

Pastor's Points

Sunday, December 3rd, is the first Sunday in Advent. We will be seeing wreaths, candles, trees, banners, and stable scenes. We will sing those wonderful songs and hymns, we will buy gifts and plan meals. Those things help us "get into the spirit." However, we should also look beyond the paraphernalia of the current scene to the historical events which actually prepared the way for Jesus, formed a foundation for His coming, and may help us get ready for Christmas.

Isaiah announced: A voice of one calling in the desert – "Prepare the way of the Lord." Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John the Baptist, had to readjust their thinking about the purpose of their lives. Mary had the mind-boggling experience of an announcement that she would bear a child who would become the Savior. John baptized people in the Jordan river, telling them that a new kingdom was about to be established, and that the Lamb of God was among them. Minds had to be changed, and a new commitment was required.

So we, too, approach the Advent, we also anticipate His coming, and prepare our homes, our church, and our lives to receive Him.

Pastor Don

Sermon Title & Scripture
"Advent: More and Less"
Matthew 1:18-23

TRANSPORTATION
CHURCH VAN DRIVER: December 3, 2006

Van Driver: Mary Sue Winneke, 682-7480

The van driver listed above will pick up for both worship services. Call if you need a ride to church. Let the driver know which service you plan to attend.

HOSPITAL NOTES:

Remember --- if you know of any of our members in, or going into the hospital, please let our minister know by calling the church office (913) 682-3222.

Elders to make hospital calls the week of: December 3, 2006

CUSHING
Sue Hubert
Emily McCracken

ST. JOHN/V.A.
Alice Bushman
Ken Harmon

IN OUR SERVICES SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

Those who are ill/recuperating:

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| ... Rosemary Waymire | ... Opal Perkins | ... Gladys Gilfert |
| ... Harlan Stinson | ... Kathleen Martin | ... Evelyn Lowe |
| ... Carroll Garvin | ... John Waymire | ... Ruth Reeves |
| ... Enid Stinson | ... Kevin Donald | ... Merle Euler |
| ... Betty Patton | ... Evelyn Michael | ... Ethel Merideth |
| ... Phyllis Lane | ... Doris Lee & Lambert Frost | ... Kathy Ramirez |
| ... Jennifer Rodriguez | ... Geraldine Sartin | ... Rachel Huffman |
| ... Helen Nowlan | ... John Klinger | ... Marilyn Lubbers |
| ... Donna Powell | ... Esther Crum | ... Jacob Hayes |



Praise:

... Leahsia has three job interviews

Petitions:

- ... Lyle Monsell – in St. John Hospital
- ... Opal Perkins – in Cushing Hospital
- ... Bill Connolly
- ... Gary Woodward – surgery Nov. 27
- ... Margie Moore – in I.C.U. with congestive heart failure (Jerry Moore’s mother)
- ... Prayers for April DeMoss and her family
- ... Lillian Scott – broken wrist
- ... John & Lillian Edmonds-Selas - John in hospital
- ... For those who didn’t have someone to share the holiday with
- ... Wyatt Calvert (10 week old baby) – facing surgery



Ladies --- join us for the annual DWF “Tasting Tea” Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sue Hubert. Bring a plate of your favorite holiday dessert, plus the recipe. Groups IV, V & VI will be your hostesses.



... Thank You

On behalf of the people who will have their lives touched by your generosity, we thank you for your donation of food to The Salvation Army. Thank you again and we hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Captain Mark Nance
Corps Officer

MEMORY VERSE

“The Lord my God will come.”

Zechariah 14:5



Youth Schedule -- One more week then -----

Sunday, December 10 - 12:30 p.m. **Our Youth Fund Raiser –**
- **POTATO BAR/AUCTION –**
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Remember --- the youth will meet Saturday, December 9, 9:00 a.m. to set up for the “Big Day”
In the meantime we hope that this coming Sunday, December 3, you will attend the Christmas
Craft Festival (4:00 p.m.), Soup Supper (6:00) and the “Hanging of the Greens” worship (7:00)



Children’s Church Volunteers

Dec. 3 - Josh Allen

Care Ministry Team Schedule

Team 1 - Fran Gast, leader
Linda Bohnsack, Diane Euler, Mildred Boyer,
Ken Harmon, Danielle Shea & Katie Collins



Cherub Choir News

The Cherubs will practice Thursday, Nov. 30, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
They will sing in the second service on December 10th and 17th. There will be no choir practice on
December 21st or 28th.



From Josh

Yesterday, I had some time to kill between classes, so I headed over to the University of Missouri-Kansas City and spent the afternoon reading in the campus library. I love college libraries. It seems that there is a wealth of knowledge that is immediately available to me if I simply take the time to look for it and consider it. As I research topics or browse titles, I invariably find something more interesting than the subject I am researching.

Reading is one of the supreme joys of life. It is the foundation of learning, a process by which we discover God’s presence in the world and our relationship to the divine and to each other. We come to understand what it means to be human, and thus we can understand what it means to be created in the image of God.

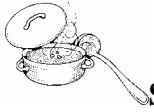
Although it is small, our church library is designed for such a purpose. In it, one can find books on family and parental issues, historical theology, Biblical scholarship and interpretation, social concerns, and various other topics. Each subject is categorized and shelved so you may find it easily when searching or browsing. The library is a vital part of the Christian education program, so the department is seeking to bring it up to date and to make it easy to use. Before the end of the year, we will display new titles and subjects that will replace outdated or dilapidated copies. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this great resource and important ministry.

This Sunday, December 3



Christmas Craft Festival ... 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Eight craft stations – come make Christmas gifts for yourself or for a friend. No charge.



Soup/Sandwich Supper ... 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Members of the Fellowship Ministry will make homemade soups served with grilled cheese sandwiches. No charge, however there will be a donation box to help defray cost.



“Hanging of the Greens” service ... 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary



The Christmas tree in the narthex – you decorate it by adding a card of Christmas wishes. The names on these cards will be published in the Leavenworth Christmas. This way you can wish everyone “Merry Christmas” with one card. Plus, if you wish, the money you will save on postage could be donated to your favorite charity.

**December 10, 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Youth Raising Event
Their famous “Potato” bar and Auction**

Also, if you would like to donate items for the auction, we are accepting “still good and ready to use” items now. You can bring them to the church and put them in the classroom downstairs next to the elevator. Be sure to put your name on the donated items so we can give you credit.

If you have any questions, talk with Letha Higgins. This is a big event for the youth and they would appreciate your auction donations.

BLOOD DRIVE

What a wonderful Christmas gift! A gift of life --- The Blood Drive will be at the First United Methodist Church, Church, December 19, 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Bring identification such as your donor card or driver’s license. To sign up to donate, go to www.esavealifenow.org and use Sponsor Code Leavenworth.com. Or call First United Methodist Church, 682-5374. Drop-ins will be welcome. During the holiday season there is often a shortage of blood and blood products.

Did you see the display in the narthex Sunday???

Information on how we can help a family at Christmas

Christian Action will help fill baskets for Christmas for Salvation Army and Leavenworth Assistance Center. The first three Sundays in Advent we will have a place in the narthex for specific items.

..... **Dec. 3** – Gift items: cologne, skin care items, shaving materials, tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss, gloves, mittens, caps, blankets, towels, wash cloths, sheets

..... **Dec. 10** – Household items: cleaning supplies, detergent, bar soap, dish washing Liquids, paper towels, toilet tissue

..... **Dec. 17** – Food suggestions: non-perishable food items, nuts, dried fruits, coffee, tea or candy, gift certificates from any of the grocery stores, Wal-Mart or K-Mart

Save this list and start collecting.

..... If you desire to adopt a family, a paper will be provided for guidelines.

..... Salvation Army needs bell ringers. They have angel trees in various locations.

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A busy December ----- In addition to our “all church” events, several groups will also meet.

<p>The Booster Sunday School Class will enjoy a covered-dish Christmas Dinner/party at the home of Ralph & Lucille Atchison on Saturday, December 16, 1:00 p.m.</p>		<p>The Singles Group will have a potluck Christmas dinner/party at the home of Linda & Don Bohnsack, Saturday, December 16, 5:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P</p>
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<p>The Elders Christmas dinner party, Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Jody Bryant. This dinner is for all elders, including those going off the Church Board this year, those coming on the Church Board in 2007, and their spouses.</p>

OUR SYMPATHY ---

Carroll Garvin, a member of this congregation, passed away Tuesday, November 28. The memorial service will be Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m. at the Leavenworth National Cemetery. No visitation is planned. Chaplain Jack Divine will officiate.

CHURCH CALENDAR
December 1 – December 7, 2006

SATURDAY

DWF tasting tea (home of Sue Hubert) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Bible Adventure 9:45 a.m.
Christmas Craft Festival (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 p.m.
Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
“Hanging of the Greens” service (sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Prayer Breakfast (Bill Nowlan, host) 6:30 a.m.
ARC dinner (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m.
Ring-the-Bells practice 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

No Church Board meeting

WEDNESDAY

Worship Ministry meeting (Kitterman Room) 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cherub Choir practice 6:30 p.m.
Carillons practice 6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir practice 7:30 p.m.

December church events ----

December 3 - Christmas Craft Festival – “Hanging of the Greens” service

December 10 – Potato Bar/Auction, sponsored by the youth

December 24 - Christmas Eve services (7:00 and 11:00 p.m.)

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