

*Flowers for Today's Service are Given in Loving Memory of
Matthew Lloyd Andersen
By his Family*

DECEMBER 13, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Long Range Planning: Christmas Party
Belonging and Evangelism will meet Sunday, December 20, 3:00 pm Kitchen/Hospitality Committee will meet Monday, December 14, 9:30 am at the home of Barbara Verdery, 3672 Leawood Way, Fayetteville Personnel Committee will meet Monday, December 14, 5:30 pm, Commons Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettia Deliveries: If you signed up to deliver poinsettias, but haven't picked them up yet, you can pick them up in the main corridor of Calvin (don't forget to get a bow with a greeting sticker to go with your plant) from 9:30 am-1:00 pm today. Please initial your name on the Poinsettia List on the table outside the church office. Thanks for your help.

Celebration at the Manger: Wed., Dec. 16, 6:15 pm, Sanctuary. It's a joy celebrate the Nativity through the children's eyes. Grandchildren and friends are welcome! If you have a child that would like to be in the program, please contact Katie Jackson, wscribner@yahoo.com.

Christmas Breakfast: Sun., Dec. 20, 9:15 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sausage gravy with hot biscuits and beverages, will be provided. We are asking each family (if possible) to bring a breakfast food ready to share: i.e. hot breakfast casserole, breakfast bread, muffins, or fruit. Pre-School - Elementary Sunday School will attend a Birthday Party for Jesus, 10:15-10:45 am, Upper Activity Center. Confirmation Classes will not meet. Adult Sunday School classes will meet at discretion of leader.

Poinsettia Dedications: We are taking donations and requests for poinsettia dedications. If you want to honor or remember a loved one in this beautiful way, please contact the church office 442-4411 or Amy White-Beard 442-0140.

Hat and Mitten Trees: We have two Hat and Mitten Trees, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, one in the Fellowship Hall, one in the Narthex. Please replace decorations on the trees with hats and/or mittens for children and young people elementary age through high school. The hats and mittens will be distributed to schools in the Fayetteville School District to be given to students.

Request for Gifts for new Chancel Organ Console: Our current two-manual organ console is unreliable and frustrating to play. The problems continue to worsen. Session has voted to replace the console with a new "Moller" three-manual, solid-state console, at a cost of \$30,000. The new console will correct many of the current problems with the organ, and lay groundwork for future improvements to the chancel organ. Session has identified \$12,400 in the current budget that can be used for the new console. The Church requests gifts and pledges during December, 2009 and the first quarter of 2010 to fund the remaining \$17,600 needed for the new console.

New Arrivals: Samuel David Pieper, born 11/12/09 (parents: Eva Madison and David Pieper; grandparents: Bernie and Sue Madison); **Asher Greeley Johnson**, born 11/29/09 (parents: Amanda and Brian Johnson; grandparents: Dennis and Lorraine Brewer). Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Prayer Concerns: Mary Margaret Morton, Billy Thompson, Mary Schaller, Eva Stalker, Don Shefte, John Burhorn, Jim Scroggs, Catherine Cross, Rita Davis, Sue Ellen Ward, Rev. Maury Roberts, Marion Orton, Cindy Campbell (Wittry) (death of her uncle), Molly Williams, Margot Grossman (Byron Haines' Niece), Laurie Marshall (death of her mother), LeGene Vaughn (Mary Schlegal's sister-in-law), Chiko Sekiguchi (death of Ted), Becky Purcell (death of her Uncle Sam McCammon), Verne Righter, Pam Jenkins (sister of Laura Winburn's step-mother), Rita Manske (death of her sister Sandra Kretzer), Patsy Brewer (death of Ted), Mary Beth Coldwell (death of her mother Mary Frances Gladney), 2nd Lt. Alec Burner-Abt (Barbara Brown's nephew), Alyce Brown (David Brown's mother), Jane Nelson, Alex Ruth (death of his father), Verne Righter, Barbara George (death of her stepfather), Ronnie Denn, Inez Ballenger, John, Colin, and Bronwyn Dixon (death of Jan), Alvis Houston (Tom Houston's father), Jennifer Cole (daughter of Carole Walter), Randy and Pam Andersen, Cindy Andersen, Emily and Buckley Bridges, Erin and John Wilson, Melissa Wilson (death of Matthew: son, husband, brother and brother-in-law, uncle), Helen Ezell, Laurie Reh (death of her mother), Lene Wells (sister-in-law of Kathy Sprouse), David Dulin and family (friends of Mary Jo Harvey), Connie and Jeff Taylor (daughter and son-in-law of Mary Jo Harvey)

Please call the church office, 442-4411, during the week with prayer concerns, joys or hospital information.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Worship Service*: Sanctuary: 11:00 am
Adult Choir Sunday: Lessons and Carols
Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School: 9:30 am, Upper and Lower Knox
2nd and 3rd grade chimes: (after Sunday School) 10:25-10:45 am, Lower Knox
4th and 5th grade chimes: (before Sunday School) 9:30-9:50 am, Lower Knox
Confirmation Class for 6th and 7th grade: Lower Knox
8th- 12th grade Sunday School: Recreation Room
Adult Sunday School Assembly: 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am, assigned space
Chinese School: 1:30-5:00 pm, Campus Wide
Committee Meetings: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Campus Wide
Christmas Caroling at City Hospital: 1:45 pm, Meet at City Hospital Parking Lot
UPY: 4:00 pm, Christmas Angel shopping, bring \$10.00
NO Moderators' Meeting

WEEK DAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Deadline for January FOCUS Submissions
First School Chapel: 8:45 am
Wonderful Wednesday Reservations
Due: Noon, Church Office
Kitchen Hospitality Committee Mtg.: 9:30 am, Home of Barbara Verdery
Personnel Committee Mtg: 5:30 pm, Commons Rm.
Caroling: 5:45 pm, Brookstone Assisted Living, 415 E. Longview St.
Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

First School Chapel: 8:45 am
PW Coordinating Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Library
Haas Hall Rehearsal: 3:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
Adult Handbells: 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Bulletin Announcements Due for December 20
Men's Breakfast: 6:30 am, Village Inn
Staff Meeting : 12:00 pm, The Brick House

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 CONT.'

Wonderful Wednesday *#: 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Elementary Choirs: 5:15 - 5:45 pm, Music Room
Celebration at the Manger: 6:15 pm, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:15 pm, Music Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

First School Christmas Program: 11:00 am, Sanctuary
Intercessory Prayer: 3:30 pm, BTV
Everyone Can Sing: 7:00 pm, Activity Center

Haas Hall Program: 8:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

7-Hill Community Meals: 8:30 am, Kitchen
Hooks and Needles
First School Christmas Program: 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Decorate for Christmas Breakfast: 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

AA Meeting: 6:00 pm, Activity Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Worship Services*: Sanctuary: 8:30 am, Communion: 11:00 am
Christmas Breakfast: 9:15 - 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School, Birthday Party for Jesus: 10:15-10:45 am, Upper Activity Center
No Confirmation Classes, nor youth Sunday School
Adult Sunday School will meet at leader's discretion
Chinese School Christmas Party: 1:30-4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
UPY: 4:00 pm, Party at home of Kristi Button, 504 N. Sequoyah Dr., Fayetteville
*Indicates professional childcare is provided. #Indicates reservations are required.

STAFF

Rev. Barry Williams
Interim Pastor

Dr. Todd Prickett
Director of Music

Rev. Lee Power
Parish Assistant

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*Called to be a **light on the hill**,
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,
the hope of our changing world.*

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*First United Presbyterian Church
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visibly demonstrating a deep commitment
to proclaim Jesus Christ,
as we lovingly grow in discipleship
and eagerly engage in service to others*

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2009
A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Albert Thate

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(11:00am)

ACOLYTES: Emma Hewat and Rebecca Boushelle

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name;
The Holy One is in our midst.

How good it is to come home to God's house!

How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!

Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart;

The Sovereign One has done glorious things.

We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace.

We face our plenty, eager to share.

Shout your praise! Express your joy!

The God of our salvation welcomes us.

God's love is renewing us in these moments;

God's strength is becoming our song!

*ADVENT CHORALE

Todd Prickett

*The first singing of Chorale will be by choir only,
then we will repeat Chorale with both congregation and choir.*

Be joyful in the Word of life!

Rejoice, the Lord is Light!

***For our dark world a Babe was born,
that blessed Christmas night.***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Don and Christi Cox, Cory, Caleb and Chloe Cox, Bradley and Anna Grey,

Loving God, we open ourselves to you,

trusting that this is how you made us:

you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

LESSON ONE

Genesis 3: 1-22

The Fall of Man

Carlin Purcell

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

Amy Locke, Soprano

LESSON TWO

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

To Us a Child Is Born

Maria Rossetti

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PH 44

LESSON THREE

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Branch from Jesse

Will Hewat

ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Doug Andrews

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are an anxious people.

Too often we are shaped by our fears, not by faith.

We have said and done things unworthy of our calling.

Our thoughts have been so dominated

***by the past and the future that we have failed to live
fully in the present. Our lives are filled with discontent,
worry, and self-protective pursuits.***

***We have not trusted you or let you enlighten us
with good news. Forgive us. Change us.***

***Inspire our caring and doing so we may bear fruit
as your forgiven and forgiving children.***

(Silent Confession)

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy, upon us.

Christ, have mercy, upon us.

Lord, have mercy, upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LESSON FOUR

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort for God's People

Taylor Power

*HYMN

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

PH 20

(sung antiphonally - Women/Men)

LESSON FIVE

Luke 1:26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Kyle Elmore

ANTHEM

Nova, Nova, Ave Fit Ex Eva

Willametta Spencer

LESSON SIX

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Kori Romere

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

arr. Andre Thomas

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Adult Handbells

Directed by Katie Jackson

*DOXOLOGY

PH 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We praise you with our offerings, gracious God,
and honor you with our gifts.***

***Keep us from accepting more than our share
of the world's resources or from thinking***

we have achieved our successes by our own efforts.

***Guide our lives in ways that will draw us nearer to you,
yet increase our sense of responsibility
toward your other children. Amen***

LESSON SEVEN

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

William Oliver

ANTHEM

Behold a Simple Tender Babe

Carl Wiltse

LESSON EIGHT

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Future of Jerusalem

Taylor Davis

*HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PH 31

LESSON NINE

John 1:1-18

The Word Became Flesh

Christopher Talbert

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh

arr. Katherine Davis

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Carry your songs of praise into the world;

let others know the glad anticipation of Advent.

***God goes with us, continuing to renew and bless;
filling our lives with joy and expectation.***

God is transforming us day by day,
working within and among us to heal the world.

The God of peace is with us;

we can do all things in Christ, who strengthens us.

Amen.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sortie on a Czech Carol

Carl Simone

*Please stand as you are able.

Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.

WELCOME GUESTS, we pray that our worship together will strengthen and nurture our faith. If you are seeking a church home, please feel free to learn more about First United Presbyterian Church by speaking to a minister, a staff member, or a member of Session. CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS are available in the Narthex. These include activity sheets, crayons and bookmarks. PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE is provided in lower level Calvin. MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—All are invited to unite with the church by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the pastors or the church office (442-4411).