

### UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong: Ray and Janice Newbill  
Traditional Service: Cathy Adams

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong: Casey Rogers and Laura Richardson  
Traditional Service: Charlotte Quinley

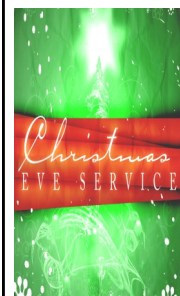
### NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong: Angela Clark and Lauren Smith  
Traditional Service: Cynthia Ford and Raygan Escue

### PRAYER REQUESTS

<b>Condolences to the family of:</b> Eddie Twohig	Carol Fenton Lisa Flanders Mike Fleming Thad Glenn Cindy Graves Rusty Hamilton Hugh Hanson Orbin Holland Linda Holt Becky Horstkoetter Carole Hughey Ricky Hunt Mykle Johnson Jean Jones Mary L. Kimery Greg Knox Lori Butler Lindley Dave Marshall Peggy Massey Wallace Mathis Edith McBride Catherine McCalla	Pete McDow Charlie Moss James Neely Bobby Pace Raymond Poole Joyce Richardson Larry Roy Carolynn Scruggs Dave Seagrave George Robert Shoaf Neal Simonton Buddy Smith Chad Smith Jimmy Turner Tripp Turner Ashley Whaley Bart White Jo Wigington Dr. Barney Witherington III Martha Yarbrough
<b>Other Requests:</b> Billy Anderson J.C. Bailey Donna Beard Inette Bennett Terry Benson L.C. Bierman Mark Billingsley Tom Bready John Erik Bryant David Buchanan Don Chastain Clara Conley Gloria Cook Bobby Coulston Phronia Dailey Darryl Dickerson Billy Dycus Jack Allen Edwards Claudine Elder		

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



Christmas Eve services will take place Thursday, December 24th. Join us in the Sanctuary as we "re-enact" at 5:00 p.m. and celebrate at 9:00 p.m., the Christmas story of Jesus, through scripture and song. The service ends with a candlelight singing of *Silent Night*, and includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children who would like to participate in the 5 p.m. service are asked to arrive a few minutes early and meet in the Fellowship Hall.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Children and youth Wednesday night activities will resume on **January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Adult Lenten study begins **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



If you ordered a poinsettia, you may take it with you after today's worship service. A tribute list is available on the ushers table.



### CALENDAR DECEMBER 20-DECEMBER 26, 2015

#### Sunday, December 20

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship-Christian Life Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship-Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19  
5:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night-Christian Life Center

#### Monday, December 21

6:00 p.m. MorningSong Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

#### Tuesday, December 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
12:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

#### Wednesday, December 23

9:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study-New Beginnings Classroom  
12:00 p.m. Traditional Service Broadcast-KBJ Cable Ch. 5 & 19

#### Thursday, December 24-Christmas Eve-Church Offices Closed

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Children's)-Sanctuary  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (Traditional)-Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 25-Christmas Day-Church Offices Closed

Merry Christmas!

#### Saturday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry-Munford UMC

### MARCH TO THE MANGER OFFERING

The "March to the Manger" special offering will be received today in addition to the regular weekly offering. You are invited to place your offering in the envelope provided and bring it to the altar during the closing song/hymn or place it in the offering plate.



This offering is annually dedicated to particular priorities as determined by the Trustees and Finance Committees. Two priorities are given to this year's special offering. One priority is for **Repairs to the Fellowship Hall**. Another priority is for **Mission and Outreach through the Good Samaritan Fund**. You may designate your gift for one or both of these priorities. Thank you!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating Epiphany early with a reading of *The Secret of the Gifts* by Paul Flucke.

On **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be participating in Wesley's Covenant Service at both services.

### NURSERY



Each Sunday during services, a Nursery is available for children birth to 3 years of age in the lower level of the Education Building, room 102. See an usher for directions.



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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The liturgical colors for the fourth Sunday of Advent are blue signifying hope and purple reminding us of the royalty of Christ.

*"Leading Others to Christ, Learning to Be Disciples,  
Loving through Service."*



8:30 a.m.  
Contemporary

*\*Denotes to please stand as you are able.*

†Children (PreK-2nd Grade) are invited to attend Children's Church. Parents may pick up their children on the lower level of the Education Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Grace Phelps

\*PRAISE SONGS

"Angels We Have Heard On High"  
"What Child is This?"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Ron and Jennifer Leyvas Family

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Phelps

PRAYER SONG "Be Near Me, Lord Jesus"

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Phelps

THE LORD'S PRAYER

†OFFERING

"Noel"

Praise Band

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

SERMON

Rev. Wade Cox

"Expectations of Christmas"

\*CLOSING SONG

"Joy to the World"  
*(You are invited to bring your March to the Manger offering to the altar during the song.)*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Cox

*Information about Nursery or Children's Church can be found at the table with the balloon.*



11:00 a.m.  
Traditional Service

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TFWS-The Faith We Sing

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal

WELCOME

Rev. Grace Phelps

PRELUDE

Justin Hanson, Organ

"In Dulci Jubilo"  
(arr. Smith)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kirk and Emily Richardson Family

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nola Rae Carter  
Will Carter

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Phelps

OFFERTORY

Justin Hanson, Organ

"Christmas Fantasy on Four Carols"  
(arr. Rinehart)

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 218

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

†PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Phelps

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Mary Had a Baby"  
(arr. Dawson)

Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

SERMON

Rev. Wade Cox  
"Expectations of Christmas"

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

UMH 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*(You are invited to bring your March to the Manger offering to the altar during the hymn.)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Cox

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Emmanuel"

Choir

POSTLUDE

Justin Hanson, Organ  
"Sing Praise to God"  
(arr. Broughton)

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Sermon Notes: "Expectations of Christmas"