

**Inserts:**

2018 Poinsettia Listings: In Honor & In Memory  
A New Invitation to Bible Study  
Ed Kilbourne

The Colquitt County Men's Chorus will be performing at First Baptist Church on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. No admission will be charged but they ask that you bring a canned food item for the Food Bank.

There will be no **Wednesday Night Activities** December 20<sup>th</sup> or December 27<sup>th</sup>.

The **Church office** will be closed December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

The **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service** will be at 5:00pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>. A nursery will be provided.

We are blessed to have faithful and caring staff members at First United Methodist Church. Christmas provides us an opportunity to show that we care and appreciate all of the work that each of them does for our church. To express that appreciation, we are asking our members to consider making a love offering to be provided to the staff. If you feel led to do so, please mail to the office or drop by a check payable to FUMC by December 20, and mark it 'Staff Appreciation'.

**Chip Stapleton, SPRC Chair**

On **December 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will have a Breakfast Pot Luck Sunday School at 10:00am and a *combined worship service* at 11:00am.

**Infant & Toddler Nurseries** are available during both services for children through age 3. A greeter will be happy to assist you.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

9:00am Early Service  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:30am Choir Warm-up  
11:00am Worship Service

**Monday, Dec 18, 2017**

7:30pm Men's Chorus

**Tuesday, Dec 19, 2017**

6:00pm Weight Watchers  
6:00pm NAMI Family Support

**Wednesday, Dec 20, 2017**

6:30am Men's Bible Study  
No Wednesday Night Activities

**Friday, Dec 21, 2017**

Church Office Closed

**CHURCH MINISTRY TEAM**

Stephen Grantham	Senior Pastor
Connie McCoy	Admin Director
Laura Little	Admin Asst.
Laura Little	Children's Interim
Margaret Chapura	Children's Interim
Nancy Riley	Youth Interim
Ian Smith	Youth Interim
Joe Smith	Homebound Ministry
Ingrid Wingate	Director of Music
Jane Tucker	Organist
James Huffman	Early Worship
Vanessa Hayes	Food Director
Nancy McGilvray	Hostess
James Tyler	Custodian
Jerre Malone	Building Security
Erika Alcantara	Nursery
Paige Mitchell	Nursery



**December 17th, 2017**

9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship  
Third Sunday of Advent

**Waiting with a Promise**

Hoping and expecting are very necessary in our lives. They keep us filled with positive energy. They help us to look forward and not backward. Living out of hope is a very healthy thing. Our attitude is a very powerful motivator toward Christmas being a positive experience in our lives. The attitude of hope and expectancy toward what God is doing is even more important. God gives us promises and shows His love for us. God is faithful even when we are not. He wishes for us an attitude of expectancy and hope, which keeps us facing Him in faith and ready to see His handiworks as they begin to appear.

Hopeful people are the people who make the greatest positive differences in this world. They embrace the light of God's love and move into it. As they do, they carry others with them. This is how God's people in the Old Testament longed for and expected the coming Messiah. They took the promises of God seriously and waiting in longing expectation. This is an example for us as well.

Rev. Stephen Grantham

**Churchwide Wi-Fi Information**

SSID: FUMC-WIFI

PASSWORD: @Christ2016

<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>71</b>
<b>Early Service</b>	<b>66</b>	
<b>11:00am Service</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>144</b>

<b>2017 Stewardship</b>	<b>\$634,642</b>
<b>Monthly Revenue Needed for December</b>	<b>99,045</b>
<b>(based on previous giving patterns)</b>	
<b>Monthly Revenue Received 12-10</b>	<b>10,129</b>
<b>Collected in December thru 12-10</b>	<b>27,080</b>

<b>Year-to-Date Received</b>	<b>504,307</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Needed</b>	<b>575,214</b>
<b>Under for 2017 Stewardship</b>	<b>70,907</b>

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## 9 o'clock AM Contemporary Worship

**Worship in Song**  
Praise Band

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Stephen Grantham

**Worship in Song**  
Praise Band

**Children's Sermon & Advent Lighting**  
"The Candle of Good News"  
Laura Little

**Offering**

**The Doxology**

**Scripture Reading**  
NT Lesson: John 1:6-9, 19-28

**Sermon**  
"A Voice in the Wilderness"  
Rev. Grantham

**Invitation to Discipleship**  
Rev. Grantham

**Holy Communion**

**Announcements**

**Sermon Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11 o'clock AM Traditional Worship

**Prelude** "Noel" Beque

**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Stephen Grantham

**\*Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **No. 240**

**Advent Lighting & Children's Sermon** Laura Little  
"The Candle of Good News" Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

(Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for Children's Church)

**Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
(choral Amen)

**\*Hymn** "Angels From the Realms of Glory" **No. 220**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
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

**Anthem** "What Can I Give Him?" Chancel Choir

**\*Scripture Reading** John 1:6-9,19-28 **NT No. 86**

**Sermon**  
"A Voice in the Wilderness" Rev. Grantham

**\*Hymn** "Away in A Manger" **No. 217**

**\*Extinguishing of the Candles** Acolytes

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Response** "Joy to the World" All Sing  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature  
sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

**The Light Goes Into the World**

**Postlude** "In Dulci Jubilo" Bach

\*If able, please stand