

First United Methodist Church
Waycross, Georgia December 5, 2010



**Christmas Mutterings
From The Minister**

Have you ever wondered about the Christmas Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas?" Have you ever asked what leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, milking maids, and partridges in pear trees have to do with Christmas?

According to church history, from 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that time wrote this carol as a catechism song for Catholic children. Each element in the Carol has a code word for a religious meaning that Catholic children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stand for *Faith, Hope, and Love*.

The four calling birds are the four gospels of *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*.

The five golden rings recall the Torah, the Law, and the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese-a-laying stand for the six days of Creation.

Seven swans-a-swimming represent the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: "Prophesy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Discernment, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Healing."

The eight maids-a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing are the nine Fruits of the Spirit: "Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control."

Ten lords-a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of the belief in the Apostle's Creed.

So, here is a little traditional history for us to ponder. I must confess that this carol is not one of my favorites. But, it is fun to hear how a strange little song became a Christmas Carol.

It is my prayer that all of you have a "Merry" and "Christ-filled Christmas," whether you celebrate twelve days, or one day. It is my prayer that as we celebrate Christmas, we will do so with the knowledge that at the heart of Christmas is God's love.

Your pastor, Bob

Where Does Jesus Fit In?

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'*



Weekly Calendar of Events

(Pastor's Schedule This Week)

MONDAY 12/06/10

9:00 a—12N Office hours
10:00 a Staff meeting
12:00 N Men's Prayer Luncheon

TUESDAY 12/07/10

9:00 a-12 N Office Hours
1:00 p-5:00 p Sermon Preparation
1:00 p Visitation

WEDNESDAY 12/08/10

9:00 a-1:00 p Office hours
5:00 p Bible Study
6:00 p Chapel
6:30 p Church Night Supper

THURSDAY 12/09/10

9:00 a Office hours
1:00 p Visitation

FRIDAY 12/10/10

Pastor's Day Off

SUNDAY 12/05/10

9:00 a Early Service
9:45 a Sunday School
11:00 a Morning Worship
(Nursery provided)
6:00 p UMW Evening Circle in Lounge

MONDAY 12/06/10

10:00 a Staff meeting
12:00 N Men's Prayer Luncheon
6:00 p Cub Scouts
7:00 p Boy Scouts meet @ Scout Center

TUESDAY 12/07/10

10:00 a Methodist Connection at
Baptist Village
6:00 p Girl Scouts
4:30 p Adult Handbells

WEDNESDAY 12/08/10

9:30 a Every Day With Love
5:00 p Pastor's Bible Study
5:30 p Children's Choir
6:00 p Special speaker Derek McAleer
of Macon Methodist Home for
Children and Youth in the
Fellowship Hall
6:30 p Church Night Supper
(Be Sure To Sign Up)
7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 12/10/10

6:00 P Parent's Night Outs

THE SUNDAY EVENING UMW CIRCLE

will meet on Sunday,
December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the
Lounge. We will continue our study with
chapter 3 of "Christianity's Family Tree:
What Other Christians Believe and Why"
by Adam Hamilton. Study books are
available in Ivy's office for \$10. If you
are not in a UMW circle, please join us!
Child care will be provided. Marcia
Cochran is the leader.

**United Methodist Men's
Fellowship meets on
Mondays at Noon in the
Fellowship Hall.
Larry Duane has the
devotional this week.**

This Sunday's Volunteers:

Ushers: (Communion Team): Chip Beal, Capt.;
Deen Strickland, Co-Capt.; Butch Miller, Keith
Yarbrough, Don Berryhill, Gary Coleman,
Larry Pittman, Curtis Brantley
Greeters: Norman & Dot Gibson
Altar Flowers for December: Altar Guild

Place your poinsettia order...

The cost is \$13.00 per plant. Your order must be in the Church office with the information slip below and your payment—*no cash, please pay by check or money order* — **by Monday, December 6th at Noon**. As with all special flower orders, no late orders can be taken.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given By _____

No. of plants ordered _____

Check No. _____ *Or* *Money Order No.* _____

*You will be able to pick your poinsettias up **following** the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.*

**Waycross District Leadership Training Event
Equipping For Ministry
Waycross FUMC January 22, 2011 9:30a-2:00p**

Schedule:

9:30-10:00 Registration
 10:00-10:45 Opening Session
 11:00-12:00 Workshop (Part 1)
 12:00-1:00 Lunch
 1:00-2:00 Workshop (Part 2)

Worship Opportunities:

Admin Brd/Church Council
 Advocacy
 Children's Ministry
 Church Treasurer
 Clergy Roundtable
 Communications
 Finance & Stewardship
 Lay Leader
 Nurture
 Outreach
 PPR Committee
 Trustees
 Cokesbury S.S. Resources
 Witness
 Youth Ministry

Each participant will choose just one workshop. The first part of the workshop is before lunch and the second is after lunch.

Sponsored by the Office of Connectional Ministries and the Waycross District Office—www.sgauhc.org

Please complete the form below and return it to the Waycross District Office at P.O. Box 876, Waycross, GA 31502 by January 18, 2011

**Waycross District Leadership Training Registration Form
Deadline to Register: January 18, 2011**

Name Of Church: _____

Workshop Options: Administrative Board/Church Council Chairperson * Advocacy *
 Children's Ministry * Church Treasurer * Clergy Roundtable * Communications *
 Finance and Stewardship * Lay Leader * Nurture * Outreach *
 Pastor-Parish Relations Committee * Trustees *
 Cokesbury Sunday School/Resources * Witness * Youth Ministry *

Name of Participant

Workshop Choice

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Sign Up For Church Night Supper

Name _____

Permanent _____ Weekly _____

How Many Adults _____ and/or Children (10 & below) _____

Costs: \$6.00 for those 10 & above; \$2.00 for 3-9 yrs; Below 3 yrs eat free
 Reservations must be made by Noon on Tuesdays. Reservations not cancelled before
 Tuesday at Noon, are asked to be paid. All take-out plates are \$6.00.



Please join the FUMC Administrative Council
for a "Stay-at-Home Christmas Banquet"
to benefit the residents of
The Methodist Home for Children & Youth.
Your check for \$20, or an amount of your choice,
will bring Christmas joy to children and youth.
R.S.V.P. by December 8th with your check made
payable to First United Methodist Church,
and marked "Methodist Children's Home."


Tax deductible

<http://www.themethodisthome.org/index.htm>

United Methodist Women Circle 1 Christmas Plans Announced

Circle One has invited Martha Donaldson, a professional story teller who has developed several presentations about events that happened at the birth of Jesus. This program will be presented in the social hall of First Methodist Church on December 14th. The luncheon will be served at noon featuring the menu from the former Christmas Bazaar held in the social hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Martha does not charge for her program but does ask for donations to be given for a children's charity. We have chosen Methodist Children's Home to receive these monies. Make your checks payable to UMW. Reservations should be made by December 7th. Tell your friends, male or female, about this wonderful program. All are invited. Remember, reservations must be in by the 7th. Thank you in advance for supporting this Christian program.

Parent's Night Out... Join the Christmas Pajama Party
on Friday, December 10th, from 6-9 p.m. We will enjoy
crafts, games, and Holiday Cheer! An accurate head-
count is needed. Please let Ms. Ivy know if you'll be at-
tending. There is a fee of \$6 per child. Supper will be
provided.



P.D.'s, Supper, Crafts,
& Games

Our Staff...

- >Senior Pastor **Rev. Bob Norwood**
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- >Custodial Care **Peter Walker**

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- >www.waycrossfirst.com

December 5, 2010 - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Advent and Holy Communion

Welcome and Events in the Life of the Church		Rev. Bob Norwood
Prelude	<i>"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"</i>	Redner
Advent Wreath—Candle of Peace		Acolytes
Choral Response-	<i>"Light Two Candles"</i>	Choir and Congregation
	Light two candles, Christ is coming, Christ, the peace of the world! Light two candles, Christ is coming, Christ is coming soon!	
*Hymn No. 220	<i>"Angels From The Realm Of Glory"</i>	REGENT SQUARE
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Norwood
*Invitation, Confession, and Pardon		No. 12
*Greeting		Rev. Norwood
	<i>Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong ; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.</i>	
Children's Sermon		Ivy Kratzer
	(Children Kindergarten age and below may leave for Children's Church)	
*Hymn No. 219	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>	GREENSLEEVES
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>"Ave Verum"</i>	Gounod
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings		Ushers
*Doxology		
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
Anthem	<i>"Come, Blessed Promised One"</i>	Schubert
	<i>Come, blessed Promised One, set Thy people free, And from our fear and sins release us; Lord, let us find our rest in Thee, Our Redeemer, Savior, King of kings and Lord of lords. Be Thou Israel's strength and consolation, The hope of all the earth, Thou art. O come, desire of every nation, the joy of every longing heart, Come, blessed Promised One. Come, blessed Promised One, born a child yet a King; Born now to reign in us forever, with haste Thy gracious kingdom bring. Our Redeemer, Savior, King of kings and Lord of lords. By Thine own eternal Spirit, now rule in all our hearts alone; And by Thine all sufficient merit, Lord, raise us to Thy glorious throne. Come, blessed Promised One.</i>	
Scripture	Luke 1: 39-45 (N.T. pg. 54)	Rev. Davis
Laitly Prayer		
Sermon	<i>"Where Does Jesus Fit In?"</i>	Rev. Norwood
Observance of Holy Communion		
Great Thanksgiving		No. 13
Giving of the Bread and Cup		

Hymn No. 249

"There's A Song In The Air"

CHRISTMAS SONG

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

McGee

Postlude

"Antioch"

Handel

**Please Stand*

Our 11:00 a.m. service may be viewed on channel 98

Advent Wreath—Candle of Peace

The beautiful Advent Wreath gracing our Sanctuary will serve as our Call to Worship as we focus on the various candles each Sunday. Last Sunday we focused on the Candle of Hope. Today we light the Candle of Peace. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared to receive. God gives us peace when we turn to Him in faith.

"Carols and Candlelight"

The Chancel Choir and the Chancel Bell Ringers will lead us in worship through music on Sunday Evening, December 12, 2010 at 6:30pm. Traditional carols of the season will be featured. Following the service, a time of fellowship and refreshment will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The Library area will also be open so that we may enjoy the newly lighted court yard. Make plans now to join us for this special service! Since the hour is beyond sunset, if you would like for the church bus to transport you, please call the church office now!!



Prayer Concerns:

Lylburn Booker, Jim Brewer, Deborah Brooks, Tommy Christian, Helen Culbertson, Bob Davis, Maurie DeVane, Doris Douglas, Bob Ford, Sonja Grieco, Imogene Hatfield, Becki Hines, Tommy Herrin, Eric & Erin Lairsey, Timmy Lowman, Jim & Anna Mae McDonald, Jack & Faye McCall, Jenny McMillan, Lisa Melton, Ethel Mohan, Bett Pigge, Wesley Rentz, Garry Russell, Preston Settle, Mac Spangenberg, Adam Swindell, Lottie Vanhoy, Joy Woodard, Julie Tomlinson

2010 Stewardship Fulfillment....

As the end of 2010 approaches, please remember that to be able to use your paid pledge amount for 2010 tax purposes, it is necessary all check or cash payments be turned into the Finance Office of the Church by December 31st. If you have any questions or more information is needed, please call the Finance Office at 283-2077.

November Pledge Receipts Accrual Scale
Monthly Needs=\$50,275

