

## White Poinsettias

### IN HONOR OF:

Reed Goebel's 12th Birthday given by SPIL  
Glenda and David Turner given by Princess  
Carol and Stan Craig given by Princess and Samson  
My grandchildren: Libby, Isabelle and Sam Ennis; Lauren, Luke,  
Conner and Noah Smith given by Beverly Parrish  
Mrs. Christine Wright, Katie's mother, given by Katie & Larry Kaler  
Shirley Barber given by The Blount Family  
Wally and Lynne McAlexander given by The Blount Family  
Carroll French given by Niels and Birgitte French  
Donnie Hoffman given by Logan and Cody Sanford  
Mary Lou Cushing given by Blanche Miller  
Vickey Hobbs given by Blanche Miller  
Carol and Stan Craig given by Blanche Miller  
Rev. Mark Matheny given by Claire Matheny and Adam Noyce  
George Green given by The Green Family  
Lynne McAlexander (unsung heroine) given by Betty Carter  
St. Luke's UMC Staff given by a Friend  
Rev. Dennis Neenan given by The Chick Family

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Bob Gray given by Sue Gray  
Louise, Wallace & Jay Sims given by Sue Gray  
Bill and Jimmy Dickey given by Dot Dickey  
Ruth Abernathy given by her family (Caldwell)  
Rob Wall given by Sieger Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Emiliano Magtoto given by Roma Magtoto  
Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Garcia given by Roma Magtoto  
Ms. Araceli Magtoto given by Roma Magtoto  
Bill and Virginia Kaler given by Katie and Larry Kaler  
Our son, John Harrell Morris given by Mom and Dad  
Robert Matheny given by Pastor Mark Matheny  
Mike Hicks given by The Blount Family  
Tove French given by Niels and Birgitte French  
The Mason Family and The Vandergriff Family given by Bobby Mason  
Dad given by Carol Counts Likens  
Loved Ones given by Paul and Mary Evelyn Goodwin  
Tom Sleeker, Maria and Peter Wilhelm and Paul Wilhelm  
given by Sandra Sleeker  
Lauren Witty given by Mom-Terrie Witty  
Dan S. Murrell given by Pat Murrell  
Rev. John Meeks given by David and Glenda  
Milton and Evelyn Turner given by David and Glenda  
Frank and Fay Clements given by Glenda and David  
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reed given by John, Judy and Reed Rossetti

### Longest-Night Service

December 21, 6:30 pm--Sanctuary

A service of prayer and reflection for those who mourn or struggle during this time of year. Please join us for this service if you have experienced a loss of any type - a loved one, a job, a relationship or if you just experience a feeling of loneliness during the holiday season.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

### Sunday December 11

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH  
8:30am - 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary  
9:00am - 10:00am Blood Pressure Check - CLC, 104  
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School  
10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary  
1:30pm - 3:00pm Bball Practice 11/12th Boys - Gym  
3:00pm - 4:30pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym  
4:00pm - 5:00pm Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary  
5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB 3rd Fl.  
6:00pm - 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

### Monday December 12

9:30am - 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
10:00am - 11:00am Veterans - FH  
10:30am - 2:30pm Loyalty-Fellowship Ladies - Lounge  
1:00pm - 2:00pm Grief Support Group - Parlor  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Univ. District Mtg. - MB 106  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 5/6th Boys - Gym  
6:30pm - 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211  
7:00pm - 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

### Tuesday December 13

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
10:15am - 11:15am Senior choir - Choir Room  
10:30am - 11:30am HARC Board Meeting - Parlor  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 7/8th Boys - Gym  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Finance Comm. Mtg - MB 211  
6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - MB 310  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Pack 40 Cub Scouts - CB, 213  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Naomi Circle UMW - lounge  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut  
7:00pm - 9:00pm Pack 40 Meeting - FH

### Wednesday December 14

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir Christmas Party  
7:45pm - 9:15pm Bball Practice 9/10th Boys - Gym

### Thursday December 15

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym .  
9:15am - 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel .  
9:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108 .  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Bball Practice 1st/2nd Boys - Gym .  
6:00pm - 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym .  
6:15pm - 7:15pm Yoga - Lounge .

### Friday December 16

8:00am - 5:00pm Life Line Screening - Gym  
11:30am - 1:30pm Loyal Stewards Luncheon - Lounge

### Saturday December 17

9:00am - 7:00pm ESCRA Youth BB Games - Gym  
4:30pm - 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH .

MB-Main Building  
FH-Fellowship Hall  
CLC-Christian Life Center  
CB-Children's Building

For the most current  
calendar information  
visit our website  
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Wednesday Dinners and Activities will resume Wed. Feb. 1, 2012

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Dr. R. Mark Matheny  
Rev. Birgitte T. French  
J G Walker, III  
Wes Kirkpatrick

Senior Pastor  
Minister of Mission  
Director or Music Ministries  
Organist



December 11, 2011  
Third Sunday of Advent



## Gifts that won't Break

### Mission Statement

"We are becoming a faithful community  
of disciples striving to share  
the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ."

SERVICE OF THE WORD  
DECEMBER 11, 2011

CENTERING MUSIC AND HOSPITALITY

A GLIMPSE OF JOY

PRELUDE "O Come Little Children"  
setting: Diane Bish Wes Kirkpatrick, organ

ADVENT REFLECTION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

(prayer in unison following reflection)

None other is like you, O God:

seated on high, yet looking far down to raise the poor from the dust and the needy from the ashes.

Please prepare us:

for glad music when all is grim silence;  
for bright light when all is deep darkness;  
for the good news of great joy of the birth of Emmanuel—  
God With Us, now and always.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

†CAROL "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" tune: PERSONENT HODIE

On this day earth shall ring  
His the doom, ours the mirth;  
On that day an - gels sing;

with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord,  
when he comes down to earth, Beth - le - hem,  
with their song earth shall ring, earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ,

Christ our King, come to earth to save us;  
sees his birth; ox and ass be - side him;  
heav - en's King, come to earth to save us;

him the Fa - ther gives us. O Joy Joy Joy!  
from the cold will hide him.  
hope and joy he gives us.

O Joy Joy Joy! O that joy, glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - ol

WORD AND WONDER (10:50 service) Amy Pearson  
"I've Got the Joy"

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.  
Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.  
Where? Down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart.  
Where? Down in my heart! Where? Down in my heart!  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart  
Where? Down in my heart to stay.

As we sing all children are welcome to the chancel steps.  
Kindergarten age and under may leave for Children's Church after  
Word and Wonder, located in Room 210 of the Children's Building.

WITNESS FOR GENEROSITY Niels French (8:30 service)  
Jerry Whitt (10:50 service)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"  
setting: Jerry Westenkuebler

†DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT tune: OLD HUNDRETH

O Glorious God, to you we bring  
All that we are as offering;  
Spirit of joy, among us dwell;  
Come Jesus, our Emmanuel.

†CAROL "Emmanuel" UMH 204  
tune: MCGEE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1: 22-25

SERMON "God's Gift of Joy" Rev. Birgitte T. French

ANTHEM (10:50 service) "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Chancel Choir  
text translated: G. R. Woodward setting: Gerald Near

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing;  
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria. Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria. Hosanna in excelsis!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

†HYMN "There's a Song in the Air" UMH 249  
tune: MCGEE

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE "Caroling, Caroling" Mr. Kirkpatrick  
setting: Diane Bish

†You are invited to stand as able.  
UMH United Methodist Hymnal TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

22All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',  
which means, 'God is with us.'

24When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1: 22-25

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Robert Hollingsworth	Brooke Hall Henderson
Rico Jenkins	Trudy Ellis, Ann Al-chokhachi's mother
Deborah Lewis	Our missionaries,
Deborah Gibson	David & Lorie Persons
	Sue Porter

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Melanie Mahan in the death of her father, James Fike on Dec. 1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Michael & Beth Masters on the birth of their daughter, Josie Edens, on Wednesday, Dec. 7..

PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS: Finance Committee, Generosity & Tithing



**the element**  
Sundays 6:00pm,  
Fellowship Hall

**Setting the Scene for Christmas**  
Dec. 11 - The Grinch who Stole Christmas

There is still time to dedicate WHITE Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. Please fill out the form below and return it, along with payment, to the church office. They are \$15.00 each.

Thank you for your gift of love by sponsoring a poinsettia.



**Poinsettia Order Form**

in HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

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in MEMORY of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_