

## Sunday Servants

**TV Crew:** Producer: David Jones; Camera: Skip Blumenthal; TV Sound: Terry Landreth; Sanctuary Sound: Mickey Meeks; Character Generator: Christopher Morgan; PowerPoint: 9:00: Tracey Landreth & 11:00: Jared Brown

**Ushers:** Captain: Bill Meilinger; Bob Arisohn, Gene Hardin, Bill Parker, Terry Price, John Williams, Bill Dunmon

**Greeters:** Inge Arisohn, Daniel Aaron, Christine James

**Shepherds:** Ken McCall & Michael Wilkes

**Acolytes:** Joey Poth & Luke Wright

**Children Check-In:** Vicky Meeks

**Children's Church:** Lynn Barber & Erin Barber, Heather Wilkes

**Nursery:** Mary Norton, James Brock, Chris James

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are placed by Rilla & Gene Hardin to the glory of God and in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary!

## News of Our Members

**Birthdays this Week:** **Dec. 7:** Arthur Meeks; **Dec. 8:** Lori Carver, Tanner Clements; **Dec. 9:** Heather Griffin; **Dec. 10:** Nancy Clarke, Jon Ludwig; **Dec. 11:** Mary Davidson, Arcia Reynolds, David Hartley; **Dec. 13:** Rena Derrick, Carrie McAllister

**In the Hospital:**

*Houston Healthcare:* William Lanier

**Home from the Hospital:**

Opal Mitchell

**Independent, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents:**

*Antebellum Grove:* Joan Warren, Carolyn Reeves

*Southern Heritage:* Barbara Jansky

*Summer's Landing:* Marie Nelson, Marjorie Girmsey

*Magnolia Manor/Americus:* Odessa McMinn

*The Lodge:* Clarence Channell, Sr., Billie Cox, Mary Duke

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**President:** Sharon Waugh  
swaugh@bellsouth.net

Faith and Joy Circles will have their annual holiday gatherings. Please contact your circle leader for further information. Girls' Night Out Circle will not meet in December.

**Office Help Found!** THANK YOU Christine James for stepping forward to be in the office during the time Dottie is out! We appreciate you being available during this time!

## Prayer List

Jo Aldridge	Brian Hubble
Blake Allen (neph. of Doris Meeks)	Pam Ivey (fr. of Gillilands)
Jim Arnett (fr. of Kelly Cofield)	Oren Johnson (bro. of Mary Johnson)
Bo Arnold (cous. of Donald Rhodes)	Mildred Kitchens (g.mother of Donna Smith)
Donna Barfield (fr. of C. Armstrong)	Sue Landers (sis. of Doris Meeks)
Danny & Michelle Benton (fr. of Dan & Ann Ray)	Novice Langley
Ricky & Carleen Bishop (step-mom, dad of Joann Price)	Bill & Betty Lewis (fr. of Laniers)
Cheryl Blankenship (stepmother of Amber Blumenthal)	Betty Lowe
Gene Bowen (father of Donna Smith)	Ben Lowery
Rick Brusckke (son of Mary Brusckke)	Betty & John Massey (Mother & step father of Sharon Tallet)
Bob Byers (fr. of David Payne)	Bill Meeks
Anne Carpenter (sister of Nancy Payne)	Sharon Mitchell (aunt of Tracey Landreth)
Jere Cater	Don & Shelia Morgan
Catherine Cater (g.daugh. of Cater's)	Jeremy Morgan
Clarence Channell, Sr.	Ann Parsons
Leo Childers (nephew of Margaret Lanier)	Nancy Parsons
James Clements, Jr.	Walter Ranew
Charles Cofield (father of Paul Cofield)	Ann Ray
Billie Cox	Angie Sams (fr. of Carrie McCall)
Olivia Davidson (sis. of Theresa Rhodes)	Dean Smith (aunt of Patrice Strader)
Dana DeLoach (daug. of Mac Derrick)	Carolyn Steven (fr. of Scotts)
Vernon & Jan Gillis (frs. of Rhodes)	Pat Stokes (mom of Tracey Landreth)
Pat Hartley	Steve Swimmer (fam. of Bill Lanier)
Justin Harter (fr. of Ann Ray)	Jack Warner (father of Karen Warner)
Doug Hayes (fr. of Jere Cater)	Karen Warner
Clayton Howard	Elna Williams
Mitzi Howard	Julie Witmer (fr. of Tim Harrell)

\*Denotes added this week.

**Christmas Play** Our Christmas Play is approaching quickly! Please make sure to add these dates and times to your schedule! **Sunday, December 10th** - 1:00-3:00 pm - sanctuary (those with lines only); **Wednesday, December 13th** - 5:15 pm - sanctuary (everyone); **Sunday, December 17th**—TBD - sanctuary; **Wednesday, December 20th** - 4:45 pm (everyone). The play will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by chili dinner. Don't forget to make your supper reservations by **Monday, December 18th** at 4:30 pm.

### In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency after hours, you may call the church at 923-3737 and press 5 during the greeting. Follow the instructions to leave a message. The phone system will notify the pastors. You may also call them at home.

**Prayer Chain:**

Windy Smith	922-4923
Dot Moore	929-1348

## Church Happenings

Sunday, December 10th: **White Gift Sunday**

9:00	AM	Worship Service
10:00	AM	Sunday School
10:30	AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00	AM	Worship Service
12:30	PM	The Table Worship in C/H
1:00	PM	Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal
5:00	PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
5:00	PM	Scarlet Movement
6:30	PM	Christmas Cantata

Monday, December 11th:

12:30	PM	"The Kitchen"
12:30	PM	Staff Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12th:

2-4:00	PM	Food Pantry
6:00	PM	Disciple Fast Track

Wednesday, December 13th:

5:00	PM	Bellatonix
5:15	PM	Little Angels (3-4 yr. olds)
5:15	PM	Cherub Choir (5K - 1st grade)
5:15	PM	Praise Kids (2nd-6th grade)
5:15	PM	Children's Play Rehearsal
6:00	PM	Wednesday Night Supper
6:40	PM	Christmas Party
7:30	PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 14th:

11:00	AM	Cheerful Cherubs Christmas Program
2-4:00	PM	Food Pantry

Friday, December 15th:

6:00	AM	WRFD Christmas Breakfast in Carter Hall
12:30	PM	"The Kitchen"

## Our Faithfulness

**Attendance: Dec. 3:**

Early Worship	28
Sunday School	156
Worship:	209
The Table:	13

**Our Tithes & Offerings:**

Needed Monthly for Budget:	\$ 70,598.00
Budget Receipts for 12/3:	\$ 21,402.75
Organ Restoration Fund:	\$191,000.00

## Wednesday Supper Reservations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent? \_\_\_Y\_\_\_N  
 Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children (3-12) \_\_\_\_\_ Toddlers (under 3) \_\_\_\_\_ If you have a permanent reservation and will NOT be at supper, you **must** cancel by **4:30 pm on Monday or you will be responsible for payment.** *First time visitors are free.*  
**Please make reservations.**

**Children's Ministry** Director of Children's Ministry: Tracey Landreth  
923-3737 ext. 107 tlandreth@fumcwrgea.org

**Parent's DAY Out** - Need some extra time shopping without the kids? Here's your opportunity! Parent's DAY Out is **Saturday, December 9th** from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Finish (or get started) on Christmas shopping and leave the kids with us! We'll keep the kids entertained with pizza, crafts & games. Cost is only \$20 with a family maximum of \$50. Reservation forms are on the preschool hall. YOU MUST PREREGISTER. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 6th.**

**Scarlet Movement** (6th -12th) Director of Student Ministries: Ben Lee  
923-3737, ext. 111 youth@fumcwrgea.org

**Sunday Evening Schedule** - All grades (6th - 12th) meet together as one combined group. We meet each Sunday from 5:00—7:00 pm.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** - Wednesday Night Supper is at 6:00 pm (reservation required) with Bible study in the youth room from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are exploring Paul's letter to the church at Rome.

**Christmas Party - Sunday, December 17th** Youth will meet in the youth room at 5-9 pm, then head to El Bronco for supper. We will return for our \$10 white elephant gift exchange. Parent pick up will be from the youth room at 9 pm. There will be an iTunes gift card prize for the student who brings the most creative gift that cost \$0.

**The Space Between** (18-25 yr. old) Director: Ben Lee  
923-3737, ext. 111 blee@fumcwrgea.org

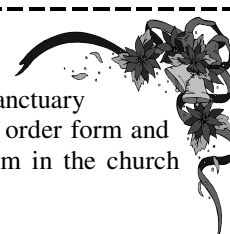
**Thursday Evening Meeting** Come out and join us at 7:00 pm for a great night of study and worship as we continue in a series called, "Why Not?"

**Cheerful Cherubs Preschool** Director: Denise Andrews  
922-8448 cheerfulcherubs@fumcwrgea.org

We will be talking about Jesus' Birth during December. Our last day will be **Friday, December 15th**. We will be having our Christmas Program on **Thursday, December 14th** at 11:00 am. We hope you can stop by and see our hallways, so that you can see all the fun we have had so far this year!!

**Organ Restoration Project** We are thankful for the response that we have received to the Organ Fund Raising Campaign and Pledge Drive. **We have received \$191,000!! Praise the Lord!** We are now ready to take the next step with the repair for the organ restoration. We encourage continued giving to help us reach the full goal of \$212,000. All gifts are appreciated in order to help us fully underwrite this major undertaking. We trust that all of our members will be prayerful about how they will be led to participate in this project.

### Christmas Poinsettias



It is time to place your order for poinsettias to be in the Sanctuary during Christmas. The cost per plant is \$17.00. Complete the order form and place it and your payment in the offering plate or leave them in the church office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, December 10th.**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

# of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### \*ADVENT SEASON\* ACTIVITIES

**"Tapestry of Light" Christmas Cantata** is **Sunday, December 10th** at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us as we enjoy the sounds of Christmas brought to you by the Chancel Choir.

**Christmas Party! Wednesday, December 13th.** This will be a very special Wednesday Night Supper! After dinner the children will gather around the Christmas tree in Carter Hall to hear a Christmas story. We'll sing some of our favorite songs and maybe have a special visitor show up. Children of all ages will want to be here!

**Church-Wide Christmas Breakfast** will be **Sunday, December 17th** at 9:30 am. Invite your friends and family and bring your favorite breakfast item as we gather in Carter Hall & fellowship around the table! We will have ONE worship service at 11:00 am.

**Children's Christmas Play** "Camel Lot" will be presented on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary followed with a Chili Supper in Carter Hall. Don't forget to make your reservations for supper by **Monday, December 18th** at 4:30 pm.

**Longest Night Service** will be **Thursday, December 21st** at 6:30 pm. We will gather in the Sanctuary to remember that the Christ-child comes as a sign of hope in the face of despair.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be **Sunday, December 24th** at 5:30 pm. We will sing favorite Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story and celebrate Holy Communion. We invite you to come as you are as we gather as a family of faith to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Christmas Day** - The church office will be closed on **Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th.**

**Snax Sax Ministry** With the Christmas holiday comes needs for our children at Lindsey Elementary School. We need donations of peanut butter, small juice boxes, small boxes of cereal, granola bars, small boxes of raisins, sugar free pudding cups, and cheese & crackers. We appreciate everything that we receive and also welcome monetary donations to fill in the gap! Thank you for helping make a difference in our community!

### Wednesday Night Supper

December 13th @ 6:00 pm

Program: Christmas Party

Menu: Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans & Dessert

Adults \$6.25/Children (3-12) \$4.25 /Toddlers under 3 - \$1.00 (Family max. of \$26). Reservations must be made/cancelled by 4:30 pm, Monday by completing the form located in the pew on Sunday morning or call Tracey at 923-3737, ext. 107. If you do not cancel your reservations, you are responsible for payment.

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## WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Are you ready? That seems to be the question everyone keeps asking. Have you purchased all your gifts, mailed out all your cards, decorated the tree, the house, the yard! Are you ready?! This month it seems like someone has hit the "fast forward" button on life's remote control. That is, for everyone except a child. For a child, life is moving in slow-mo. They can't wait for Christmas to get here and are marking down the days until "Santa" appears! They are eagerly anticipating waking up and finding a lot of presents under the Christmas tree. And for most of them, they will but some children won't. That's where White Gift Sunday steps in and blesses a child with gifts that they normally wouldn't receive.

For a number of years our church has shared Christmas gifts with children and youth from Houston County Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS), the Salvation Army (SA), and the Methodist Children's Home. I hope that when you are making your list (and checking it twice) that one or two of those names will be for a White Gift child.

As you prepare your gifts, please follow these guidelines:

- \* Wrap the gift in plain white paper - no bows or ribbons.
- \* On each package please print the child's name. Beside the child's name you will see "SA" or "DFACS". Please write this designation on your gift as well, so that the gifts for Salvation Army and Department of Family and Children Services can be sorted appropriately.
- \* Bring the gift to the worship service on **Sunday, December 10th.**
- \* If you wish to make a monetary donation to The Methodist Home for Children and Youth, please put either a check or cash in a plain white envelope and bring it to the service on **Sunday, December 10th.**

Thank you so much for all that you have done for "our" children. The gifts we bring will be a visible sign of God's love and grace to them.

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