

Hope



Joy Love PEACE

THE 1ST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS

SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

December 27, 2009

8:30 & 11:00 am

Ministers

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Associate Pastor

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Matt Gaston

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Rev. Jessica Wright

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE GATHER

Welcome Deana Ferguson

Prelude *Greensleeves* arr. Richard Purvis
Bob Mizell, organist

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.

*Call to Worship

One: Almighty and all-loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself.

Many: **Help us now to be reconciled with one another, that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ, that we might forgive and be forgiven;**

All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 242** *Love Came Down at Christmas*

*The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn.
The Children are invited to the front for Children's Time.*

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children Deana Ferguson

Hymn 219 *What Child Is This*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Lisa Marshall

Lord's Prayer the people praying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Ministry Witness

Our Offering *Gesu Bambino* Pietro A. Yon
Jennifer Mizell Bollinger, soprano
Carol Lynn Mizell, oboe

Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.

***Doxology 204** the people singing

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.***

Scripture Colossians 3:12-17
Page 201 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Message "Clothe Yourself with Love" Rev. Lisa Marshall

WE RESPOND

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.

***Hymn 248** *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

***Blessing**

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach

The acolytes today are Tyler Motes and Alex Poston (8:30); and Michael Schriver and George Elliot (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st Floor of the East Wing during worship.

A television is set up downstairs in Miller Center during the 11:00 am worship service for those who feel the need to leave the Sanctuary but still wish to be a part of the service.

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton. For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

The new library hours are posted on the Library door.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

Today . . .

- 9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft
Poinsettias may be picked up from the 2nd floor of the East Wing
- 5:30-7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) – Movie Night

This Week . . .

- December 28** Church offices closed for the holidays
- December 31** **Main Church offices closed.** Church Business Administrator, Joe Carbonaro, will be available at the Pre-School Hall receptionist desk (East Wing Parking Lot entrance) to accept any **year-end contributions** you wish to make from 8:30 am until noon.

A New Year . . .

- January 1** Church offices closed for the holidays
- January 3** Communion Sunday
- January 4** Church offices re-open after the holidays, 9:00 am.

Beginning Again – Life After a Relationship Ends, new workshop comes to FUMC for those individuals who have lost someone they love through divorce, death, or with the end of a significant relationship. Spend a weekend learning how to renew your journey of life and look forward to what God has in store for your future. Space is extremely limited and the workshop will cost \$20 for this January 8 & 9 workshop. Childcare is available by reservation only. If interested, please call Joe Carbonaro in the Church office.

Financial Peace University – once again FUMC will host the FPU workshop on Saturday mornings starting January 16th. Tired of dealing with debt and wondering why you can't seem to get ahead? Want to learn how to be the master of your money instead of your money directing what you do? Classes run from 9:00 – 11:00 am, and childcare is available by reservation only. The cost is \$100 for the kit. If interested please call Joe Carbonaro in the Church office.

Year End Gifting Reminder

Remember that as you consider *“Making a Christmas Gift to our Church to Celebrate our Church’s work”* (see the December 11 Columns), making your final gift in fulfillment of your 2009 pledge, or helping us complete our 2009 Apportionments commitment, your gifts may be in the form of cash, checks, certificates of deposit, and marketable securities. You may mail your gifts, but they must be postmarked by December 31 to receive a receipt dated in 2009. Of course, you may bring them to the Church yourself (East Wing Parking Lot Entrance) by 12 noon on Thursday, December 31 – after that time, the Church offices will be closed for the remainder of the year.

A Month of Mission

The question for all of us is not, “Are you in mission?” but “How are you in mission?” Find the mission field that matches your passions through the following events. If you would like more information or to sign up to serve, please contact Rev. Jessica Wright or Deana Ferguson, 940.382.5478.

<p>Wednesday, January 6 Epiphany Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm Monroe Gym</p> <p>In cooperation with community coordinators, our church will be sponsoring an Epiphany Party, celebrating the Magi’s recognition of the Christ child with fellowship and gifts for local children and their families. Last year this event, which was hosted at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, had close to 700 people come and go through their doors. The event includes a simple meal, entertainment, and a structured “gift choosing” time.</p> <p>This event was begun about twenty years ago in Arlington as a non-denominational celebration for the poor and homeless. A similar event was started in Denton in 2005. The purpose of the event is to give gifts to those in our community in need.</p>	<p>Saturday, January 9 Mission Garage Sale 7:00 am - 2:00 pm Monroe Gym</p> <p>This Mission Garage Sale sends <i>all proceeds to benefit our missions</i> as a church as well as other local helping agencies. You are invited to participate, so clean out those closets, consider what things you can do without now that you’ve opened your Christmas presents, and bring it to the Monroe Gym.</p> <p>Sunday morning , January 10 1st Annual Mission Fair Monroe Gym</p> <p>Representatives from our own missions as well as other helping agencies will be present that morning to talk about all the possible ways you can serve in mission in our community and beyond. There will also be hands-on mission activities for you and your family to do that day.</p>															
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\$ADD\$- Apportionment Designated Dollar\$

You are invited to help reach our church's goal of 100% pay-out of our Apportionments. Place \$1 bills in the offering plate each time you worship. Unless you direct those \$1 bills toward the General Budget, they will be designated toward our Apportionment goal of \$60,000 through the end of the year. So far we have raised \$27,000; only \$33,000 to finish out!

Men's Study Group Reconvenes

The Men's study course on Paul's Letter to Romans has been completed. The group has asked to continue and will begin another study, First Corinthians, the first week of January, 7 - 9 pm, in Room 332 on Tuesdays, for 8 sessions. We would welcome additions to our group. To sign on or for questions, contact Dieter Gaupp at 940.387.3453 or degaupp@verizon.net as soon as possible.

Methodism 101: A Overview of our Faith

January 17-February 21

9:45-10:30 am, Monroe Gym, Room 101

This course is recommended for all people coming into our congregation whether by profession of faith and baptism, renewal of vows, or transfer of membership. It is also a good refresher course for long-time members who want to remember who we are and where we came from as a denomination.

New Leader Training

Tuesday, January 26

6:00 pm Miller Center

This workshop is designed for members of Church Committees and teams. To inquire or sign up talk with Greg Ankeney , (gregankeney@msn.com) or Dan Riddle (riddledsn@verizon.net), or call the church to rsvp.

