodist Church Staff

Ministers  
 Pastor  
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 Music Director  
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# THE SOWER

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I'm excited about many of the opportunities that are coming up in the life of the church. As we look forward to Advent I want to remind you that we will be decorating the church sanctuary this coming Sunday, November 20th. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of this time of preparing the church for this special season. We will have pizza for all those who help with this joyful experience. Also this Sunday, the Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church. The service begins at 6:00 p.m. and it is always a blessing to get together with the other churches in the community to worship with one another. I look forward to sharing in these experiences and look forward to seeing you there.



Advent begins On Sunday, November 27th. If you would like a devotional guide for Advent this year, they will be available for the next two Sundays in the narthex of the church. This year, Christmas Day falls on Sunday. In the last Administrative Council meeting, a discussion was held about what would work best, schedule wise, for that and other special Sundays in the month of December. The Administrative Council unanimously voted to move the time of Sunday morning Worship to 10:00 a.m. for the whole month of December. All during the month of December, the Family Life Committee will be serving coffee and doughnuts from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for Sunday morning fellowship. Here is a run down of the Special Events that will be happening during the Sundays of December.

- ◆ December 4—Children's Christmas Program. This will be held during the regular morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. Charge Conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. on that day.
- ◆ December 11—Family Fellowship Christmas Dinner, hosted by the Family Life Committee Dinner at 11:15 a.m., right after worship, so there will be no Sunday School that week.
- ◆ December 18—will be the Christmas Cantata.
- ◆ Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 6:00p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, December 25—Christmas day we will have worship at 10:00 a.m. with no Sunday School. It is going to be a great season and I look forward to experiencing it with you through these special events.

In Christ's Service,

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## Sunday Sing at Angelwood Warms Hearts

The children are enjoying singing each month at Angelwood Assisted Living Center, under the direction of Mary Anne Stermer. We are learning Sunday School songs, such as: "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord," "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock," "Kum Ba Yah," "Do Lord" and "This Little Light of Mine." After our song and Bible story lesson with Mary Anne, we travel to the lobby area where residents gather to hear the children sing. The residents love to hear the old songs, and always join us in singing "Jesus Loves Me" before we leave. Thank you to Mary Anne for helping with this important and worthwhile ministry!



**Above Top:** Ruth Brinkley listens as the children and Shelley Heerwald, sponsor, sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children." **Upper Right:** Many of the songs involve learning hand motions, such as "This Little Light of Mine." **Right:** Each month, before we return to the church, we give hugs to each resident who comes to listen to our songs. Addi Lyon and Baleigh Gibley say goodbye to new friends. **Above:** Mary Anne always shares the meaning of the song or tells the Bible story related to the song before she teaches it. Reese Richardson, Courtney Heerwald, Baileigh Gibley, Danni Brinkley and Addison Newcomb listen to the stories of "Daniel and the Lion's Den" and "Jonah."

### Toy Drive for Christmas Connection

We will once again be serving as a collection site for the Clinton Christmas Connection. If you would like to contribute a toy or two, please place your unwrapped toys under the Christmas Tree in the church foyer between now and December 4th.



### Children's Christmas Program

Will be held December 4, during the Morning Worship Service **Parents:** We will be having rehearsals during the Sunday School hour for the next 3 weeks, so please try to bring your children to Sunday School. If they need a ride, please call the church by Wednesday of each week.



### Coming December

For the entire month of December our Worship Service will be as follows:

**9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
Coffee and Doughnuts

**10:00 am - 11:00 am**  
Worship Service

**11:15 am - 12:00 pm**  
Sunday School



I think everyone enjoyed the combined choir and praise team song that we performed this last Sunday. I know everyone in the choir and praise team loved it! In fact we loved all the music, it was a great service! The praise team also had a great time playing for Trunk or Treat! We always enjoy that event and this year was no different. The kids were a lot of fun and the food was excellent! It was definitely a team effort and we certainly appreciate everyone who helped out. The choir is very excited about the Christmas cantata. We are working diligently on it and the more we work on it, the better we like it! It is scheduled for December 18. We have a very special treat planned for you this Sunday as Nancy Rodolph will be performing a bell solo. I have been listening to her practice and it is awesome! Don't miss it! Scott Lowber

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. - - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## MEMORIAL FUND

### Memorial Gifts in Memory of Adell Simpson

Have been given by  
F.A. and Lucie Sewell  
Carole Hatcher  
Sue Meacham  
C.L. and Nancy Goodwin  
Pat and Kathy Cornell  
Carol A. Saucedo  
Don and Nancy Rodolph

### Memorial Gifts in Memory of Mary McCoy

Have been given by  
Bill and Jane Holder  
Carole Hatcher  
Sue Meacham  
Pat and Kathy Cornell  
Carol A. Saucedo  
Don and Nancy Rodolph

### Memorial Gifts in Memory of C.W. Atha

Have been given by  
Carole Hatcher

## FUNDRAISER FOR DASH DAY

November 20, 2011, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Clinton High School Cafeteria (donation only). There will be a Silent Auction and they will serve Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink and Dessert. Dash is the son of Kenny and Randi Day, grandson of Pat and Suzanne Day. Dash was born with several congenital heart defects. He recently spent over 6 weeks at Dallas Children's Medical Center, where he had open heart surgery. Proceeds will go to help with Dash's medical expenses.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/21 Margie Brown, Lydia Lane  
11/25 Gene Groschick  
11/26 Velma Mason, Georgia Winchester

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

Ruth McCampbell	Mary Anne Stermer
Goldie Pettle	Ruth Brinkley
Peggy Metheny	Udell Jones
Margie Brown	R.M. and Mary Lou Preston
Winona Madison	

### Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Scott Morris	Harold Rehwaldt
Brenda Boyers	Tricia Riley
Les Dawson	Amanda Eaton
Carol Allison	Press Small
Brett Gubit	Mary Edgar
Terry Wheeler	George Powers
Beverly Henson	Christa Miller
Lib Rosenbaum	Denton Payne
Glenn Douglas	Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor)
Ryan Parman	Lisa Lott
Dave Anthony Rouse	Dash Marshall Day
Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad)	Kitty Fisher
Jenae Standingwater (back surgery)	Alma Mae Bennett
John Jordan (back surgery)	Jeanette Atha
Sara Curry (hospital)	Mary Ann Hays
Dr. Gary Hays	Scott Hays
Synda Miller (Suzanne Day's Mom -heart)	Maxine Clayton (Jalynn's Grandmother)
The Family of C. W. Atha	

### Prayers for ministries

Music Ministries	Dan Day (Worship Service at VA)
Circle of Care	Exodus House

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 323-3179 or mail clintonfumc@cableone.net Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make submissions no later than noon on Monday.

### General Fund Account October 2011

Received:	October	YTD
Total offerings	\$42,133.31	\$309,047.21
<b>Paid Out:</b>		
OK UMC Apportionments	5,900.00	
October Accounts Payable	14,286.66	
October Payroll	12,701.83	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$32,888.49</b>	<b>\$331,662.43</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$9,244.82</b>	<b>\$(22,615.22)</b>