

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY, December 11

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
 11:15 am: Family Life Christmas Fellowship Dinner
 6:00 pm: Youth Group
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

MONDAY, December 12

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

TUESDAY, December 13

12:00 pm: Loaves and Fishes
 5:30 pm: Finance Meeting
 6:30-8:30 pm: Foster Parent Christmas Party
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Building

WEDNESDAY, December 14

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library
 12:00 pm: District Bible Study, District Office
 5:30 pm: Handbell Practice
 NO Youth
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, December 15

6:00 pm: Trustee's Meeting

FRIDAY, December 16

8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

SATURDAY, December 17

SUNDAY, December 18, Christmas Cantata

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
 11:15 am: Sunday School
 12:15 am: Administrative Council Meeting
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

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

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What a great worship service we celebrated together Sunday. The children did a great job of reenacting the nativity. The Advent and Christmas Carols enrich our worship experience as they remind us of the real reason we celebrate Christmas, God with us — Emmanuel. God was willing to become one of us and dwell on earth with us which is the greatest gift ever given. What a joy to be able to celebrate that while being lead by the children. Advent is one of my favorite seasons in the Christian year. We are blessed to be able to do that in a big way this year. This Sunday, December 11, we are blessed to have the Family Life Committee fix us Christmas Dinner. It will be held right after the Morning Worship Service. Plan on enjoying a great meal with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy and the rest of the fixings and dessert. It will be a marvelous time of celebration.

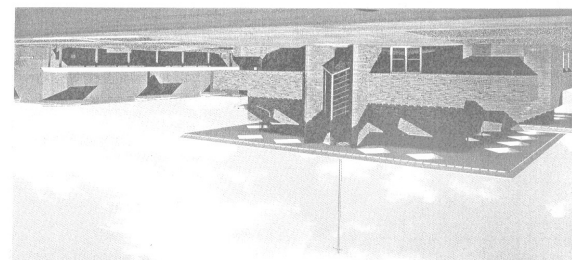


Sunday, December 18, will be the Christmas Cantata, which will be a very special service. We will be looking forward to that service as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, which hat means that Christmas Eve and Christmas are soon upon us. We will celebrate Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 24, with "Home For Christmas" a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. to share in a beautiful and simple Communion Service that will conclude as we light the candles and sing Silent Night together.

It will be great to celebrate Christmas Day with all of you as a church family as we come together to worship on Sunday, December 25. What an appropriate way to spend Christmas Day as we worship together. Remember that all of our Sunday morning worship services in the month of December will be at 10:00 a.m.

In Christ's Service,

Roland



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Emmanuel—God With Us

Cast (in order of appearance)

Reader 1	Carly Youngberg
Reader 2	Patrick Hunter
Reader 3	Greyson Weedon
Reader 4	Addisyn Lyon
Reader 5	Harley Brinkley
Reader 6	Blair Hunter
The Star	Danni Brinkley
Mary	Courtney Heerwald
Joseph	Mart Smith
The Innkeeper	Matthew Smith
The Angels	Emma Dowdell, Campbell Matlock, Addison Newcomb, Riley Russell
Shepherd	Baleigh Gibley
Camel	Caleb Blanchard, Blake Wolters
Cow	Craig Hunter
Hawk	Palmer Matlock
The 3 Wise Men	Cassidy Blanchard, Kate Dowdell, Camden Lyon
Voice of Jesus	Bryce Wolters
Backstage Moms	Angie Brinkley, Julie Covey, Shelley Heerwald, Becky Lyon
Sound Technician	Josh Dodson
Song Leader	Carlos Newcomb
Accompanist	Carla Cruson
Director	Jalynn Youngberg




We hope you enjoyed last week's Christmas Program. The entire cast did a wonderful job of retelling the Christmas story. I am so proud of all of them. Thank you to everyone who helped with the production, we appreciate you.

Blessings,
Jalynn

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. Hebrews 10:24

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
12/14	Yvonne Carpenter
12/16	Lib Rosenbaum, Luke Adams
12/19	Ty Newcomb, Perry Adams, Miranda Evans

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

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)	Kim Davis, (Leukemia)
The Family of Maxine Clayton	(Jalynn Youngberg and Bobby Marsee's Grandmother)

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 clintonfum@cableone.net. Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make submissions no later than noon on Monday.

Women of Faith Celebration!

This past November 11 and 12 several of us Methodist ladies attended a "Women of Faith" symposium held in the Chesapeake Arena, Oklahoma City. We enjoyed fellowship with a packed audience. Women of all ages attended, most from Oklahoma of course, but also from surrounding states too. Noted singers like Amy Grant, Mandisa, Sandy Patty lifted our spirits. We were inspired by presentations from author Andy Andrews, witty Patsy Clairmont, Lisa Whelchel (remember "The Facts of Life"?), and Brenda Warner (married to NFL player Kurt Warner). In the brochure/program that we received as we entered the building was a welcome from Mary Graham of Women of Faith. It contained these lines that epitomize the experience. "This is a safe place to put down your problems and relax. We'll laugh together, cry together, and be amazed at what God can do." Women of Faith programs travel to many cities over the United States. On April 14, the "Revolve Tour" will present a high-energy inspirational day for teen girls in Oklahoma City. The Women of Faith like we attended this November will be in Oklahoma City for the 2012 program on August 10 and 11. Many church groups organize and take a bus for the events. Perhaps we could too! Consult the website www.womenoffaith.com for more information. Let's think about it. — Karen Chapman

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S PRIVILEGES

The membership committee is asking that the congregation provide (to the church office) the current addresses for all their family members. Use your Christmas Card list and write these addresses down "TODAY"! This information will be useful in compiling a complete list of our church members. Our audit has continued for over three years now and we must bring it to a conclusion in 2012.



Volunteers Needed for Foster Parent Christmas Party Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Jalynn



January is our month to deliver meals. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall by the office or call Georgine Jackson at 323-0945.



Family Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11, at 11:15am the Family Life Committee will host our Christmas Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. They will serve turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, all the trimmings and dessert.



Music Ministry

I know that everyone enjoyed the children's service last Sunday. The kids did a fantastic job! I thought the costumes and the staging were great! Loved the camel! Thanks and congratulations to all the kids and parents involved in the production. You can include me as a fan of the decision to move the service forward to 10am. Praise team practice isn't until 9am on Sundays now. With everyone so well rested, it should be a great month of music! The choir has been working very hard on the Christmas Cantata and we are really enjoying our rehearsals. It is such a wonderful piece and we can't wait to perform it for you on Dec. 18! That is only one week from this Sunday! The praise team is looking forward to playing some Christmas songs for you this Sunday, we have some excellent music planned that I know you will enjoy! Come and join us for worship at 10am! Have a blessed holiday season! Scott Lowber

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Memorial Gifts in Memory of
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Wanda Moore

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Mary McCoy
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Maxine Clayton
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