

THOSE WHO SERVE

Month of December

Trustee Anne Hyde
Ushers Charles & Tobey Avery, Allen Avery, Dick Cline
Altar Guild Cindy Conwill
Monthly Counting Team Charles Avery, Jimmy Gattis
Communion Servers Reek & Wanda Wilson, Tammy Owen, Ginny Brandau
Communion Steward Nancy Ballew

November 28

Liturgist Jan Bannister
Greeters Jean & Carolyn Olivier, Marcie Purser, Kathy Kindred
Acolytes William Edwards, Brandon Marsh, Teddy Lozier
Children's Church Volunteers Jeff Purser, Leigh Carpenter, Leone Purser
Nursery Volunteers Valerie Jones, Christie Malires
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel Leigh Carpenter

December 5

Liturgist John Cady
Greeters Tim & Sarah Edwards, Donnie Ballance, Ginny Brandau
Acolytes Michael Tilson, Anna Ballance, Avery Manhart
Children's Church Volunteers Cathy Seals, Jackie Harwood, Leslie Shepard
Nursery Volunteers Randall Shepard, Leone Purser
Visitation John Cole
Sound Scott Jones/Richard Wilson
Prayer Chapel John Cole



Prayer concerns and praises for the week of November 28, 2010

Family of Lillian Johnson

Amy Alverson	Donna Hamilton	Bill Schrimsher
Buck Bannister	Lue Harvell	Ann Sexton
Mildred Barnes	Pat Howard	Sam Sproles
CPL Christopher Burke	PVT Chris Howser	Frances Slayton
Diane Birdwell	Jane Hoffman	Earl Stringfellow
Austin Bullard	Tammy Hoffman	Nell Stone
Sandra Boyle	Ed & Joyce Hunt	Pam Strunk
Hans Bott	RJ Jackson	Ethel Short
Helen Branum	Bill Kerr	Erroll Stirling
Hazel Cowley	Darby Jones	Lance Taylor
Joy Daniel	Carolyn Knight	Nell Teater
Glenda Edwards	Mary Ann Kirkland	Jay C. Treadway
Matthew Evans	Larry Limbaugh	Rhonda Tucker
Norma Dickson	Dee McPeters	Angie Watwood
Fannie Mae Falkenberry	Fred & Mary Moffitt	Freda Wells
Corrine Fanning	Tammy Martin	Crystal & Doby Willis & Girls
AIC Trey Franklin	Maymie Pickett	Marguerite Wilson
Ed Friday	Donna Prichard	Jarrett Williams
	Madeline Reynolds	US Military families
	Pat Reid	

Prayer Needs:

I am requesting prayer for: _____

Situation / relationship: _____

_____ Please contact me. _____ Please list this prayer request in the bulletin.

_____ I would like to talk with a staff member about joining Epworth UMC.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Reverend Jim Stringfellow, Senior Pastor
 Renee' Rowse, Children Ministries Director Erin Hicks, Youth Director
 Judy Panucci/Valerie Jones, MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten Directors
 Eric Wilson, Music Ministry Director Nicky Wilson, Organist/Pianist
 Jimmy Gattis, Treasurer Larry Mathis, Assistant Treasurer
 Leone Purser, Secretary Billy Ledbetter, Custodian

Ongoing Weekly Events and Meetings Listed Below

Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	
Sunday Worship	10:15 am	
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	E.D.G.E. (every 3rd Sunday)
	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Youth
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Youth choir
Monday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/Pack 96
Tuesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	10:00 am	Lydia Circle-Parlor (every 3rd Tuesday)
	6:30 pm	Stitchers, Etc. - Parlor
		(2nd & last Tuesday of each month)
Wednesday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Girl Scouts - Art Room
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten
	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study—Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rebecca Circle - Parlor - 3rd Thursday
		of each month
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting-Conference Room
		(2nd Thursday of each month)
Friday	9:30 pm - 1:30 pm	MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten

Wish to Join?

Questions about Membership?

You may join Epworth United Methodist Church by

Confession of Faith - the initial entrance into membership in the church when you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Reaffirmation of Faith - renewing your initial confession of faith after a period of inactivity or not being on a church membership roll.

Transfer of Membership - from another United Methodist congregation or from a Christian church of another denomination. We recognize baptism from all other Christian churches.

If you have questions about baptism or church membership, please contact the office at 256-536-1559 or eumc@hiwaay.net, and our pastor will be pleased to meet with you.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."- [Colossians 3:15](#)

*The Order for Worship
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Nicky Wilson, Organist

Bringing in the Light Acolytes

**Welcome & Announcements* Jan Bannister, Liturgist

Reception of New Member Louise Hamaker

** Greeting Time*

**Hymn of Praise* "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

**Affirmation of Faith* Jan Bannister, Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.* No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer Time/Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jim Stringfellow

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. Amen.

Offertory "My Lord, What a Morning" No. 719

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

**Doxology* No. 95

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.

Children's Minute Renee' Rowse

(After Children's Minute, children ages 3 1/2-5th grade are dismissed for Children's church)

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Matthew 24:36-44 Jan Bannister, Liturgist

Sermon "Ruining Christmas" Reverend Jim Stringfellow

**Hymn of Dedication* "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 716

Benediction

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

The Story

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No youth tonight!
 - Wednesday we have Bible Study from 7-8pm. Our volunteer is **Gina-Marie Tilson**.
 - Sunday, December 5th we won't have youth but will be going together to the **Children's Christmas Play at 6pm**.
 - Wednesday, December 8th we have Bible Study from 7-8pm. Our volunteers are **Dave & Jane Maguire**.
 - Sunday, December 12th is the **Youth Christmas Party (5-7pm)** co-hosted by **Judy Ballance** and **Laura Coil**.
- Wednesday, December 15th is the last Wednesday night for **Bible Study (7-8pm)** of 2010!

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS:

If any college students or young adults (ages 18-30) would like to be a part of a local United Methodist progressive supper please let Erin Hicks know.

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION begins today and continues through December 21. One of the ways we can prepare for Christmas is through frequent celebration of Holy Communion. You are invited to join us each Sunday morning of Advent in the Sanctuary for a brief service of Holy Communion.

The United Methodist Women will have Reverend Dorice Douglas from Cincinnati, Ohio to speak to the women of Epworth in the Parlor. All women are invited. Subject: **Women Who Overcome their Struggles TODAY 2:30 p.m.**

SALVATION ARMY ANGELS.....We are happy to provide these names for you before Thanksgiving. This will allow you to take advantage of the SALES. Please choose a name, take a bag, and sign your name in the correct space on the list on the table. Pick up date will be announced later. Thanks

The Interfaith Mission Council is cooperating with Honey Baked Ham to provide Christmas meals for people living in public housing. Donations of \$15, \$25, \$35, or \$50 for gift certificates that have no time limit are requested. A collection basket for your donations is located on the table in the lower Narthex. Donations must be made by December 12.



to the Epworth Family for their participation and support for this years Operation Christmas Child campaign! A total of 144 SHOEBOXES were taken to the relay point last Sunday. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ to the children and their families that receive them.



Today **Kristen and Ben Marshall** will be lighting the Advent Wreath. Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. Caroling, December 19, 3:45 pm Dinner, Sunday, December 19, 6:00 p.m.



The flowers on the Altar are in honor of

My Family whom I love dearly

Love, Lisa

Welcome to Our Guests We are honored that you have chosen Epworth United Methodist Church as your place of worship this morning. If you are not active in a church or if you are looking for a new place in a caring, serving church, we invite you to become part of this church family. Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex. **Sunday School** classes are 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Thank you for worshipping with us today.**



IN LOVING MEMORY

*Given By
Jean & Carolyn Olivier*

In Honor of

Jean & Carolyn Olivier

Jean & Carolyn Olivier

Charles Winn & Jamie Butler

*For
Undesignated*

Joy Daniel & Judy Fiske

Undesignated

Jack & Ina Huck

Undesignated

The Eight Best Things You Can Give

1. Notes. These are free. Take 10 minutes to pre-write notes to loved ones! Whether it's a quick drawing of a horse to my daughter in her lunch bag or a scripture that strengthens my husband in his shirt pocket, they LOVE to get notes. The written word is a great way to encourage those you love each time they read it that day. Believe me, they will read it more than once, and it reminds them that you think of them often.
2. Make a date for a movie and a meal of their choice, and go together! This works well no matter who you give it to; friend, husband, child, grandmother, etc.
3. Give "alone time" to a busy Mom, take the kids once a week for a month! **WOW that's a great idea!!!**
4. Donate to a worthy cause and do it in their name. Think how many lives we could save if we quit buying those dust collecting trinkets and started giving to The American Cancer Society! You may even add to their life since it has been proven, "less mess, less stress!"
5. Give the true gift of life by giving someone you love a Bible..." but my Word will NEVER pass away"
6. Sign a loved one up for a hear of AAA (American Auto Association) This is a gift that will keep them safe!
7. Sign up for a part time class that you know they would be interested in and go to the class together!
8. The gift of help. Help organize a space, a room for someone who needs help. Partnering, talking, and laughing together helps ease the pain of the process. Offer to drive to their Doctor appointments in January! Other ideas would be to give coupons, to walk the dog, or put pictures into photo albums, get creative!

My Lord, what a morning! A morning as cataclysmic as the eclipse enslaved composers documented in the *spirituals*, their tablets of song: that day "when the stars began to fall." Their day of reckoning foretold would come with the Civil War and slavery's end.

Hope



**Attendance
November 21, 2010**

**Worship: 163
Sunday School: 99**

Children: 16
Youth: 10
Adults: 73

**Stewardship
November 21, 2010**

General	\$4,445.45
Building Fund	370.00
OCC	115.00
Turkey Drive	361.00
Behold	1,132.00
Flowers	44.00
Social Concerns	110.00
Total	\$6,577.45

ORDER TODAY! Deadline is December 12

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ Amount Paid@\$15.50 each _____

Poinsettias given in (circle one) **honor / memory** of _____

