



## ***“GIVE MORE”***

***SERMON SERIES: ADVENT CONSPIRACY***

### **CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

**November 13, 2011**

**8:30 & 11:00 am**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>All Members of the Congregation</b>
<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Matt Gaston
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Lisa Marshall
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Jessica Wright
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Deana Ferguson

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## WE GATHER

**Welcome** John Priddy  
**Prelude (8:30)** *Child of God* S. Andrew Lloyd

(11:00) *We Gather Together* arr. Carol Lynn Mizell  
Bells Angels Handbell Choir; Carol Lynn Mizell, conductor

*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** Jett Cheek (8:30); Risa Crews (11:00)

One: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son,  
**Many: That whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**  
One: Grant to us the precious gift of faith,  
**Many: That we may know that the Son of God is come,**  
One: And may have power to overcome the world  
**Many: And gain a blessed immortality;**  
**All: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 555** *Forward Through the Ages*

*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** Rev. Jessica Wright

**Hymn 408** *The Gift of Love*

**Baptism (8:30)** Lillian Paige Sorensen

**Call to Prayer 198 v. 1** the people singing

*My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.*

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Deana Ferguson

**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.**



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.

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

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## Today . . .

**Angel Tree Project** adoptions, in partnership with the Salvation Army, are available in Miller Center all morning.

**Church Conference**, noon, in the Sanctuary to receive year-end reports, approve pastors' pay packages, vote on lay leadership for 2012, and to hear information about a proposed Music Academy.

**Chili Cookoff, 5:30-7:00 pm**, Monroe Gym. Come to share a meal and fellowship and support our youth as they prepare for summer mission trips. Enter your chili, dessert, or cornbread for a coveted prize. Entry registration and tickets are available in Miller Center today.

9:40 am Youth Sunday School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Youth Loft area  
4:30-5:20 pm Credo Choir Rehearsal for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, Room 331.  
5:30-7:30 pm UMYouth – Chili Cookoff

## Coming . . .

**November 15** The **Shawl Ministry** meets at 2:00 pm at the home of Erma Carpenter, 3313 Nottingham Dr., 940.566.7949. All knitters are invited to join the group as they craft shawls for our members who are in need of warmth for body and soul.

**Foo McBubba**, FUMC Big Band, presents a fall concert, 8:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. A goodwill offering will be received.

**November 16** **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch.

### Children's Choir Rehearsals

6:00-6:30 pm - Cherubs (ages 4-Kindergarten)  
6:40-7:20 pm - Choristers (Grades 1-3)  
7:30-8:15 pm - Challengers (Grades 4-5)

### Handbell Choir Rehearsals

5:30-6:30 pm – Adult Handbell Choir  
6:45-7:15 pm – Children's Choirchimes  
7:30-8:15 pm – Youth Handbell Choir

**November 20** **Deck the Halls** – an old fashioned Christmas event  
Plan on joining us for a great afternoon of lunch, creating, and decorating the church for Advent! Activities begin right after church on November 20th, with the exception of lunch, which begins at 11:00 am in Monroe Gym and continues until 1:30 pm.

**November 27** **A Service of Light**, led by our Chancel & Credo Choirs, with the Men's Ensemble, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

## Angel Tree Project

In cooperation with the Salvation Army,

### Adopt an Angel

from the Miller Center Mission Corner  
on Sunday mornings:

November 6

November 13



**Provide a little Christmas joy to those in need.**

Return your Angel gifts on November 20 & 27

## Deck the Halls – An Old Fashioned Christmas

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Lunch menu:

Roasted tomato soup, hot cheese sandwiches, veggie tray with ranch dip, assorted whole fruits, gingerbread, tea & water.

Schedule of activities:

Garland creation in Monroe after lunch

Family Advent wreath making in Miller Center

Desserts and drinks (cocoa, apple cider) in Miller Center

Gift wrapping class in room 330

Decorating our church

A prize will be offered for the most spirited so wear your favorite holiday sweater!

There will also be a place to take a family photo. If you are interested in making an Advent wreath (it's a very simple project), please contact Laura Sennott at [lsennott@fumc-denton.com](mailto:lsennott@fumc-denton.com) to reserve one by November 16th.

**Mission Corner Collection** for November is MITTENS for Denton City/County Day School and Denton Christian Preschool (Pre-K sized) and COATS (all sizes) for Interfaith Ministries' and our own First Meal clients. Actually, any new or gently used winter clothing items are welcome as the temperatures start to drop and the need is so great.

## Library Book Sale

If you missed the Book Table at the Alternative Gifts Fair, it is not too late to purchase books to benefit the Library. We still have lots of books for sale in the Library and some are even discounted. They will be available along with the used books and children's videos for the next several weeks.

We also still have a couple of copies of "A Disciple's Journal" and the "Upper Room Disciplines 2012" if you are looking for a book of daily devotions for the coming year.

# Salvation Army Kettle Drive

It's time to ring the bells! The famous Salvation Army Kettles are being pulled from storage and made ready to collect funds to help the needy and hurting of our community. This annual fundraising drive starts right after Thanksgiving, and BELL RINGERS are needed!

This year, we are hoping to secure volunteers to fill one location each day so that we don't have to rely on paid seasonal workers. Volunteers collect more than paid workers in their kettles, probably because their heart is really in it. Consider this way of giving your time and make it a fun time spent with your friends or family. Challenge your coworkers, colleagues, or club to fill a day. We are trying to fill the slots for any day of the week except Sundays between December 3 and 24.

- Saturday, December 3
- Monday, December 5 - Saturday, December 10
- Monday, December 12 - Saturday, December 17
- Monday, December 19 - Saturday, December 24

To simplify things, each day is broken down into five 2-hour shifts running from 10am-8pm. So consult your calendar, find the time, and make a difference!

The Salvation Army encourages having 2 volunteers per shift, but it's not required. To sign up to serve in this priceless way or to ask any questions you may have, contact Greg Ankeney, gregankeney@msn.com or 940-387-2414.

## Poinsettia Purchases Help HOPE, Inc.

Remember a loved one by placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the Advent season and help HOPE, Inc. care for those fighting homelessness. For each \$15 you spend on a poinsettia, \$13 will benefit HOPE, Inc. Make checks payable to First UMC-Denton. Fill out the form below, attach your check and return to the church or place in the offering plate. Orders will be taken through Sunday, December 4.



The flowers will decorate the sanctuary December 11 - December 25, with dedications printed in the worship guide. Honorees and/or Donors may take the flowers home following the 10:00 am Christmas Morning Worship Service.

Given in honor or memory of (circle one):

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information:

Donor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

