

FUMC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 20, 2011

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 12:00 NOON ON MONDAYS. NOTE:
NEW EMAIL ADDRESS - Office email: fumcoffice@birch.net Church office phone: 925-3436.

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00 PM Rotary meeting - Youth Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

NO WNA (Wednesday Night Activities)

5:00 PM Caroling (meet at the church) – bring finger foods

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 “Christmas Eve”

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 “Merry Christmas”

(NO Sunday School)

11:00 AM Worship (CASUAL DRESS WELCOME)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Faith Bible Study (resumes Jan. 9th)

Church Office closed 12/26 – 12/30 – NO Newsletter)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO Rotary Lunch Meeting

10:45 AM CAM food pickup @ Tractor Supply

NOTE: NO NEWSLETTER – WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER IS POSTED ON THE FUMC FACEBOOK WALL.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 “Happy New Year’s”

10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM *Ron teaching Shugart Martin SSC- Methodism 101*
11:00 AM Worship and Holy Communion
NO Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

NO Faith Bible Study (resumes Jan. 9th)
Church Office Closed New Year’s

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

No Wednesday Night Activities - resumes January 11th

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM Ladies Brunch & United Methodist Men – Joint Breakfast Meeting – Youth Center
9:30-9:55 AM Communion - sanctuary
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM *Ron teaching Shugart Martin SSC- Methodism 101*
11:00 AM Worship
5:00 PM Youth

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM HCMA meeting – Mollie Mondays
10:00 AM Faith Bible Study resumes
1:30 PM Staff Meeting - office

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

NOTE: Ringers and Choir practice will resume January 18th

5:00 PM Covenant Prayer Group meets
5:45 PM Fellowship Meal – Youth Center
6:30 PM Liturgist Class
6:30 PM Bible zone, Middle School Bible Study

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Worship: 166
Sunday School: 117

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

THIS WEEK'S GIVING: \$ 7,110.00
YTD projected budget needs: \$ 328,479.27
YTD budget offerings received: \$ 330,827.77

ALTAR FLOWERS

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12/25 Mary Ann Gilchrist

ATTENTION: We need someone to give altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone or some special life event. Immediate open dates are JANUARY 1, 8, 15 and 29. More open dates will be announced later. Please call Jean at the church office and if no answer – please leave a voice message or email fumcjan@birch.net Thank you for your prompt attention!

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SERVANTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

12/24 The Smith Family

DECEMBER USHERS – GREETERS:

Ushers: Salt & Light SSC
Greeters: Shugart Martin SSC

JANUARY USHERS - GREETERS

Ushers: John Mark Williams Class
Greeters: Cora Gene Miller Class

YOUTH/CHILDREN SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 25 "Merry Christmas" - NO UMYF
Sunday, January 1 "Happy New Year" – NO UMYF

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SET-UP/CLEAN UP & DESSERTS

December 21 NO WNA Caroling – bring finger foods
December 28 Christmas Break – no WNA
January 4 NO WNA
January 11 John Mark Williams SSC

COUNTING TEAMS*

12/25 S. Duren, D. McLean, J. Adams
1/1 L. Richardson, R. Hank, T. Smith
1/8 B. Goodyear, K. Wilkes, S. Stanfill
1/15 D. Hutchinson, J. Pappin, Y. McGinley

*Please remember to arrange for a substitute if you are unable to attend.

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST

Robert Agar
Chance Alexander
Patty Anderson
Pastor Ron Brown
Charlie Lou Broyles
Dennis Burgess
Durelle Burton Family
Kirk Carroll
Belinda & Gerald Colbert
Susan Cromwell
Allie Davis

Gene Doran
Kenneth Gibbs
Frances Gilliland
Wade Harrison
Frank Henson
Patty Higginbottom
Brent Hodgson
Billy Joe Kennedy
Bob McDonald
Elton Peterson
Kay Parvin

Patricia Qualls
Laurie Rhoda
Diane Rittenhouse
Joann Seaton
Muriel Segafrodo
Mike Turner
John H White III
Mike Wills
Pat Wills
Kenny Wottowa
Tommy Wolfe

ONGOING PRAYER LIST

Muril Bradley
Cassie Cummings
Nicky Durbin
Rev. Mary Foote
Emma Gridley
Margueritte Hughes
Kevin Hurley
Ann Clair Johnson
Wacile Johnson

John Kolarik
Lesa Littrell
Dr. Charles Lull
Rachael Madrigal
Larry McDonald
Our Church
Our Military
Our World
Charles Pannell

Ken Qualls
Sandy Russo
Greta Shutt
Mary Morgan Stanley
Capt. Michael Stewart
Diane Weaver
Michelle Wilkes

MEMORIALS GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF: _____ **BY:**
FLOYD DURBINBrodie and Bobbie Davis
REV. JAMES BEATYCarla Deatherage
LOUISE ROSSDavid & JoAnne Taylor

IN HONOR OF: _____ **BY:**
BRENDA SCHOMBURGMeda Falls
MAUREEN TAYLORMeda Falls

PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-14
SERMON TITLE: "He Gave"

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who prepared soup, quiche and desserts for the Christmas Café. Thank you to Jeanette Cronise and Lori Pannell for all the pre-planning and decorating our Youth Center, which we will enjoy the remainder of December. A great big "Thank You" to everyone who worked the entire time before 11 AM till after 1 PM (the set-up, serve & clean-up crew). It was a very nice event.

Thank you all
Pam Wolfe

Thanks for all the prayers and concerns for Ron. He is doing great and is trying to take it easy – but it is real hard for him. We do appreciate the love and care shown during this SURPRISE surgery.

Blessings
Sharon Lee and Ron

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**C.A.M. FOOD DELIVERY
NEED VOLUNTEERS WITH PICK-UP TRUCKS**

DECEMBER 27TH 10:45 am

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD WILL BRING A TRUCK LOADED WITH FOOD
TRACTOR SUPPLY PARKING LOT
TO BE UNLOADED AND TAKEN TO C.A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOLY COMMUNION
OFFERED EACH SUNDAY IN THE SANCTURY
(EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAY – SERVED DURING WORSHIP)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHOIR PRACTICE AND CHANCEL RINGERS
WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH!**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

During Christmas season, we will be using the mail box downstairs by the elevator to receive and give Christmas cards to each other. When at church, be sure to remember to check the boxes to receive your mail.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

On, **Thursday, January 12th**, the Lunch Bunch go to the **Fish Hut**. Call the office by January 10th if you can go We will meet at the upper parking lot and take the van because of limited parking. **PLEASE NOTE: Our group is open to both women and men.** The Lunch Bunch is a group that goes out to eat lunch together on the second Thursday of each month.

Financial Peace Classes

Beginning **Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 PM** we will start an exciting new ministry at F.U.M.C. Pam Aird will be the Coordinator for **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**. These classes will help individuals and families learn to manage their finances, save money and plan for the future. Classes are open to everyone through-out the community. **Cost is \$79.00 for the entire family including materials** and will run for 13 weeks. Funding will be arranged as needed. Child Care will also be provided.

Pam Aird is not only a FPU Coordinator she is also a Dave Ramsey Certified Counselor and has helped many people with their personal financial needs on a one-to-one/family basis over the last six years. Prior to that she worked as a small business counselor for the SBA.

Please pray for this new FMUC ministry and Pam and those receiving the important teachings based on Biblical principles. It will be a blessing for those taking the course. For more information, call Pam @ 926-4968. To register call the Church Office at 925-3436 or Pam. Reserve your place today!

Lord, You own the world and everything in it. All that I have belongs to You (Ps. 24:1; 1 Chron. 29:14,16). I relinquish my ownership, that I might faithfully manage what You have entrusted to me, remembering always that I am accountable to You for its use (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:2).



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
and
Holy Communion
Saturday, December 24
7:00 pm
In the Sanctuary

FIRST UMC
270 Main Street
Savannah, TN 37382