

*First United Methodist Church
Waycross, Georgia
410 Williams Street Waycross, Georgia 31501*

"The People of Christmas: Simeon"

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit had rested on him. It had been revealed to Simeon that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, say-



ing, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phannuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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Observance of Holy Communion

New Year's Day January 1, 2012 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. It is our prayer that God will bless you as you continue to worship with us.

Please Sign and Date the Attendance Register

Welcome and Events in the Life of the Church		Rev. Bob Norwood
Prelude	<i>"From Thy Throne on High"</i>	Gluck
Hymn No. 254	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
Invitation, Confession, and Pardon		No. 12
*Greeting	<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. 454	<i>"Open My Eyes, That I May See"</i>	OPEN MY EYES
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"</i>	Bach
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>"A Child, A King"</i>	Schram
Laity Prayer		
Scripture	Luke 2:22-40 (N.T. p. 55)	
Sermon	<i>"People of the First Christmas: Simeon"</i> Rev. Norwood	
Coral Response	<i>"Our Eyes Have Seen the Lord"</i>	Fettke
Observance of Holy Communion		No. 13
	The Great Thanksgiving	
	Giving of the Bread and Cup	
Hymn No. 383	<i>"This is a Day of New Beginnings"</i>	BEGINNINGS
Benediction		Rev. Norwood
Benediction Response	<i>"Emanuel, Emanuel"</i> Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.	McGee
Postlude	<i>"March In C"</i>	Purcell

Things You Will Need To Know

Worship Service** at 10:30 this Sunday. But ***NO Sunday School until January 8th, 2012.

***UMYF will NOT** meet again until Sunday evening, January 8, 2012

***Bible Study, Chapel Service, & Church Night Supper** will resume on January 11, 2012. Also, **Children's Choir & Activities** are scheduled to start back on this same date.

***The Nurture Committee** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on January 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. A reminder will be sent to those on the Committee.

Prayer Concerns:

Lee Cleland, Avery Clemmons, Chase Brauda, Brayden Davis, Maurie DeVane, John Dorough, Doris Douglas, Lawton Drew, Mac Dunbar, Edgar Flanders, Antoinette Hall, Becki Hines, Madge Herrin, Tommy Herrin, Luke Hooks, Billy Hopkins, John King, Timmy Lowman, Melba Mayo, Tommy Mathison, John May, The Family of Jim McDonald, Bonnell Memory, Ethel Mohan, Bob Packer, Jack Register, Wesley Rentz, Michael Rushing, Garry Russell, Steve Rydalch, Mary Sadler, Preston Settle, Bob & Georgine Smith, Trena Smith, Mack Spangenberg, Alison Steele, Adam Swindell, Ross Stevens, Lottie Vanhoy, Marsha Tjarks, Lou Turk, Sharon Worton.

Please call the Church Office to add or to remove someone from the Prayer Concerns list.

In Memoriam

James B. McDonald

entered into immortality

December 27, 2011

The new address for Winnie Massey is:

Winnie Massey
C/O Maple Court Assisted Living
2408 N. Tift Ave. Room 127
Tifton, GA 31794

This Sunday's Volunteers:

Ushers: (Communion Team) Chip Beal, Deen Strickland, Curtis Brantley, Butch Miller,
Don Berryhill, Gary Coleman, Larry Pittman, Keith Yarbrough

Greeters: Sandra & Don Berryhill

Flower Captain for January: Hildegard Amspacher

Pastor's Schedule

MONDAY 01/02/12

Church Office Closed for New Years Holiday

TUESDAY 01/03/12

9:00 a-N Office Hours

1:00 p Sermon Preparation

WEDNESDAY 01/04/12

9:00 a Office hours

1-5:00 p Study and Sermon Preparation

THURSDAY 01/05/12

9:00 a-12N Office hours

1:00 p Sermon preparation

FRIDAY 01/06/12

Pastor's Day Off

Church Schedule

SUNDAY 01/01/12

10:30 a Morning Worship
(Nursery provided)

MONDAY 01/02/12

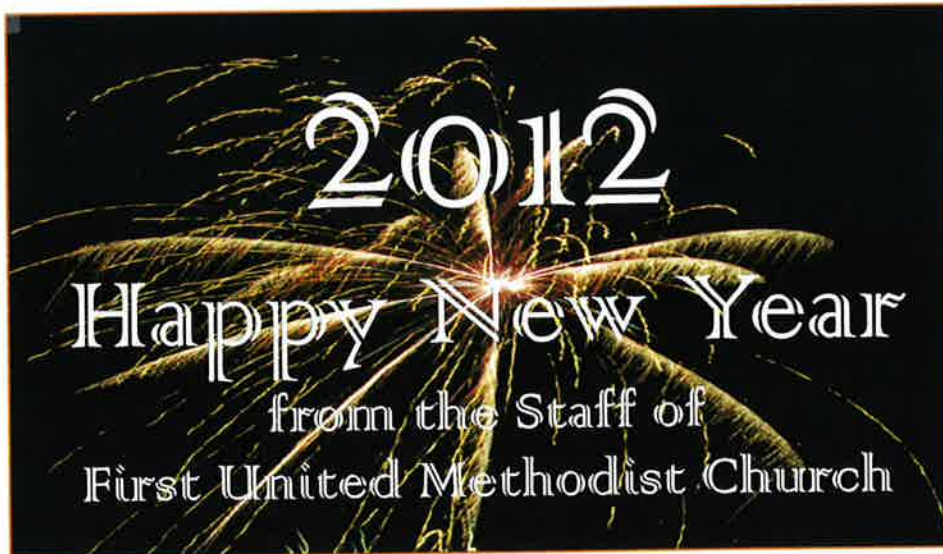
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WEDNESDAY 01/04/12

9:00 a Mother's Morning Out

FRIDAY 01/06/12

Church Office closes at Noon



**United Methodist Men's
Fellowship Luncheon**
will not meet again for lunch until
January 9, 2012.