

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Liturgical Color – Purple**

**December 13, 2009**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please register and pass the attendance pad)

Harold Vess

PRELUDE: **“Fum, Fum, Fum on December Twenty-fifth”**

Arr. **John Carter**

\*BRINGING FORTH THE FLAME

Acolytes

THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP:

**“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29).

OPENING PRAYER

\* THE EXCHANGE OF WARM CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY: “Light of Joy”

Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

#224

THE SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVING

*If you would like someone to pray with you at the altar, please lift your hand.*

HYMN OF PRAYER “What Child is This”

#219

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

*THE PRESENTATION OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS*

*THE OFFERTORY* **“Good King Wenceslas”**

Arr. **Ovid Young**

\*THE DOXOLOGY:

\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SCRIPTURE Luke 3:7-18

THE MESSAGE: “Pride and Prejudice”

Pastor

\*THE HYMN OF DEDICATION “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#229

*(The pastor will be in the Narthex to meet with those who desire to receive or renew their relationship with Jesus as Savior and Lord, and those who wish to unite in membership with His church)*

\* CARRYING FORTH THE FLAME

Acolytes

\*THE BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE **“How Great Our Joy”**

**Keith Christopher**

\* *Congregation Stands (if able)*

**REGULAR SCHEDULED COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

HAND CHIMES– Every Monday at 6:00 PM

BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING - Second Sunday of each month following 11:00 worship

CLAUDE CALLOWAY CLASS MEETING – meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 6:00 pm

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

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UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN (Mini-Methodist aka M&M’s) AND YOUTH(Fire Starter’s for Christ) meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm

TRUSTEES meet every other month on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm

AWESOME AUTUMNS meet the second Thursday of each month at 11:00 am

QUILTERS – meet each Tuesday at 11:30 (covered-dish prior to quilting)

SCOUTS – (Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts) GS- Monday/CS –Tuesday/BS- Thursday – 7:00 PM.

YOUTH – Meet each Wednesday night at 6:30 and the first Sunday afternoon of each month.

CHILDREN - Meet each Wednesday Night at 5:00 PM for Choir, then M&M’s after supper

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE - 6:45 - 7:30 PM

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Tonight - 7:00 – Children’s Christmas Musical “One Starry Night”

Tuesday – 10:00am Men’s Coffee at McDonald’s

11:30am Quilting

Wednesday - Family Fellowship Dinner at 5:45, M&M’s 6:30, Prayer Service 6:45

Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Sunday - 6:00 pm – CHURCH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER



**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL: “One Starry Night”**

**TONIGHT, DECEMBER 6, 2009**

**7PM**

**JOIN US THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> FOR AN 11:00 O’CLOCK AM CHRISTMAS EVE AND HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR THIS JOYOUS OCCASION.**



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** and Trinity Baptist will partner together to bring Matthew West and **VEGGIE TALES** to Asheville on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Trinity Baptist. Tickets are \$10.00 and the money goes to buy Bibles for Operation Christmas Child. The Veggie Tales new Christmas movie will be shown and then Matthew West will have a concert. Any questions about this, please see Beth Baker.



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Tonight, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Children's Musical – 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> –  
Church-wide Covered-Dish  
Supper 6:00 pm (UMM to provide  
Meat)

No Wednesday Night Events  
December 23rd

**Christmas Eve Day Services,  
December 24<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 AM Worship  
and Communion Service

No Wednesday Night Events  
December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSION PROJECTS:**

**Sew-in-love quilters** at EAUMC are in need of Poly-fil (any size bags or boxes) to fill heart pillows for the VA hospital's heart patients.

**Coupons:** for military families. Bring your coupons to church and Beth Baker will make sure they get to the right place to help our military. Place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**ABCCM** – Sunday is always the first Sunday of each month. Items needed: powdered milk, tuna and margarine (stick). These items go to senior citizens who have a difficult time during the month.

**Eyeglasses:** If you have a pair of un-used eyeglasses, please donate them to the Lions Club. Box in Narthex.

**The B.E.A.R. Closet** at Abernathy UMC is in need of size 0-3 month baby clothes. New are gently used clothing would be appreciated. Clothes for girls are especially needed!

**Family –to-Family Ministries** is collecting peanut butter. Please place your gifts of peanut butter in the box in the fellowship hall. These items go to help the food pantry for children at Bell School.

**Boy Scouts as for help with veterans for Holiday:**

We will be collecting socks again this year for the Veterans in the nursing home at the VA Hospital. Thanks to your support, last year we collected over 150 pairs of new socks. Once collected, they were then packaged in holiday bags and delivered to the nursing home at the VA Hospital on Christmas Eve. It was a very humbling moment for everyone that went along.

**If you are looking and praying for something to do in your church, here are just a few things for you to pray about:**

We need:

1. Someone to make sure the paper products are supplied for the church pantry and bathrooms. (You are not responsible for paying for these items).
2. Help with the Wednesday night children's program.
3. Re-supplying the sanctuary pews with envelopes and making sure pencils are sharpened and available.
4. Making copies of pew-pad forms when needed.
5. Making copies of prayer request forms when needed.
6. Working with the Children's SS program.

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