



Lake Waccamaw United Methodist Church

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Come, Celebrate Christmas!

From the Pastor



The season of Christmas is the most beautiful and meaningful celebration of the Christian calendar. Christmas actually begins with Advent which spans the four Sundays before Christmas Day.

We observe Advent as a time of preparing for the coming of the Christ as the babe lying in a manger. This innocent image veils the tremendous importance of God's willingness to come and dwell on earth as a human being. This incarnation or "infleshing" of God speaks of the great lengths that God was willing to go to reveal his love for us.

Our celebration of the Christmas Season began on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28 as we changed our paraments (the cloth on the pulpit, lectern and altar table) to purple and added the Advent wreath to our worship. We also used a crèche or nativity scene and figures as the focus of our children's sermons to help them understand the role of the characters who inhabit the Christmas Story.

Hanging of the Greens Service

A change this year will involve the way we decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas.

On the second Sunday of Advent, December 5th at the 11:00 am service, we will involve the whole congregation in decorating.

The majority of the poinsettias will have been preplaced across the chancel area (the area at the front of the sanctuary beginning just before the kneeling rails). The greenery and candles will have been placed in the windows. The Christmas tree will have been prepared with lights at the front of the sanctuary. Upon entering the sanctuary, each person will be given a Chrismon. At the appointed time in the service everyone will be invited to bring their Chrismon forward to hang on the tree.

All of the other traditional items will be brought into the sanctuary at the appropriate time in the service by designated helpers. Interspersed with the decorating activities will be the singing of Christmas carols and special music. This service should give us an excellent way of starting our Christmas celebrations.

We hope that you and your family have a merry and blessed Christmas Season, and that you will take time to participate in our life together and witness to one another and the world the true reason for our celebration.

Pastor Sam

Catered meal for all the church family

There will be a catered meal for the congregation after the 11:00 a.m. service on December 5th following the Hanging of the Greens service. This meal is a gift and not a fund-raiser. Plan to enjoy the food and fellowship.

UMW Christmas meeting



December 2nd at 7:00 pm, at the home of **Linda Barnhill, 634 Bella Coola Road**, is the time and place of our United Methodist Women's Christmas meeting with co-hostess Peggy Barnhill.

Remember to bring a **wrapped Christmas ornament** with one of your favorite **Bible verses** and **your name included inside the package**. During our ornament exchange, the person whose ornament you receive becomes your prayer partner for next year.

Also, be sure to join us for our **Ladies Lunch Out** at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14** at Dale's. (Note: The 2nd Tuesday this month is later than we usually expect, so make sure to be there on the 14th.)

Men's Meeting

The men of LWUMC will be meeting at the L.W. Presbyterian Church at **8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 4th**. Come join them for fellowship and breakfast.

Ladies' Christmas Breakfast

The UMW ladies are invited to the home of **Veronica Marsh, 100 W. White Oak Street** for the **14th Annual Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 11th at 9:00 a.m.** This is always such a lovely occasion! We all look forward to this time of good food and good fellowship. Plan now to join us.

Mark your calendars for music

The dates for Oratorio's Christmas concerts are **Sunday, December 12th at 4:00 pm** at First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, and **Monday, December 13th at 7:30 pm** at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington. The concert is Handel's MESSIAH and the admission is free!

Christmas Eve Service

On **Friday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m.**, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with a Christmas Eve Service.



This brief candlelight service (30-40 minutes) will give our families an opportunity to honor Christ and remind one another and the world the true reason for our celebration of Christmas.

Won't you be a Christmas Angel?

This year the church body will be assisting those in need at Christmas through the means of an Angel Tree. An Angel tree will be placed at the entrance of the sanctuary. Hung on its branches will be about 30 names of children who are in need of assistance.

If you would like to make someone's Christmas brighter, we encourage you to do so by taking a name or names off the tree and buying gifts for them. Please remember to wrap each gift separately because this may be all the Christmas that these children receive. The date when the gifts need to be at the church will be announced in church. Any questions? Contact Jeana McDuffie, 646-1655.

Poinsettias for Christmas

You have had an opportunity to purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of someone. A list of those honored and remembered will be printed for Sunday worship in December. The plants will be used in the sanctuary on December 5th, 12th and 19th, after which you may take them home to enjoy. The cost is \$7.75 each. For further information, call Elizabeth Ehlers at 642-5801.



Kids for Christ

During the month of December, Kids for Christ will take a short break. We **will meet** on Dec. 1st, 8th and 15th. However, we will **not meet** on Dec. 22nd or 29th. We will resume a normal schedule on Jan. 5th.

A sign-up sheet for KFC meals and teachers has been placed on the bulletin board. We would like to encourage some new faces to volunteer to provide meals and teaching. These opportunities of service are not difficult, but rather simple. It is an excellent way of showing God's love to an outstanding group of eager and faithful kids. Sign up and see a child's face light up on Wednesday nights. You will be blessed! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Sessions @ 640-8347.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party will be at **7:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, December 19th** in the Atrium. **Santa will be there!**



Parents will receive a letter with detailed information. If you do not receive a letter, please notify Patty Hobbs @ 910-840-0405.

Children's Christmas Play

Our Children's Christmas Play, *The Best Plastic Manger Scene Ever* will be presented on **Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 PM**

After Christmas Sunday Service

The Worship services on the Sunday after Christmas. (December 26th) will revolve around our children. They are invited to bring toys and gifts they received to show to the congregation. The sermon that Sunday will consist of stories told to the children.



Memorials have been made to LWUMC

In memory of Faye Coffman by:

Melvin Barnhill Grace Chauncey
Ben and Faye Douglas Lillian Jones Nancy Sigmon

In memory of John D. Alsop Jr. by:

Donald Parris

In memory of Wesley Hinson by:

Grace Chauncey

In memory of Joseph Neisler by:

Tesa and Erik Bush

In memory of Sherry, Scott, and Melvin Brown by:

Tesa and Erik Bush

In memory of Theresa Sherman by:

Tesa and Erik Bush

In honor of Marie Melville by:

The Lake Cove Sunday School Class

To present and future Tellers:

We need additional tellers. If you would be willing to serve the church in this position, or if you would like more information, please contact Jena Simpson, 646-4735. Also, current tellers need to sign up for the 2011 schedule. The sign-up sheet is posted in the work room.

Church office volunteer

Patricia Medlin is helping in the church office two to three days a week. She may be reached there by her cell number, **840-6978**, or at home at 356-4085. If there are others who wish to help, she will be glad to set up a volunteer schedule. Contact her or Pastor Sam.

Looking Ahead

Jan. 9th Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Training at Whiteville UMC
Feb. 10, 11, 12 Picture taking for new directory
Feb. 12th District Youth Dance
Feb ?? Youth Ski trip



Adult Hand Bell Choir

Our Adult Hand Bell Choir will be ringing in **December at the 11:00 service**. Plan to hear their music which is so appropriate for the Christmas season.

Exercise Class taking a "breather"

The 50's Plus Exercise Classes will discontinue until after the first of the year. If you would like to exercise on your own, contact Lettie Sharpe. She will inform you where everything is. Have a great Holiday season.

Successful Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to everyone for your participation in Operation Christmas Child. **We turned in 52 shoe boxes** to Whiteville UMC. Start preparing for next year's project now. We hope to double the amount of boxes then.

Again, thanks for all you do for our missions in our church.

Year-end giving

As we approach the holiday season and year end 2010, we ask that you continue to remember our church and the financial commitment that is needed to insure that our ministries are successful and our financial obligations are met in a timely manner.

New LWUMC Directory planned

We will be taking pictures here on Feb 10, 11, and 12, 2011 for a new church directory. Save the dates. Details will be provided later.

Shopping help needed

The Christian Witness Fund has adopted two families (total of 6 people) for Christmas. Shopping will be done for toys and clothes for each child and clothing for the adults. Lettie Sharpe (646-3238) will be heading up the shopping. She needs a lot of help. All shoppers will be reimbursed for their expenses. Deadline for shopping has not been set. Watch the bulletin for further details.



Youth News

Our Youth are collecting slightly used coats for adults and children. Please donate any coats which are still in good condition. Gloves and scarves can be used, too. These will all be taken to the local schools to be distributed to those who may not have a warm coat to wear.

Our young people are going to the Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 3rd** to help with Toys for Tots

The Youth Christmas Party will be on Sunday, **December 12th at 5:30**. Instead of exchanging gifts, each youth is asked to bring a new toy for us to donate to a needy child.

On **Saturday, December 18th** from **noon until 5:00 p.m.**, the youth will be babysitting again for parents to finish up last-minute Christmas shopping. This is a fund raiser for our snow ski trip. (If you are going skiing, please be here to help raise the money.)

Hopefully, our ski trip will be set for February 2011. Details later.

December Opportunities

Dec. 2	7:30	UMW Meeting at Linda Barnhill's
Dec. 3		Youth to Salvation Army to help with Toys for Tots
Dec. 3	5:30	L.W. Candle Walk/tree lighting
Dec. 4	8:30	Men's Breakfast @ Presby. Church
Dec. 4	10:30	L. W. Christmas Parade
Dec. 5	12:00	Catered meal gift for congregation
Dec. 11	9:00	Ladies Christmas Breakfast at the home of Veronica Marsh
Dec. 12	5:30	Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 14	11:30	Ladies Lunch Out at Dale's
Dec. 18	12 to 5	Youth baby sitting service
Dec. 19	11:00	Chancel Choir Christmas Music
Dec. 19	6:00	Children's Christmas Play
Dec. 19	7:00	Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 24	7:30	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Dec. 26	9 & 11	After Christmas Sunday service with emphasis on our children

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Sunday Helpers for December

Flowers

- 12-5 Poinsettias Communion
- 12-12 Poinsettias
- 12-19 Poinsettias
- 12-26 Sharon Zickafoose

Children's Church - Caroline and Nancy Wilson

KFC Meal Providers

- 12-1 We need your help.
- 12-8 The kids get hungry.
- 12-15 Please sign up.



Youth Snack Servers

- 12-5 We need servers for our Youth.
- 12-12 Youth Christmas Party
- 12-19 Please sign up.
- 12-26 Youth will not meet - Christmas holidays

Breakfast Volunteers

- 12-5 We need more volunteers.
- 12-12 Help us enjoy coffee time.
- 12-19 Martha Everette and Pat Medlin
- 12-26 Please sign up.

Nursery Attendants

For Sunday School

- 12-5 Sessions
- 12-12 Inman
- 12-19 McDuffie
- 12-26 Rhodes

For 11:00 Worship Service

- 12-5 L. & J. Parker / Rhodes
- 12-12 Zickafoose & Ehlers / Long
- 12-19 J. & M. Clarke / C. & C. Eason
- 12-26 J. & D. Monroe / Tait & Burney

Acolytes

- 12-5 & 12-12 Graceanna Sessions
- 12-19 & 12-26 Kelsey Carroll

Ushers:

- 12-05 Sonny Sharpe
- 12-12 Matt Wilson and Rodney Wilson
- 12-19 Dickie Long and Steve Kinally
- 12-26 TBA

Tellers:

TBA



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

OUR CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATES THIS BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 12-1 Dave Zickafoose
- 12-3 Dean Alsup Lettie Sharpe
- 12-4 Russell Smith
- 12-6 Drew Edens
- 12-7 Anna Smith
- 12-8 Jeana McDuffie
- 12-10 Sharon Connor
- 12-11 Anna Williamson Rodney Wilson
- 12-14 Patricia Medlin Buddy Pope
- Larry Williamson
- 12-16 Verna Williamson
- 12-17 Olivia Rogers
- 12-20 Amy Sessions
- 12-21 Bill Bernstein
- 12-24 Patricia Medlin
- 12-27 Davis Alsup Tom Elliott III
- 12-28 Barry Inman
- 12-29 Alex Williamson
- 12-31 Erik Bush

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF:

- 12-6 Ted and Gina Elliott
- 12-9 Ashley and Peggy Barnhill
- Oliver and Paulette Carter
- Ben and Faye Douglas (60 years!!)
- 12-28 Chad and Chauntel Eason
- 12-29 Yates and Mary K. Burney
- 12-31 Erik and Tesa Bush