

What's Happening at FUMC.....

ANGELS IN APRONS

Nov. 26 - Dec. 9 - Bob & Nita Wyman

Dec. 10 - Dec. 23 - Melanie Sanders & Lavern Fowler

March of the Angels - All children are invited to participate in the March of the Angels on Sunday, December 9th, at the 11:00 AM service. Children up to 6th grade are asked to bring an unwrapped gift to be placed under the Christmas tree. All children are asked to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to adorn their angel wings and get in line to march down the aisle to the Christmas tree.

Adopt-a-Family - It's that time of year again. FUMC is adopting 17 families and we need your help! We need people to help shop, wrap, deliver and donate funds. If you would like to donate, please earmark your check AAF. We also need boxes, wrapping paper, tape and bows. You can place these items in the shopping cart outside the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars for these important dates:
Monday, December 17 - 9AM - wrap gifts
Thursday, December 20 - 9AM - deliver to families
Thanks to Lyman and Deborah Smith for chairing this important mission project!

Caroling, Chili, Hotdogs, and Santa - Make plans to join us for caroling on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. We plan to carol to the nursing homes, the Henry Clay, our shut-ins, and our members who live in the Woodland Hills neighborhood. After caroling we will return to the church for chili and hotdogs. There will also be a special visit from Santa. The Good Shepherd Class will host this event, and we hope you will to join us.

Poinsettia Time Again -The United Methodist Women will be selling poinsettias to raise funds for their mission projects. The cost is \$15.00. Please remember and honor friends and loved ones by purchasing these plants. The honorees names will be listed in a booklet, which will be distributed on December 16th, and poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

Hanging of the Greens Service - Special thanks to all of our participants this past Sunday: Ben Thomas and Laura Stewart who read the scripture enlightening us on the various aspects of this ceremony; Caroline and Camille Jester for placing ornaments on our Christmas Tree and all of the families who hung wreaths in our sanctuary – The Greg Sugg Family, The Chuck Carson's, the Monte Brasfield's, the Colby Brister Family, Betsy Neal and Tyler Spencer, Jay Wood and Bennie Hitt. Thank you all for making this event in the life of our Church extraordinary. Dee Echols

Cookie Volunteers Are Needed - Each year during December Dee Echols works extremely hard to make sure the church looks festive for the Christmas. She also helps organize the Hanging of the Greens and the reception after the choir program. This year the Christmas program and reception will be held on Friday, December 14th. Dee needs individuals to volunteer to bring cookies for this occasion. Please contact the church or sign up on the tear off if you can help with this project. Thank you, Dee, for all your time and effort to make Christmas special in our church.

Communion Offering -The communion offering for December went to the United Methodist Children's Home. A total of \$473.00 was collected. Thank you for contributing to this worthwhile ministry.



MUSIC NOTES

Hello Church Family!
Christmastime is approaching!
Holiday Music is playing over every loud speaker, there are snowmen in every window, and if you are like

me, you are already feeling the stress of shopping and trying to get everything done. This season can be one of the hardest for me. I get so busy playing for concerts and extra gigs that I never seem to make time to enjoy it. Before I know it, Christmas is over and the new year begins. That's one reason why I love our Christmas Concert. Our concert is worship, and it helps me remember why there is a holiday called Christmas in the first place....The birth of a baby, a Savior! And it helps me remember that we are so blessed to be able to give to people who are in need. We have that opportunity every day of the year and God desires for us to be joyful

givers!

The Christmas Concert is December 14 at 7:00 P.M and is titled "O Come, Emmanuel". Some of the music you will hear includes "O Come, Emmanuel", "Joy to The World", "Sing We Now of Christmas", "The Huron Carol", and many more. All of the donations will be given to The Henry Clay. We will celebrate the LIGHT that has come into our world and will never leave us in darkness. Please come celebrate this special night with us!

Rachel



This Wednesday the youth are going over John 8 and 9, but I am not leading it this time. Our youth council: JB, Kip, Caroline, and Lindsay Kate will be teaching our lesson.

Sunday, December 9th the youth will be meeting in the fellowship hall for dinner and making necklaces that we will take to give out to people on our mission trip.

Wednesday, December 12th we will be studying John 10, but I am not teaching this lesson either. Camden, our youth intern, will be leading this lesson. Camden has been a huge help, and I want to give him more opportunities to teach.

Sunday, December 16th the youth are going to participate in caroling at 4pm. I am hoping we have a strong youth presence at this event!

Then, **Wednesday, December 19th** is our youth Christmas party. We will meet at Mrs. Pam Carson's house. Students need to bring a \$10-15 gift, and wear appropriate clothes for walking outside and making s'mores outside.

Thanks, AnnaBeth



This week I interviewed Collier Sugg and Anna Colby Brister about Christmas. Here's a look at our conversation:

"Who is Jesus?"

They both replied, "God."

"What is Christmas?"

"Jesus' birthday." - Anna Colby

"What's the best way we can celebrate Jesus?"

"Giving him hugs and kisses." - Anna Colby

"Giving him a pat on the shoulder." - Collier

"Does Jesus give us presents?"

"Santa does and Jesus." - Anna Colby

"What kind of presents does Jesus give us?"

"Toys." - Anna Colby

"Blocks." - Collier

"Baby dolls. I want a baby doll for Christmas.

Another one." - Anna Colby

"Well I don't want a baby doll for Christmas." - Collier

"Collier, you can get a baby doll for your sister." - Anna Colby

"What presents can we give to Jesus?"

"a toy robot" - Anna Colby

"What would Jesus do with a toy robot?"

"play with it." - Anna Colby

"What would you give Jesus as a present Collier?"

"um... uh... a baby doll." - Collier

As we get older we realize we cannot give Jesus kisses and toy blocks (until we get to heaven at least). But I think it is so special for Collier and Anna Colby to give us these answers.

Merry Christmas,
AnnaBeth, Collier, and Anna Colby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5 - December 11

Wed.	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
	5:30 PM	UMYF
	6:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:00 PM	5 th /6 th grade group
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs.		Loaves & Fishes
Fri.	11:30 AM	Lunch Bunch trip to Old Waverly
Sun.	8:45 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Children's Movie
	5:30 PM	UMYF
Mon.	2:30 PM	Methodist Purls

STEWARDSHIP REPORT... Collections to date are: 97 pledge cards for a total of \$361,122.00 or 59% of 2019 Operating Budget of \$608,020. Building Fund: 63 pledge cards for a total of \$58,790 or 86% of the Building Fund Budget of \$66,000. We will be collecting pledge cards through December 31.