



ONE SERVICE - CHRISTMAS DAY - 25 DECEMBER 2011

Welcome to worship the Christmas Morning—Rejoice, the Christ is born!

We are glad that you could join us during this special season in which we prepare for the birth of Christ Jesus, the reason for the season.

* Nursery Care & Sunday School is available both services * Hearing device available

WELCOME WITH NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Joy To The World HANDEL—ASHFORD, COMPOSERS
DENNIS EILER, PIANO & DON MCGUIRE, ORGAN

† OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

O Blessed Lord Jesus, give us thankful hearts today for thee, our choicest gift, our dearest guest. Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide, sweet spaces kept for thee, where holy thoughts pass up and down, and fervent longings watch for and await Thy coming.

So, when thou comest again, O blessed One, mayest thou find all things ready, and thy servants waiting for no new master, but for one long loved and known. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

PASTOR: Let us join together in this prayer.

ALL: Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have.

Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled with achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged. Help us to energize your love, even as you became love to us. For we ask these things in his name. Amen.

WORDS OF REASSURANCE

PASTOR: As Mary, Joseph and Jesus settled in Nazareth, help us, God, to let you take up residence in each one of our hearts. Forgive us our failures, our weaknesses, our fears and our doubts. In the name of the babe of Beth-

lehem, the Prince of Peace, we are now made new and whole.

BLESSING OF THE TOYS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bethlehem Morning

CRISTY EICHELBERGER

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN NO. 240

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER AND DEDICATION FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Winds Through the Olive Trees W. REES, COMPOSER

† DOXOLOGY

† HYMN NO. 217

Away In The Manger

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 2: 8-20

PASTOR: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Journey: The Manger

PASTOR DAVID M. BURGESON

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe Jesus Christ, born humbly in a manger this night, is the Son of God. He is the light in the darkness — sent from God to save us from our sins. We believe we are called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to share the good news of his birth, life, ministry and resurrection. On this day, as we celebrate Christ's birth, we affirm the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen.

† HYMN # 246

Joy To The World

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Salute the Happy Morn

R. HUGHES, COMPOSER



*Our hearts, our minds and
our doors are always open.*



The people of The United Methodist Church.®

Joys & Concerns 25 Decemeber 2011

We Lift In Prayer to The Lord:

- Our pastors and their families.
- All who serve God around the world.
- Those suffering, homeless & hungry.
- God's peace & justice for the world.
- Our nation's leaders, we ask wisdom.
- People following disasters.
- Members and friends dealing with the difficult issues of life.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing for:

- Mercy for all those who will be traveling during this holiday season.
- The Hughes family in Ira's passing.
- Jan Treat's friend Katie had brain surgery and has esophageal cancer.
- Lori Ford's sister-in-law, Mary, had open heart surgery.
- Adam Gainer had kidney surgery.
- Jerry Smith who had a fall.

We Give Praise to God for He Is Good!

- Bonnie Reiwald gives thanks for the blessings received.
- Bryan Trujillo gives thanks for his job and for relief from his pain.
- Cyndee Rohla's, brother-in-law, Henry is home for the hospital.

Our Missionaries in the Field:

Julie & David Elmore (Alaska)
John Elmore (Chile)
Muriel & Terry Hendersons (Mexico)
Lorene & David Persons (Congo)

Our Covenant Missionary:

Krista Givens (Germany)

Remember in prayer our military
and their families.

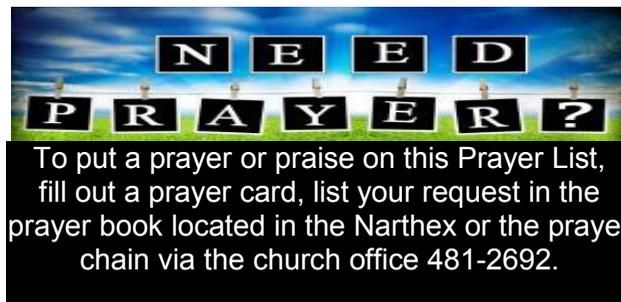
Continued Prayer For: Our church family and friends, our Youth and Children's Ministries, Wil Ogden, Jennifer Gandy and family, the Caweltis, Linda Archibald, the Hammonds, Esther Miller, the Paulsons, Sean Lehman, Fenton McClure, Kent Brown, Roy Lewis, the Bucktons, Jean Coho, Sheila Owine, Todd Everett, the Wisemans, Eleanor Hughes, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ora Lee King, LeAnna and Adam Gainer, Sue Ann Sanders, Geri Nolte, Pat Smith, Ann Williamson, Ayleen Melsheimer, the Cochrans, Janice Moore.

Praying For Those In Care-Facilities:

Bob Atwood, Bob Woods, Mary Patterson, Inez Kenneaster, Wayne Frisby, Bob Serby, Mary Johnson, Donna Truman.

We Lift up Our Shut-In Members:

Doris Rice, the Houldings, Jeanne Jenkins, Madge Young, Ruby Weddell, Yvonne Holt.



The Bulletin Board

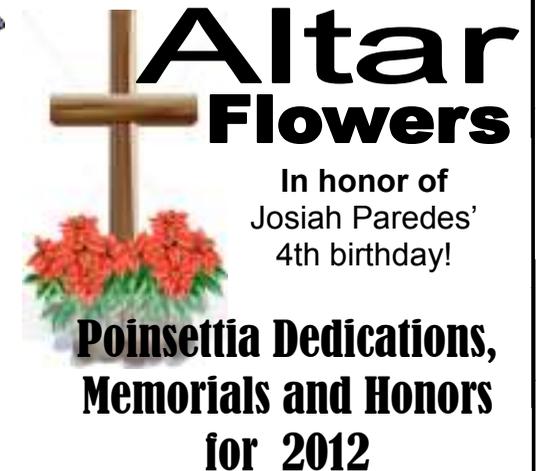


**Meet us in Criswell Hall...
we want to get to know you!**

TODAY'S coffee is supplied by the
Communications Committee
New Years Day Host: Finance Committee

This Week.

- **NO Sermon Discussion Group**— TODAY
- **Office Closed—12/26**
Enjoy the Holiday!
- **All-Church Supper** - FREE! Every Wednesday at 5 PM (Criswell Hall)
- **Final Advent Study - Wednesday**
Adults **6 PM** (McMillen Room)
Kids **6 PM** (211)
Youth **7 PM** (215)
- **Weekly Bible Read-A-Loud**—5 PM Thursdays, is on hold until January 2012.
- **Praise Team THURSDAY Rehearsal** - 12/29 at 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- **New Years Eve Potluck & Game Night**— 12/31 at 6 PM (Criswell Hall).
- **Quiet Holy Communion for New Year**— 12/31 between 7—7:30 PM (Sanctuary).
- **ONE Service Sunday**—1/1 at 10:30 AM



We thank all of you who participated in the poinsettias for this Christmas. Please keep you insert as a *memento* of your dedication and remember to take your flowers home after the service TODAY!

6 PM - ???
in Criswell Hall
New Year's Eve 2011
4TH Annual Potluck & Game Night
Bring your favorite game...favorite food...and favorite friend!
BEWARE:
Games get competitive!

Start the year off right!
One Service at 10:30 AM

Prayer Is Participation!
Look for the listing of daily prayer requests from our United Methodist Mission and learn more about where the UMC is in Mission.

Dec. 25	Conference UMW in Liberia
Dec. 26	Mama Kipendana (Kiswahili Language meaning Women Together in Love), UMW in N. Katanga, S. Congo
Dec. 27	Alaska Children's Services, Anchorage, Alaska
Dec. 28	Paine College, Augusta, GA
Dec. 29	Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana: Health education for youth, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic
Dec. 30	Alfalt Dominicana: Peace educators program, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Dec. 31	Ogden Friendship House of Hope, Ogden, KS

An Evening of Quiet Holy Communion

Meet us in our sanctuary on New Years Eve, **31 December** from **7-7:30 PM** for a free-flowing, self-led service of Meditation and Communion.

THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN
Friendship and Food

We will serve our first meal for 2012 on **January 5th**. Please see Chuck or Betty Ashton in Criswell Hall if you can help.

If you have items to donate to the people's Kitchen please bring them to the church office Monday—Friday from 9 AM—1 PM or all the Ashtons for further instructions.

2012 Bible Reading Schedules are available in the Narthex for your use in the new year. Start the year off right...read the Word daily.

Offering Envelopes in Criswell Hall these envelopes are in bunches of 12 for monthly giving and 52 from weekly giving. Please take what you need.

UMC of AG
2011 Charge Conference

January 22nd
at 1:30 PM
McMillen Room
All are welcome! to attend!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A 6 Week Adult Study—
HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

This study provides a basic overview in how to look at the bible from six different vantage points in order to more correctly interpret the meaning of scripture—*Textual, Historic, Literary, Theological, Exegetical, and Devotional*. Participants will be taught how to easily utilize resources with hands on practice to help clarify their study and interpretation of God's Word.

Study begins Sunday, January 8th, 2012 at 6 PM in McMillen Room led by Mike Herber. Books, *Six Ways to Study the Bible*, can be purchased through the church office (cost \$16).

2012 General Conference Part 1 & 2

In two parts, this **January 4th & 11th** class is led by Judy Atwood. This short class will go deeper into the process of the General Conference and the topics on the table for decision for 2012.

We hope you will attend this 6 PM Wednesday evening class in the McMillen Room.