



THE MESSENGER
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FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.



Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday in Advent

8:45 & 11:00am - Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

11:00am - Worship/Children's Christmas Program
Noon - Farewell reception for Jeanna Spiker

Sunday, December 16 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

10:30am Worship - Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 19

6-8pm - Live Nativity at FUMC

Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday in Advent

11:00am Worship

Monday, December 24 -

6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service
Communion & Candle Lighting Service

Sunday, December 30 - College Student Sunday

8:45 & 11:00am - Worship

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Everyone is invited to attend our children's production of "Heaven and Nature Sing" on December 9 during the 11:00am worship service.



The Christmas Cantata "Emmanuel, Celebrating Heaven's Child" will be presented on Sunday, December 16, during the 10:30am Worship Service.



Our church is having a **Live Nativity scene** on the lawn on Dec. 19 from 6-8 pm. Please take this opportunity to show the story God's love to our community. Sign up for a position on the table outside the church office.

College Student Sunday is December 30: Our college students will assist in leading Sunday Worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Joe or the church office by Dec. 23. College Students will meet with Pastor Joe in the Parlor at 9:45am on December 23 (breakfast provided).



The children have been practicing for their Christmas Program. Please join us on Sunday Morning, **December 9**, to see their production of "Heaven and Nature Sing." You will get a sneak peek

into heaven to see the angels hard at work getting ready to announce the Messiah's birth. This is an interactive production where you, the congregation, can help the angels sing and proclaim the good news.

We will have our rehearsal on **Friday, December 7**, from 3:30 to 5:30. We will pick up students from Cherryville Elementary and Beam Intermediate after school. We will feed your child a heavy snack and watch a movie until time to practice. Please make sure you send the prepared note to school with your child that day. You can pick up your child in the sanctuary at 5:30.

All children in the play will need to meet in the nursery by 10:30 on the day of the play. Don't forget: preschoolers need to wear white sweat pants, socks, and white shirt (they are angels).

On December 12th will be our last Wednesday night meeting until January 9th.



As a reminder, Cherryville Elementary and Beam Intermediate schools both collect Box Tops. There is a box at the church office where you can drop these office. If you have questions regarding this program, please see Kelly Brown.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

This past Sunday the Youth hosted the annual First Light Dinner for our church. They waited tables and provided some entertainment for the diners. We would like to thank the Methodist Women for providing the delicious meal and our faithful church members for providing donations. Your support helps to teach our youth to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we will be able to provide Christmas gifts for a family in need this Christmas season by using these resources. Giving the students the opportunity to "perform" in front of an audience is a great experience for these future leaders of our church. It can be very scary to get up in front of a congregation on Sunday mornings. One of these days they may be the worship leaders, Sunday school teachers, and preachers of congregations.

The youth, as well as some adult members, will be heading to Boone, NC on December 15 to pack shoe boxes at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center. We will leave at 4 pm and return around 12 midnight. Please bring money to eat supper at Cracker Barrel. Also, don't forget to wear your Christmas hats to help get us in the holiday spirit.

REMINDER: Winter Conference is just around the corner. January 19-21, the youth will spend three days in Gatlinburg worshiping and learning truths from God's word with other youth from around the country. Don't forget that you still have a remainder to pay on your \$100 deposit. There has been an anonymous donor that will pay \$50 towards your deposit if you can memorize and recite Psalm 91.



Jeanna Spiker's final day as our DCE will be December 31, 2018. Anyone who wishes to donate toward a love offering for Jeanna may mail or turn in their checks or gifts to the church office prior to December 21.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

Wow! This year seems to be passing so quickly! The staff at Kingdom Kids truly hopes that each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for the blessing of the children and their families who are a part of our school. Each child is unique and each one is very special to us.

Our Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All of our classes take part in this program. If you attend you will see our sanctuary filled to overflowing — and I can guarantee you will leave filled with the Christmas spirit!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ms. Millie



If you would like to **purchase a poinsettia** in honor or in memory of a loved one, please see a member of the UMW in the narthex after the service. December 2 will be last day to purchase a poinsettia and the cost is \$10.00.

Stewardship is...



Stewardship update: We are off to a great start with our 2019 pledge campaign and a special thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card. **We have received 44 cards totaling \$145,024.00.** If you have not turned in your pledge card and wish to do so, please turn it in to the church office by December 31.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF NOV. 25, 2018

Year to Date Offering	\$289,177.60
Needs To Date.	\$333,471.11
Under.	\$44,293.51

ATTENDANCE – NOV. 25, 2018

Sunday School.	86
Early Worship	42
Worship.	<u>106</u>
TOTAL	148



Thank you to Pam Anthony, Rhonda Wehunt, Julie Dellinger, Betty Smith, Nancy Pierce, Kathy Kiser, Katherine Goins and Martha Cornwell for decorating the church for the Advent season.



*We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the
church in loving memory of:*

COL. JAY BEAM

Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

TOM BEAM

Pam Anthony
Steve & Susan Beam
Chad & Michelle Bingham
Jack & Judy Bingham
Steve & Lynn Bowen
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown
Nancy Catena (Endowment Fund)
Bob Faires
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Bob Faires

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Amy Tallent

RALPH DIXON

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew

VIVIAN FITE

Chad & Michelle Bingham
Janice Metcalf Hammond

WILLIE HEAVNER

Billy & Linda Alexander
Bob Faires
Matt, Lori & Cooper Gibson
Keith & Kathy Kiser (Butterfly Chrismon ornament)

C D & FANNIE BELLE LEDFORD

Rhonda Wehunt (Backpack Ministry)

JOYCE MCGINNIS

Jack & Judy Bingham

RICHARD POPE

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown (Backpack Ministry)
Gail Jenkins & Jeff Jenkins (Backpack Ministry)
Rob & Chelsi Thomas (Backpack Ministry)

VANGIE TURNER

Rhonda Wehunt (Backpack Ministry)

SHIRLEY WISE

Bob Faires

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IN HONOR

*We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the
church in honor of:*

SANDRA CARPENTER

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)

NANCY CATENA

Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

SYLVIA NORTON

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)

**CHAD & CRYSTAL THORNBURG &
FAMILY**

Rhonda Wehunt (Backpack Ministry)

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PRAYER LIST (Members)

AT CAROLINA CARE:

Cone Carpenter, Janet Carter, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Sue Nolen, and John Brendle.

Mike Burgess, Joanne Carpenter, Steve Falls, The Gardo Family, Ned Heavner & family, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Pat McGinnis, Carol Metzger, The Payseur Family, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams (at Peak Resources), and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Charles Baity, Rick Benfield, Ray Branton, The Rick Fite Family, Sloan Fortenbery, James Griffith, Diane Hilderbrand, Ray Homesley, Daniel Jonas, Cornelia Moss, Gail Packard, Jeff Schrum, Loyce Strader, Mary Wheatley, Greg Yount, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

DECEMBER USHERS:

Gary Freeman, Steve Beam, Reid Huss, Guy Eaker, Pat Spiker

NURSERY WORKERS:

8:45

11:00

Dec. 2	Maria Pruitt	Susan Fraley
Dec. 9	one service	Melanie Thornburg
Dec. 16	10:30 service	Karen Freeman
Dec. 23	one service	Holly Thornburg
Dec. 30	Jessica Thornburg	Bobbi Ballard

Church Officers

If you would like a copy of the church officers for 2019-2021, please contact the church office.



We will begin offering a new Sunday School class for Moms & Dads with infants and/or small children on January 13. Watch for more details.



FUMC is the host church for **devotions in December** at Carolina Care. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Joe if you can lead a devotion at **Carolina Care on Sunday, December 2, December 9, or December 30** at 3:00pm.



Community Candle Lighting - Sunday, December 9, at 3:00pm:

Carpenter-Porter Funeral Home invites you to their annual Community Candle Lighting held in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends. If you have lost a child or grandchild of any age, please RSVP to 704-435-6711 or email to cherryvillecandlelighting@yahoo.com to celebrate their life. Siblings and others interested are also welcome. You will need to include with your RSVP your loved one's name, and a photo of the one being remembered.



The Lola Allran Circle has a new order of flavoring for your Christmas baking. We have lemon, clear or dark vanilla, coconut and almond. These come in 7 oz. bottles and are \$3.00 each. Also, we have Danny Duz it for cleaning up those baking messes for \$3.00 each.

December Birthdays

- 1 Tommy Allen
- 2 Kacee Buff
- 5 Steve Beam
- 5 Robert Smith
- 6 Reid Huss
- 6 Riley Shuford
- 9 Karley Powell
- 10 Fin Beam
- 11 Pierston Elliott
- 11 Tracy Lyles
- 11 Mary Beth Wyatt
- 12 Larry Gunnell
- 12 John Warlick
- 15 Stacey Bradley
- 15 Jennifer Mauney Cushman
- 15 Quita Moss
- 16 Cale Tinkler
- 17 Gary Freeman
- 18 Dean Starling
- 19 Kelly Brown
- 19 Bryan Flynn
- 20 Carolyn Abernathy
- 20 Scott Aldridge
- 21 Palmer Huffstetler
- 23 Angela Jones
- 24 Rob Elmore
- 24 Samantha Gardo
- 24 Chris Sneed
- 25 Harold Mauney, Jr.
- 26 Sara Baity
- 26 Chad Bingham
- 26 Dwight Stroupe
- 27 Sophie Williams
- 28 Jimmy McGinnis
- 29 Will Fowler
- 29 Emily Whitworth
- 30 Carroll Sneed
- 30 Kyle Wilent



If your birthday is in December and not listed, please contact the church office.



Sue Nolen
Carolina Care Center
111 Harrilson Rd.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, December 2

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, December 3

11:30am - Lola Allran Circle (meet at Roma's)
6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle (meet at the home of Pam Anthony)
6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle (meet at the home of Doris Huss)

Tuesday, December 4

6:00pm - Callie Beam Circle (church fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 5

12:00 noon - Young At Heart
5:30pm - UMK's
5:30pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor
6:00pm - June Medlin Class Christmas Party (church fellowship hall)

Friday, December 7

3:30pm - Children's Christmas program rehearsal

Sunday, December 9

9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship/**Children's Christmas program**
12:00pm - Reception for Jeanna Spiker
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, December 12

5:30pm - UMK's
5:30pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir
7:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer in the Parlor
7:00pm - Preschool Christmas Program

Saturday, December 15

4:00pm - Depart to Boone for OCC packing

Sunday, December 16

9:45am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship - **Christmas Cantata**
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, December 19

6:00pm - Live Nativity
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 23

9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions

Monday, December 24

6:00pm - Christmas Eve service

Tuesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 30

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
6:00pm - Youth



FROM THE CHURCH STAFF: We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Year's.