Dear Artist:

God speaks to us through many different ways. So often we have limited the way we hear God to the spoken word. We would like to encourage our listening to include God’s creative word through the visual medium of art. Through art, we can experience anew God’s powerful saving grace and forgiveness. To encourage this deepening connection between our spiritual life and God through art, we would like to invite you to exhibit your artistic expression this December on the theme of Advent. Our pastor, Michael Mattox, will be preaching from the Gospel of Luke (see scriptures below) and we would love to display art around these themes. Note that the art does not need to directly reference the Advent and Christmas story, but can also express the themes represented by the anticipation, expectation and celebration of the Saviors birth in these stories. We will offer a public showing of the art on Sunday, December 1st, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., in our Prayer Room (in front of Sanctuary – facing Central). We will also have the art display open on Sunday mornings in December. We would like to display your art with respect, so we are asking that you furnish the proper display platform and or easel. If you do not have a display easel, just let us know and we will see if we can arrange one for you. We hope to have our member artists and gallery owners help us in the placement and display of the art.

There may be an opportunity to display your art in worship. If we do decide to utilize it, we will contact you before that Sunday and ask your permission. This may be through a display in the Sanctuary or through a visual picture in the Connexion service. We will do our best to make sure that it is protected and will honor your wishes.

If you wish to submit an artistic creation for our Advent Exhibit, we ask that you send us a digital image with information regarding the size dimensions to teresaholt4658@yahoo.com by November 15th. This is to insure that the art is in keeping with the themes and we can adequately display it. We will ask that you have your art for display to our Discipleship Office in Main Education Building E105, facing Central, between Monday, November 18th and Monday, November 25th.

If you have questions about your art or would like to talk to someone about this event, please feel free to contact Rev. Cornelia DeLee (870-501-0616), Rev. Teresa Holt (501-818-8155) or Mary Beth Vowell (817-925-8136). This is a non-juried exhibit and the art is not for sale through this exhibit. You may, though, provide business cards with your display.

Attached is our Waiver of Liability Agreement. We would appreciate your signing it and returning it with your submission.

**Scriptures for Advent**

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Waiver of Liability Agreement

First United Methodist Church (“FUMC”) and ________________________________ (“Artist”) acknowledge and agree that FUMC is, for a limited period of time, utilizing Artist’s art in conjunction with Sermons and presentations at FUMC’s discretion. While on display, accepted artworks and exhibit materials will be handled with all possible care, however, Artist does acknowledge and agree to hold harmless FUMC, its agents, representatives, or employees for any claim arising from damage to or loss of materials or accepted artworks for any reason whatsoever. It is recommended that the artist or owner insure his/her artwork or exhibit materials in a manner to protect against any potential casualty or loss.

Exhibit Dates: From __________________________ to __________________________

Material on Exhibit: Detailed description of item displayed.

Title:
Artist:
Medium:
Date of execution:
General description:

Hold Harmless Agreement

Artist hereby agrees that, in consideration for his/her use of Art as set forth above, FUMC shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to his/her property, either resulting from theft or otherwise, occasioned wholly or in part by act or omissions of FUMC or any or its employees or agents or in any manner whatsoever.

FUMC:
By: __________________________

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Signature of artist / display owner

Please print your name

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Phone number

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Email
Name__________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________________________________

Phone_________________________________________Alternate Phone________________________________

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Art Title (Optional)_______________________________________________________________________

Description_____________________________________________________________________________

Please give us a brief overview of what inspired you and how you feel this relates to our spiritual theme of Advent. (This information will be displayed with your art)