

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

November 23, 2009

Dear Friends:

What a joy to be together in worship on Sunday. It was especially good to hear from Cherie White, our missionary to the United Methodist Seminary in Mexico City.

As usual, the music was amazing. Thanks to the FUMC Men, the FUMC Youth Choir, and Sarah Evins for sharing your musical talents with us. You always add so much to our times of worship. We also express our thanks to Scott Torrence for his powerful witness on faithfulness through how we use all that God has entrusted to us. It was an exceptional day.

Before we know it Christmas will be here. One of the things we look forward to each year are the special Christmas music presentations. This year will be no exception. On December 13 at 2:00 p.m. the Claim His Name children's choir will sing and then at 4:00 p.m. the Cherub Disciples children's choir will sing. All of these children and their leaders work very hard for many weeks preparing to share their musicals with us. I encourage all of you to mark this date on your calendars now and plan on attending.

On December 20 at 6:30 in the Historic Sanctuary our adult choirs will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "The Voices of Christmas." In all the rush of the season sometimes the real reason gets lost or pushed to the side. This musical gift from the adult choirs will help us keep the right focus of this holy season. Everyone is invited to join in singing this cantata. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30. For more information contact Jim Kimmel at 519-4177.

Our Christmas Eve services schedule is 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 Blended Services in Sanctuary East & Traditional Service with Holy Communion in the Historic Sanctuary. Then at 9:00 and 11:00 there will be a Traditional Service with Holy Communion in the Historic Sanctuary. I hope to see you at one of these meaningful services as we welcome the baby Jesus.

There is a new small group being offered entitled "Advent Conspiracy." This four week study will help us reclaim the meaning of Advent as we worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Classes will be offered on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Monday evenings starting on November 29. You can register on the Mission Menu or by contacting Mark Coursey at 794-2734. Don't miss this special tome of study.

Can you help with our Room In The Inn ministry by spending the night hosting our guests on Thursday night, December 10 and/or Thursday night December 24? To volunteer or for more information please contact Frances Bozeman at 500-3490. You will be glad that you did and so will we.

In this busy season let us slow down to ponder the wonder of God's love for us as revealed in the gift of the Christ Child. When we do we will know, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

A. Lynn Hill

## FIRST KIDS

**Thanks to everyone** who provided leadership for our fall session of Created by God workshop. It would not have been as successful without your help!

**The season of Advent** begins on November 29. A prayer calendar has been prepared to help families with children participate fully in this wonderful season of preparation. Follow the link to view the calendar on our website: <http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/Advent%20Prayer%20Calendar%202009%20for%20NOV%2023%20Web%20NL.pdf>.

*For more news about Children's Ministry, check out the children's page of the church's website, [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org).*



Happy Thanksgiving

## FELLOWSHIP

### An Invitation

— You're invited to join the adult choirs of FUMC for the



preparation of the Christmas Vespers musical, 'The Voices of Christmas.' Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Historic Sanctuary. We'd love to make it the best Christmas Vespers ever. Please come and enjoy the music of the seasons. Contact Jim Kimmel at 519-4177 with questions.

**The Dining Out Group** will go to Chef Paul's, located at 4091 Mallory Lane, on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 for their November/December meal. Sign up on the mission Menu. Call Kitty Pingston for more information at 791-0898.

**Advent Conspiracy** invites you to join other followers of Christ who choose to make Christmas what it should be - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches your heart! Advent Conspiracy shows how you can substitute compassion for consumption by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Small groups will be offered Sunday morning and Sunday and Monday evening. Sign up on the Mission Menu or contact Mark Coursey for additional information. Class starts November 29.



**Sunday afternoon, November 29** at 3:00 pm, men and women of Franklin FUMC are invited to come and help decorate the sanctuaries for the Advent season. Email [Vicki.sharber@comcast.net](mailto:Vicki.sharber@comcast.net) with questions, or call 599-6381.

**The Evangelism Ministry Team is sponsoring a Newcomers Lunch and Orientation class** on Sunday, December 13 in the Fellowship Hall from 11:45 – 1:45. A meal will be served at 11:45 and a program for adults and a separate program for children will begin around 12:30. The Nursery will also be open following the meal for children ages three and under. Please contact the church office to make a reservation @ 794-2734, or sign up on the Mission Menu. When making your reservation, please let us know the number and ages of your children. The purpose of the class is to share the story of First United Methodist, discover how to get connected to the ministries of the church, understand how to “live out” the membership vows and sharing information about joining our congregation. The Newcomers’ Lunch and Orientation class, offered every other month, is required for church membership.

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

### Room in the Inn needs

**donations** of washcloths, hand towels, L & XL women's pants and sweats, XL long sleeve women's shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters, L & XL men's pants, and gloves, mittens, stocking caps, and backpacks. Bring donations to the Church office.

**Volunteers are needed to spend the night** at the church with our Room in the Inn guests on Thursday night, December 10 and Thursday night, December 24. Contact Frances Bozeman at [francesbozeman@yahoo.com](mailto:francesbozeman@yahoo.com) or 599-3490 if available.

### Did you know .....

- ♦ The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was Gimble's.
- ♦ The Indians who were invited to the Thanksgiving feast were of the Wampanoag tribe. Massasoit was their chief.
- ♦ The first Thanksgiving is believed to have lasted 3 days.

- ♦ Thanksgiving became a national holiday thanks to Sarah Hale, an editor of a woman's magazine called "the Godey's Lady's Book."
- ♦ Franklin D. Roosevelt established Thanksgiving as a legal national holiday to be held the 4th Thursday in November.
- ♦ The first Macy's Thanksgiving parade took place in 1924.
- ♦ Every year the President of the US pardons a turkey and it goes to a public farm called Frying Pan Park in Herndon, VA.
- ♦ Before being harvested and sold, an individual cranberry must bounce at least 4 inches high to make sure they aren't too ripe.
- ♦ Turkeys can drown if they look up in the rain.
- ♦ The pilgrims voyage from England to the New World lasted 66 days.
- ♦ The pilgrims first landed at Plymouth Rock. Plymouth Rock is about the size of a car engine. It has been cracked three times and each time gotten smaller.

## FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of November 23, 2009

**At NHC:** Evelyn Miller

**At Vanderbilt:** Don Wingfield

**At Williamson Medical Center:** Lori Hooke

**Just Gone Home from the Hospital:** Evelyn Hollowell, Rose Bartlett, Madelyn Gregg

**Condolences to** Doris Henderson and family on the death of her son, Jack Edward Camp, on November 21, 2009.

**Condolences to** Nancy Garrison and family on the death of her mother, Lucy Wilson, on November 8, 2009.

**It's not too late to order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary during Advent worship services. Look for the order form in Sunday's bulletin.**



**Thanks to all for the wonderful response to the**

**Graceworks Thanksgiving Basket request** for the needy. All of our names have been placed for those that were given to FUMC. Contact Graceworks directly if you would like a family.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MENU

No WNL this week!

Join us again for WNL on December 2

### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for NOVEMBER 15, 2009

Sunday School Attendance	723
Worship Attendance (4 services)	957
Offering this week	\$48,950
YTD Offerings	\$1,925,573
YTD Operating Budget	\$2,210,208
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$1,925,276
Loan Balance-October 2, 2009-Activity Center	\$1,766,355
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$215,137
Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
Legacy of Faith Gifts this week	\$8,384
Foundation gifts	\$0

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney,  
Business Manager, 794-2734

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 2009 CALENDAR FOR

### FRANKLIN FIRST UMC:

Please complete an Event Form  
(available at the office or online) 2 to  
4 weeks in advance to reserve  
dates for all meetings and  
activities. Also, if you should  
change a date, day, or time  
after completing the initial Event  
Form you must contact Pam  
with the update as all of our  
publications rely on the accurate  
information supplied to the office  
staff and recorded on the  
church calendar. Contact Pam  
at the church office (794-2734)  
if you have any questions.  
[pgarland@franklinfumc.org](mailto:pgarland@franklinfumc.org)  
[www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf](http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf)

### MONDAY, November 23

7:00 pm Charge Conference, Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, November 24

6:00 am Men of Momentum, Café  
7:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101

### WEDNESDAY, November 25

8:00 am Weekly Prayer Walk, North Campus  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214  
5:30 pm Chancel Handbells, Historic Sanctuary  
6:15 pm Disciple V—Jesus in the Gospels, B205  
6:30 pm Disciple I, B201, B203  
6:30 pm Disciple IV, B214  
6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

### SATURDAY, November 28

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service,  
Sanctuary East  
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus

## Franklin First United Methodist Church

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9:00 and 10:30 Worship Services (Blended Worship & Traditional Worship) • 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday School

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**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** It's **IMPORTANT** to keep your family and contact information up to date with the church office. Please contact Debbie Miller, your Membership Secretary, at the church office ([dmiller@franklinfumc.org](mailto:dmiller@franklinfumc.org) or 794-2734) with any changes or additions (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone, births.) Thank you!

**VIDEO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** New PowerPoint presentations are loaded each Sunday morning. If you have information for the week ahead, please let John Knorr know by the Friday before. *John Knorr*, [jknorr@franklinfumc.org](mailto:jknorr@franklinfumc.org)

**NEWSLETTER AND/OR BULLETIN PUBLICATION REQUESTS:** The deadline for submitting information for the Mission Menu, Franklin First UMC bulletin insert, and First Things First Newsletter is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit to: [secretary@franklinfumc.org](mailto:secretary@franklinfumc.org). Thank you! *Due to limited space on printed publications, an article may not be able to run more than twice—consecutively. We will do our best to accommodate each request.*

**Church Staff:**

Dr. A. Lynn Hill, *Senior Minister*  
Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Mark Coursey, *Minister of Evangelism & Program*  
Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Becky Peeler, *Minister to Children*  
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Jacob Fasig, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
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