

## Ministry Opportunities

### SUNDAY, December 4, Children Christmas Program

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion  
 8:00 am: Praise Team Practice  
 8:30 am: Choir Practice  
 9:00 am: Coffee and Donuts in Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 am: New Life Sunday School Class  
 10:00 am: Worship - Children's Christmas Program  
 11:15 am: Sunday School  
 2:00 pm: Communion at UM Health Care Center  
 3:00 pm: SPRC Meeting  
 3:30 pm: Charge Conference  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

### MONDAY, December 5

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

### TUESDAY, December 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, December 7

12:00 pm: Al 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, December 8

4:00 pm: Free Medical Clinic

### FRIDAY, December 9

9:00 am: Clinton Christmas Connection Work Day, Fairgrounds  
 ESA Bean Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

### SATURDAY, December 10

Clinton Christmas Connection Giveaway Day  
 12:00pm Clinton District Clergy Gathering

### SUNDAY, December 11

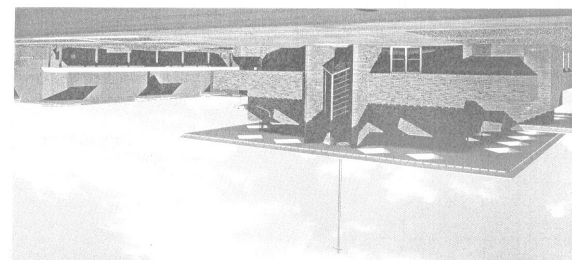
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\*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

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 Pastor  
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# THE SOWER

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I'm excited about this Advent Season. There are a number of things that are coming up that will truly be a blessing to you in this season. Remember that each of our morning worship services for the rest of the year will be at 10:00 a.m. The Family Life Committee is planning to serve coffee and doughnuts at 9:00 a.m. each of the Sundays of December, so come and enjoy that time of fellowship leading up to morning worship. You will not want to miss this Sunday's service, since the children will be performing their annual Christmas Program. I had the opportunity to watch them rehearse for the program last Sunday during Sunday school and it will be a special time with the children reenacting the nativity story. The costumes are great and the children did a great job with their lines in the rehearsal. Please be there to support the children of our church and to see the Christmas story reenacted in a beautiful way. This Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. we will be having our annual Charge Conference. every one is invited to come and celebrate the ministries of the church, to vote to elect our new officers for the year, and to carry out the business of the church.

On Sunday, December 11, we will be having a Family Fellowship meal right after morning worship. The Family Life committee has made plans to serve turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, trimmings and desert. Yum, it sounds good. I'm looking forward to good food and fellowship I hope to see you there for that great time of celebration.

We will be looking forward to Sunday, December 18, the annual Christmas Cantata. It will be a time of reflection and soul nurturing as we worship Je-

sus with the choir through song. On Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will have our "Home for Christmas" Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 6:00 p.m. Once again this year we will have yard signs that you can place in your yards to advertise this special service. We have had good participation in the past, but let's make this the best year yet by inviting all of our friends and relatives to this service. In this season of the year, people's hearts are especially open to God and a simple invitation might be all that is required to get someone back on the path to God. Pray and ask God who you should invite this year and then reach out in faith believing that God is already working in that person's life, then simply invite them.

In Christ's Service,

Roland



## Children's Christmas Program

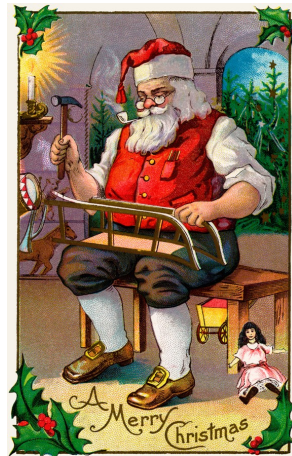
December 4, during  
Morning Worship



## Children's Christmas Program

### Toy Drive for 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. - Jalynn



### Volunteers Needed for Foster Parent Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will need to help secretly distribute packages to foster parents while their children are in the Fellowship Hall visiting with Santa.

- Jalynn



### **BELL RINGERS NEEDED!**

Our church has been ask to volunteer to ring bells for Mission House. We will be ringing IN-SIDE the Homeland, in Clinton, Friday December 2 and Saturday, December 3. One hour volunteer slots are available, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Please call the church office ASAP to sign up.

### 2012 Local Church Leaders Workshop

The Local Church Leaders Workshop is scheduled for January 14, 2012. It is very important that all those persons that have been elected to leadership positions for the year 2012 attend this training. This year's LCLW will be held at First United Methodist Church in Altus. We will take the church bus and ride together for this worthwhile and educationally valuable event. The courses will be informative and help you provide great leadership in the life of the church in the new year. We will also be blessed to enjoy a worship service with Bishop Robert Hayes. You will not want to miss this opportunity. - Roland




## Family Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11, at 11:15 the Family Life Committee will host our Christmas Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. They will serve Turkey, dressing, mash potato/gravy, trimmings and dessert.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Time alone with God can help us grow, but so can serving others. Instead of feeling guilty about how little time alone I get, I need to look at how I can connect with God in the midst of my chaos.—Keri Wyatt Kent

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\*

\*Note: No Sunday  
School December 11  
or December 25



### Music Ministry

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, I certainly had one! It was great to be with loved ones and it gave me an opportunity to reflect upon all of the blessings that have come my way and just how lucky I am... and the food was fantastic! I just loved the Bell Choir performance last Sunday. That was such a beautiful number. As I watch them, it always occurs to me, "What an excellent example of teamwork they are!" In the praise team, we are happy to be back in the season of Christmas songs again. We love playing them! We plan to do some traditional arrangements as well as some of our "own" versions of your favorites. The choir has been practicing diligently on the cantata and this week we start working with the narrators. We were lucky enough to talk George Chapman and Karen Smith into narrating this cantata. They will put the perfect finish on this awesomely crafted performance. Be there to witness it yourself on December 18! I apologize about promising in my article and then not delivering on my solo song last week. We just had too many things to fit in and we had already cut the praise team down to two songs, so something had to go. I'll get it in there soon though, I re-promise. Holiday Blessings!

Scott Lowber



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/06	Yvonne Fransen, Sherre Shephard
12/07	Brannon Brittain
12/09	Lorene Huey
12/10	Peggy Metheny, Rachel Wright
12/13	Vicki Wilkins

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

Maxine Clayton (Jalynn's Grandmother)

### 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 Gubitz	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
Jeanette Atha	Sara Curry (hospital)
Mary Ann Hays	Dr. Gary Hays
Scott Hays	Synda Miller (Suzanne Day's Mom -heart)

Carolyn Yearwood (Chemo)

### Prayers for ministries

Clinton Youth Shelter	Dan Day (Worship Service at VA)
Youth Ministries	Mission House

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



NEW LIFE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Life Sunday  
School classes will  
meet at 9:00 am on the  
following dates:

December 4, 2011  
December 11, 2011  
December 18, 2011