

**The Message—Pastor Rickey Wade**

**A Special Gift**

I know that Thanksgiving is over and Christmas shopping is in full swing, but Christmas is not here yet. The time we find ourselves in today is called Advent. This is a time when we are to reflect and examine our lives. In this season we are called to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. In other words, we ask the question, “Am I ready to meet the Lord?”

As such, this means that we should reflect a bit on how we live and whether Jesus would approve. With that said, look at what the writer of Proverbs has to say, “A gossip goes about telling secrets, but one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence” (11:13). If Jesus were to follow you or me around for the next few days would we be a gossip or a trustworthy friend? Keeping a confidence really is a Christian standard, and one that is in disrepair.

Telling what we have heard, seen, or read is very easy, and often it just seems to slip out. Before we know it, we have shared with others what we have overheard on the phone (especially in the age of cell phones), or saw a friend do. Unfortunately, this comes so easy that we do it without thinking. However, think about the way you feel when someone shares information about you. If you would not want someone sharing such a thing about you then you should not share it about them. A Christian attitude about confidentiality would go a long way in strengthening and building relationships in this internet age.

Let me not beat around the bush, gossip is sin. Gossip separates us from our friends, and it separates us from God. Maybe one of the best gifts that you or I could give to those who trust us and love us is to respect that trust by guarding their lives with confidence. This is not something that will win us fanfare, but it is something people will come to notice over time. Just imagine what it would mean to have others see you as someone they could trust. Trust is not something you can buy, but it is a great gift.

*God bless,  
Pastor Rickey*

**Ongoing Activities**

**Wednesdays**

- Dossett Chapel 3:15-5 p.m.
- Middle School Youth Group 6-8 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- High School Youth Disciple I 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study 6:30-8 p.m.

**Thursdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry, Financial Assistance, & Clothes Closet 12-2 p.m.
- Handbells 5:30 p.m.

**Sundays**

- High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

- Henry Center Food Pantry & Financial Assistance 12-2 p.m.
- Boy Scouts 7-8 p.m.

**Advent Sermon Series**  
“No Room in the Inn”



- December 10th**  
“Room in My Heart”
- December 17th**  
“Room in My Life”
- December 24th**  
“Room in My World”



**Bell Ringing**

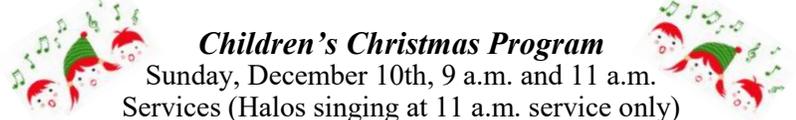
**Reminder:**  
**Salvation Army**  
**Bell Ringers**

If you signed up as a bell ringer, our date to serve is this Saturday, December 9th. If you are unsure of your scheduled time, you may check with Mandy in the office at 455-5434 or [fumc@lighttube.net](mailto:fumc@lighttube.net)



**Angel Tree**  
Please remember to have gift cards for Dossett Chapel to the Finance Office by this Sunday, December 10th. Gifts for Haven of Hope and Life Care need to be at the church (back of chapel) by Friday, December 15th.





**Children’s Christmas Program**  
Sunday, December 10th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Services (Halos singing at 11 a.m. service only)

# Senior VIBES

## Ongoing Events...

### Adult Art Group

Fridays  
10 a.m. - noon  
Art Room, main building



### Knitting Group

3rd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
FAC Bldg., Room #4



## Happy Birthday!!!

### December

Dona Rhudy 8th  
Lynn Hutcheson 12th  
Kathy Jensen 13th  
Coleen Saunders 15th

## Senior Ministry—Esther J. Sims

**Thought of the Week:** *“Into Your Hands, Master Weaver, I commit my mistakes—big one and little ones.” (Carol Kuykendall)*

### This Week’s Events...

**Saturday, December 10th** - Tullahoma FUMC Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Walmart, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 13th** - A Service of Hope and Remembrance, 6 p.m.

### Coming Events...

**Saturday, December 16th** - Living Christmas Tree Trip; Huntsville

**Wednesday, December 20th** - Church Family Movie Night, “Elf”

**Thursday, January 18th** - Quilling Class, 3-4:30 p.m.; \$10

A blessing, a blessing, a blessing those of us received from Christmas at Beersheba. The music was superb, the sermon spirit filled, the food delicious, Mary Etta’s monologue of Elizabeth’s story outstanding! What an excellent way to start our Christmas Season. To all who made this a beautiful day, Thank You!



## Youth & Discipleship Ministry—Kris Roberts



### SAVE THE DATE

**December 17th** - Youth Caroling and Christmas Party

**January 12th-15th** - High School Ski Trip

**February 9th-11th** - Warmth in Winter

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sundays

Worship 8, 9, & 11 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

HS Youth 5 p.m. - Coffee / Topical Discussion / Dinner

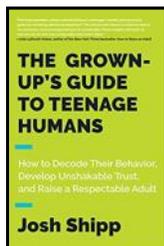
#### Wednesdays

MS Youth 6-8 p.m.- Snack Supper / Topical Discussion / Planned Activities (Gym)

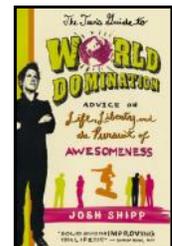
Disciple Bible Study 6-8 p.m.

### IMPORTANT

It's time to begin registration for the HS ski trip and Warmth in Winter! Parents, please check your email for the registration links.



FUMC PARENTS: If you’ve got \$20 left in your Christmas budget, I’ve got an idea. Get yourself a little something, like the book *“The Grown-Up’s Guide to Teenage Humans,”* by Josh Shipp. And if you’ve got \$10 more, you might always want to grab Josh’s book *“The Teen’s Guide to World Domination”* for your teenager. Have a blessed Christmas season!



## —Discipleship—



Do you have a desire to connect with others who are wanting to grow in their faith? We have an opportunity to do just that through our LIFEgroup ministry! Each week people from FUMC meet in homes all over Tullahoma and Estill Springs for good food, conversation around the Sermon, and a time of prayer. If you have not joined a LIFEgroup, please contact Kris Roberts for more information at 931-581-2310.

## Children's Ministry—Julie Uehlein

**December 10th Christmas Program:** The children will perform at the 9 a.m. First Light Service and the very beginning of the 11 a.m. service. The songs the children will sing are: *Silent Night* (vs. 1, 4), *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (all verses) and *Joy to the World* (vs. 1, 4). The lyrics can be found by doing a Google search. Dress for program: whatever the kids want to wear! We will provide Santa hats, headbands, etc. the morning of. \*\*\*Please wear or bring comfortable clothes to change into for party afterwards\*\*\* The Halos will sing at the 11 a.m. service only this day, then again on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.

**Christmas Party:** We will have our "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Christmas party following the 11 a.m. performance. I am super excited to announce that our special guests will be residents of Blue Monarch and families from Tullahoma Daycare. Our schedule looks like this:

- 11:30 a.m. - Begin serving lunch in Davidson Hall
- 12:00 p.m. - Pastor Rickey will tell the children the story of Jesus' birth
- 12:15 p.m. - We will have fun activities for children OF ALL AGES in the gym
- 1:30 p.m. - The party concludes

*This is a family event so please plan to stay and welcome/ socialize with our guests. This is a great way for us all to be The Hands and Feet of Christ to our community.*

**Attendance:** In August, your child was given a letter explaining our attendance and incentive rewards system that began September 3rd. So many of your kiddos are working hard to get perfect attendance or the 12 Sunday minimum by our December 10th cutoff date and I am so proud of them. I realize that sometimes things prevent Sunday School attendance so I want to offer the kids an alternative to make up 2 of those days. If your child writes a letter of appreciation to his/her Sunday School teacher, volunteered at the Sunday of Service, donates a personal item to the Henry Center, performs a random act of kindness, etc. he/she will receive 1 credit attendance per above act. These are due by December 10th and your child must see me for the credit. Because we did not meeting for Sunday School on November 26th, the 12 time attendance minimum will now be reduced to 11. Please let me know if you have any questions!!

*Jesus said, "Let the Little Children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"*  
**Mark 10:14-1**

*Be Blessed!*  
*Miss Julie (581-8320)*

## First Light & Outreach Ministry—Jeff Harrison



Hey Everyone,

I attended the Christmas Concert with many of you last Sunday night. The last song we sang together was "O Come All Ye Faithful". It was wonderful to have the horns accompanying the organ and to hear everyone singing. The last verse touched my heart with these lyrics, "Glory To God, all Glory In The Highest", and I was so moved as we sang together. An unwavering part of the Christian life is worship. We give God all the glory, even glory in the highest. As we are in this season of advent, let us not forsake meeting together as we gather to worship God on Sundays and at other points during the season.

*In Christ,*  
*Jeff*

### Save the Date!



**A Service of Hope and Remembrance**

Wednesday, December 13th, 6 p.m.,  
in the Chapel

**Family Movie Night - "Elf"**  
Wednesday, December 20th,  
at 6 p.m., Family Activity Center



## Missions Moment—Holt Cason



In John 21:15-17 Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep. This mandate still applies to us today and this is an especially important message to us as followers of Christ. As a part of the body of Christ, our challenge and opportunity are presented to us to help the needy. This year we have spent time in prayer and in planning how we can be the hands of Christ to all those around us in Tullahoma, in Guatemala, and in Latvia. This will continue to be a major focus for us in the coming year.

**Worship Attendance-  
December 3rd**

8 a.m.	80
First Light	117
11 a.m.	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>
Sunday School	141
Dossett Sunday School	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

**Sunday, December 10th**

**Offering Counters**  
Clay & Fuffy Bearden  
Susan Warwick  
Sam DiNicola

**Greeters/Welcome Teams**

8:00 a.m. Lisa & John Wright  
9:00 a.m. The Schmisser Family  
11:00 a.m. Mark & Susan Russell  
Margaret Savelle

**Keeping In Prayers**

Toni Overton	Gloria Pless	Robert Breezley
Michelle Gagnon (family of Mary Smith)	Jerry TeVrucht	Carolyn Graham (sister of Bob Prater)
Helen Coulter (mother of Stuart Coulter)	Inez Crump (mother of Diane Chellstorp and grandmother of Chad Chellstorp)	Leon Smith
Amanda Hand Knauer (daughter of Ann Hand)	Dylan Piche, Matthew Piche, Daniella Lennon (siblings of Angie Smith)	Forrest Frame
Chris & Regina St. Germain & family (family of Mary Smith)	Elsa Andrews	Summer Grace Andrews (granddaughter of Elsa Andrews)
		Billy Roy Murray (Nancy Wright's family)

**Memorials**  
**Gene Dawes**  
from  
*Wednesday Night Bible Study  
Friends at Clothes Closet*

**Church Council Meeting &  
Charge Conference**  
Our next Church Council meeting will be Monday, December 18th, at 6 p.m. Immediately following, we will have our 2017 Charge Conference. Our new District Superintendent, Max Mayo, will be presiding. We hope you will make plans to attend.

**Sunday School Challenge**



December's challenge is gently used toboggans and gloves for the Henry Center Clothes Closet. They are also in need of winter coats for children ages pre-K through elementary school. These items can be left in the chapel or the Hope Sunday School Class in the main building. Thank you for your generous giving and let us continue to serve our neighbors.

**THE HENRY CENTER** The *Henry Center* currently needs more plastic bags for providing groceries to our neighbors in need. You can bring them to main building and leave them in the back of the chapel.

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