

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong: Frank and Barbara Racy
 Traditional Service: Volunteers Needed

PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Austin	Jeanette Hathcock	Russell Phelps
Nina Anderson	Susan Huffman	Teresa Robbins
Tom Bready	Doris Jackson	Jessica Royer
Rev. Scottie Brafford	Lucy Krull	Rachell Ruppe
Monte Connell	Buddy Lewis	Forrest Scott
Brynlee Crandall	Lori Lindley	Carolyn Scruggs
Rain Critz	Nancy Lindsey	Adeline Shankle
Mary Jane Crotty	Wayne Locke	Sonny Sherrod
Joe Daniels	Tom Mason	Chad Stafford
Shannon Daniels	Peggy Massey	Eddie Tate
Helen Davis	Edith McBride	Leslie Trumbo
Celia Demery	Walter McIntosh	Laurene Turner
Betty Ferris	Charlie Peeler	Mae Belle Wright



NURSERY

Each Sunday, Nursery Service is available for children birth to 3 years of age upstairs at the Chamber Center during MorningSong service or in the lower level of the Education Building, room 102, during Traditional service.



UMW NEEDS YOU!

If you are a woman and attending FUMC, then you ARE a United Methodist Woman!



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias can be purchased to decorate the sanctuary December 15-29. **Order by Monday, December 9.** Cost is \$15.00.

(Check correct line) In Honor _____ Memory _____

Name _____

Given By: _____

Fold this form in envelope with payment and put in offering plate, or give to an usher or send to Church office. Thank you.

CALENDAR DECEMBER 1- DECEMBER 8, 2013

Sunday, December 1, 2013

1st Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. MorningSong - Chamber Center
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens - Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Advent Processional (beginning at St. Matthew's)
 Followed by Chili Potluck in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 2, 2013

7:00 p.m. Church Conference

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

5:30 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6, 2013

5:30 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal and Pizza

Saturday, November 30, 2013

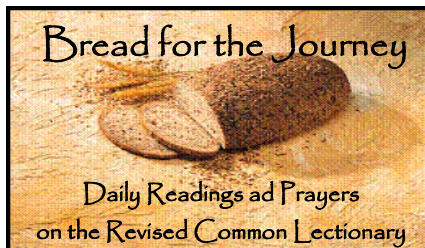
8:00 a.m. Fun Run for Bread of Life (7 a.m. registration)
 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Work Day- Brighton
 11:00 a.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8, 2013

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. ONE Worship Service
 Choir Cantata "Agnus Dei"
 Performed by Chancel Choir and Orchestra
 5:00 p.m. UMYF
 7:00 p.m. Children's Musical
 "Signs of Christmas" performed by Children's Choir
 Followed by Happy Birthday Jesus Reception



Please join us for a weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for only \$3.

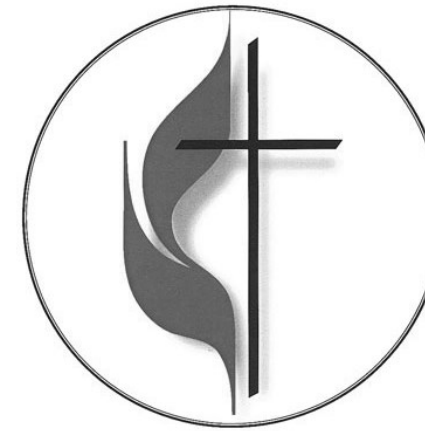


Our daily devotional resource will help you apply scripture to your daily life. Available each Sunday in worship by request from any usher.



PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR BULLETINS

By the door when you leave. Thank You!



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Today's theme for scripture and sermon

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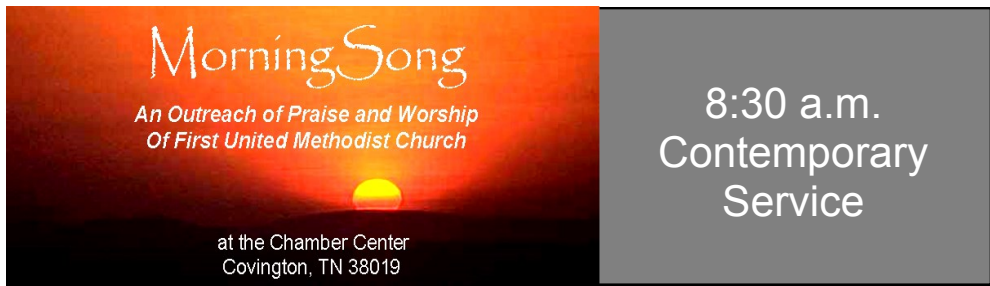
DECEMBER 1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The liturgical color for Advent is **Blue**, reminding us of our hope in the coming Messiah.

Purple is also used, reminding us of the royalty of Christ.



Please mute your cell phone during worship



8:30 a.m.
Contemporary
Service

*—Denotes to please stand as you are able.

GREETING Grace Phelps

*OPENING SONG "You are Holy" Praise Band
Bonnie Wright, Music Director

WELCOME / PASSING OF PEACE

PREPARATION SONG
"Here I Am to Worship"

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH Henry and Betty Glass

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4 Martha McDaniel
Philippians 1:9-11

JOYS AND CONCERNS Grace Phelps

PRAYER SONG
"Be Near Me, Lord Jesus"

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S CHURCH INVITATION (Pre K to 2nd grade)

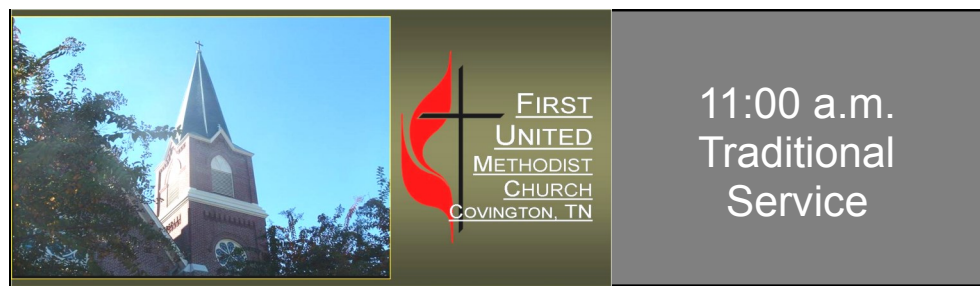
OFFERING AND SPECIAL MUSIC
"I Stand Amazed"

*SCRIPTURE Luke 1:67-79

SERMON Tim Carpenter
"The First Carols: Song of Zechariah"

*CLOSING SONG
"Better is One Day"

*BENEDICTION



11:00 a.m.
Traditional
Service

(* Denotes to please stand as you are able. (UMH)-United Meth.Hymnal

WELCOME Grace Phelps

PRELUDE "Christmas Praise" Phillips
Justin Hanson, Organ
Bonnie Wright, Piano

INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL
How shall we prepare this house
for the coming of the king?
With branches of cedar to symbolize royalty.
How shall we prepare this house
for the coming of the eternal Christ?
**With a wreath of candles to remember
the light of Christ.**
How shall we prepare this house
for the coming of the Savior?
**With a manger scene and tree,
to await the arrival for the one who brings life.**
How shall we prepare our hearts
for the coming of the Son of God?
**By hearing the words of Scripture
foretelling the saving work of God.**
Surely God did not send the Son into the world
to condemn the world, but that the world,
through him, might be saved.
Glory to God in the highest!

*HYMN 213 UMH (screen)
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*WORDS OF PREPARATION Tim Carpenter
"Advent" literally means "to come" and refers to the com-
ing of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world. It is also a
time for us to anticipate the Second Coming of the Lord,
when Christ comes again to final glory. The season con-
tinues from the first Sunday after November 27 to
Christmas, always including four Sundays. The use of the
color blue during Advent signifies hope. Use of purple

signifies preparation for the coming King.
Today we decorate our church building in preparation for
the coming of the Christmas season. Yet we also prepare
our lives for the coming of Christ in his final kingdom.
As we decorate our church, we dedicate these symbols
and ourselves to the glory of God; the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit. Amen

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Greenery and Poinsettias Bruce and Debbie Sater
The Scripture Isaiah 61:1-3
The Tradition

The Advent Wreath Ron and Jean Jones
The Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The Tradition

The Creche Steve, Angela, and Lane Clark
The Scripture Jeremiah 23:5-6
The Tradition

The Crismon Tree Keith, Brenda, and Bryan Elzie
The Scripture *John 14:1-7
The Tradition

The Light Frank and Barbara Racy
The Scripture Zechariah 9:9-10
The Tradition

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE Grace Phelps

OFFERTORY "No Eye Hath Seen" Smith
Chancel Choir
Keith and Grace Phelps, Duet

*DOXOLOGY 95 (screen)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH INVITATION (Pre K to 2nd grade)

*SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:67-79

SERMON The First Carols: Song of Zechariah
Tim Carpenter

HYMN 196 UMH (screen)
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Silent Night"

POSTLUDE "Fantasia on Deck the Halls" Koury
Justin Hanson, Organ