

-- The Order of Worship --
December 11, 2011 -- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

- Prelude*Handbell Choir*
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Chiming of the Trinity
Welcome and Registration of Attendance*Rev. Randy Kanipe*
Announcements *Rev. Anne Hansen*
* Hymn of Praise No. 220 *Congregation*
Angels From the Realms of Glory
* Apostles' Creed No. 881 *Congregation*
* Gloria Patri No. 70 (8:45)..... *Congregation*
Lighting the Advent Candle
Jenkins Family (8:45)
Fischer / Steen Family (11:00)
Advent Song (see hymnal insert)
Advent Candle Burning Brightly
Time with Children *Rev. Hansen*
Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)
Jason Owens White
Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer *Rev. Kanipe*
Offertory
A Christmas Trilogy (8:45) Terce Ensemble
(11:00) Ian Johnson, Soloist
* Doxology No. 95 *Congregation*
Dismissal of Children (11:00; ages 4-1st Grade)
* Hymn of Preparation No. 230 *Congregation*
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Scripture and Sermon
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
The Unclaimed Gift
* Hymn of Commitment No. 224..... *Congregation*
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
* Dismissal with Blessing
Postlude

* *The Congregation will please stand as they are able.*

Welcome Friends -- We are glad that you have chosen to worship here today. We pray that you will receive God's blessing and that you will worship here again. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider this congregation. Please call on us if we can help you in any way.

Welcome New Member, Beth Patton:

We are pleased to welcome Beth Patton to our church family. Beth made her profession of faith last Sunday and was received into membership. She is the daughter of the late Veda Fishback. Welcome Beth!!

Announcements:

Our families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network will arrive this afternoon. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out next week during their stay. There are a few volunteer opportunities remaining for anyone who would like to help. Please see the sign up board in the hallway.

Everyone is invited to the Children's Christmas Pageant tonight at 6:00 p.m. Our children and parent volunteers have worked hard and are excited for you to see their production. A reception will follow the performance.

United Methodist Men are selling tickets for smoked Boston butts. To place an order, please see any UMM member, visit our website at www.watkumc.org or call the church office. The price is \$25 and you may pick up your order on Saturday, December 17, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the back church parking lot.

The Betty Berry Sunshine Circle will meet for a Secret Pal and Christmas covered-dish lunch on Tuesday, December 13, at noon at the home of Dede Reeck. For directions to her home, please call Dede.

All children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to go caroling on Wednesday, December 14. Please meet at the church at 5:30 for pizza before we go caroling.

The combined adult choirs will present their Christmas cantata, *A Tapestry of Light*, on Sunday, December 18, at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Michael Boucher will be coming home next week for a 30-day convalescent stay and will be attending church on December 18. A reception in his honor is being held following the 11:00 worship service next Sunday. All are invited to drop by Grace Hall, welcome Michael home, and thank him for his bravery.

The Congregation: Ministers

---- The Church Staff ----

Rev. Randy Kanipe, Pastor

Rev. Anne Hansen

Minister of Christian Formation

Nikki Hobus, Youth Minister

Chris Argo, Minister of Music

Carol White, Organist

Ian Johnson, Pianist

Kathy Peacock,

Administrative Assistant

Cheri Skinner, Financial Clerk

Andy White, Maintenance

Martha Jo Collins, Nursery

Loretta Bridges, Nursery

Kay Benton, Custodian

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This Week at WFUMC

Today

- 8:45/11:00 Worship Service
- 9:30 am Coffee, Fellowship
- 9:45/11:00 Sunday School
- 9:45 am The Awakening
- 9:45 am Bible Blast Adventure
- 4:00 pm IHN Families Arrive
- 5:00 pm Handbell Practice
- 5:15 pm Lam[b]inin Youth
- 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Pageant
- 7:00 pm Reception

Monday, December 12

- 12:10 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 80
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - Webelos I, II
- 7:00 pm AA Women's Group
- 7:00 pm Band of Brothers

Tuesday, December 13

- 12:00 n Sunshine Circle at Dede Reeck's home
- 1:30 pm Al-Anon
- 7:00 pm Band of Spiritual Sisters
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 14

- 12:30 pm Staff / Volunteers Luncheon
- 5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party
- 5:30 pm Pizza Supper for Children
- 6:00 pm Caroling for Children
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 15

Friday, December 16

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, December 17

- 4:00 pm Pick up time for Boston Butts

Sunday, December 18

- 8:00 am IHN Families Depart
- 8:45/11:00 Worship & Adult Choir Cantata
- 9:30 am Coffee, Fellowship
- 9:45/11:00 Sunday School
- 9:45 am The Awakening
- 9:45 am Bible Blast Adventure
- 12:00 n Reception Honoring Michael Boucher
- 5:00 pm Handbell Practice

Additional Announcements -- December 11, 2011

The SUGAR Group will meet for their annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. If you would like to go, please call Jo by noon on Monday, December 19, to reserve your place.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Hannah Jordan will be hosting this drive and she has an opportunity to win a \$1000 scholarship to a college of her choice. Walk-in appointments are welcome or you may call Hannah to schedule an appointment.

The Longest Night: A Service of Hope will be held on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. This is a worship service intended to bring comfort to those who are having difficulty enjoying the holiday season. This often happens to those who have lost a loved one or who are dealing with other kinds of troubling situations. So we invite to this service all those who simply wish to rest for an hour surrounded by the peaceful and restorative presence of God. Prayers and anointing for healing will be offered as well. We hope you will consider coming, if not for yourself, then to be of love and support to others.

Reminders: Christmas morning, we will have one worship service that begins at 11:00.

Please remember than any monetary donations made to the church must be received (or postmarked) by December 31 to count toward your 2011 giving.

Note of thanks:

I would like to thank all the wonderful people of WFUMC for all the support and good wishes in the passing of my mother, Sarah Ovedia Fishback. Randy, Anne, Chris and Carol are to be commended for the beautiful service. The ladies of the church finished it out with wonderful food and ended our "celebration of life" just as my mother would have hoped for. I am so proud to be a member (Sunday, December 4!). All of you have welcomed us with open arms.

Sincerely, Beth Patton and the family of Veda Fishback.

Youth Announcements: The Annual Youth Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Please plan to bring a finger food to share for dinner (chips and salsa, mozzarella sticks, pigs in blankets, etc.) and a gag gift for our White Elephant game! Gifts should cost no more than \$10. Our Christmas party will be our last get-together before 2012.

Don't forget about your night if you signed up to volunteer with IHN. Let's show our support for one of our church's biggest ministries!

**December 11, 2011
WE WILL BE LOYAL TO THE CHURCH WITH
OUR PRAYERS**

Prayers for ...

- Alan Alexander, recovering from surgery
- Jim Rundorff, foot surgery
- Avery Garrison, Jean Anderson's uncle, cancer
- Brenda Barrett, Jean Anderson's friend, cancer
- Bobby Haigh, Kitty Collins' brother, aortic aneurysm
- Inez Bailey, friend of Tim and Kitty Collins, prayer support
- Jean Robinson, cancer
- Martha Brodrick, cancer
- William Swan, Layne Francis' father, prayer support
- Harry McCampbell, prayer support
- Dick Adams, prayer support
- Ralph Potts, prayer support
- Thomas Carter, John & Nancy McKissick's brother-in-law, cancer
- Helen Jones, prayer support
- Ariel Gandy, Anne Hansen's niece, hospice care
- Michael Boucher, wounded in Afghanistan
- Bert Boykin, Paul Boykin's brother, cancer
- Gene Veal, cancer
- Tom Strickland, cancer
- Our shut-in friends and family

Our church leaders; our local and national leaders; our military
The unchurched, the homeless, the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, the lame,
those in prison, and those who do not know Christ as their Savior

OUR PRESENCE - Sunday, December 4

Worship Attendance:	Sunday School Attendance:
8:45 am Service -- 129	Adults -- 130
11:00 am Service -- 136	Children / Youth -- 35 / 18

OUR GIFTS

December Budget Needs:	\$44,748.72
Amount Received to Date:	\$16,646.00

AND OUR SERVICE

- Ushers 8:45 am - Jon Hobus, Taylor Jenkins, Tom Link, Roy Printup
11 am - David Francis, Ronnie Silcox, Gerry Taylor, Stacy Webb
- Acolytes 8:45 am - Ella Jenkins; 11 am - Kaitlin Fischer
- Next Sunday's Acolytes 8:45 am - Mackenzie Kenney; 11 am - Ellie Amos