

**This Week's Schedule**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 3rd**

9:00 a.m. - Early Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship  
5:30 p.m. - UMYF  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service with Melinda Hall  
6:45 p.m. - Mission Committee Meeting

**Monday, December 4th**

5:30 p.m. - 55 & Alive, Farm House Cafe

**Wednesday, December 6th**

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5:30 p.m. - Children & Adult Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday, December 7th**

5:30 p.m. - Downtown Christmas Parade

**Saturday, December 9th**

8:00 a.m. - Noon - Thrift Shop  
Shirley Reid Circle

The Children's Ministry is needing empty toilet paper rolls for a project they are working on for Christmas. Please collect them and turn them in ASAP. Tell family & friends to save.

***POINSETTIAS***

They will be placed in the church December 17th thru the 24th. The order will need to be placed by December 11th. The cost is \$10.00 .

There is an order form in your bulletin, you may complete and place in the offering plate or turn it in to the office.

Elizabeth Gilmer 478-494-5386

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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***F. Y. I.***

Sunday, December 3rd, 6:45 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Monday, December 4th, 55 and Alive. Farm House Café, Adrian.

Thursday, December 7th, 5:30 p.m. Downtown Christmas Parade.

Sunday, December 10th, 6:00 p.m. B.O.K. Celebration with the Children's Musical presentation. Refreshments and Fellowship in the Social Hall.

Sunday, December 17th, the Adult Choir Cantata during the 11:00 a.m. Worship hour.

Sunday, December 17th, Parsonage Open House beginning at 4:30 p.m.

**THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP IN THE LIBRARY IF YOU WISH TO SIGN IN FOR A SPECIAL DATE.**



We will meet Sunday, Dec. 3rd, with the Unkles hosting  
Send a text to 810-10 with the Message @fumcs to subscribe to the Youth News & Events



**The Children's**

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

**Kids for Christ Clubs**

Send a text to 810-10 with the message @swains to subscribe to the Kids for Christ News and Events.

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**Last Sunday's Attendance**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School             | 70  |
| 9:00 a.m. Worship         | 34  |
| 11:00 a.m. Worship        | 118 |
| 6:00 p.m. Evening Service | 15  |
| Total Worship             | 167 |

**Last Sunday's Gifts**

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Budget         | \$ 8823.00   |
| Received for Budget   | \$ 6072.00   |
| Amount (Under)        | \$ 2751.00   |
| YTD Budget            | \$ 423504.00 |
| YTD Rec'vd for Budget | \$ 391638.65 |
| Amount Over (Under)   | \$ 31865.35  |
| Received for Budget   | \$ 6072.00   |
| Designated Giving     | \$ 1111.00   |
| This Week's Giving    | \$ 7183.00   |



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December 3, 2017

**MEMORIALS**

*Hilda H. Bashlor* by *Melanie & Butch Frye*

*Charles M. Chappell* by *Carol & John Bray*

*Mary Gilmer* by *Teah & Frank Canady*  
*Carol & John Bray*

*Bill Glenn* by *Teah & Frank Canady*  
*Carol & John Bray*

*Sally J. Hammack* by *Carol & John Bray*

*Raymond Hendrix* by *Patsy & Howard Youmans*

*Peggy Rich* by *Carol & John Bray*  
*Teah & Frank Canady*

*Frances Smith* by *Carol & John Bray*

*Earlene P. Wimberly* by *Carol & John Bray*  
*Teah & Frank Canady*

Rev. David Unkles, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director  
Connie Terwilliger, Music Director

Rev. Rus Black, Associate Pastor  
Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

**Swainsboro First United Methodist Church**  
1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Broadcast over WXR5 100.5 FM

**Introit** Lead Me Lord UMH 473  
**Prelude** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French carol melody

**Welcome and Greetings**

**Call to Worship** Lift up your heads, O gates!  
**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!**  
**that the King of glory may come in.**  
A voice cries out:  
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**  
Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!  
**For Lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.**

**Invocation**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** John and Kelli Torpy and Family

**\*Opening Hymn** Hail to the Lord’s Anointed UMH 203

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patri** UMH 70

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Gathering Chorus** I’m so glad I’m a part of the Family of God,  
I’ve been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I’m part of the family,  
The Family of God.

**Children’s Moment** Melinda Hall

**Mission Moment** Will Donaldson

**\*Morning Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH 196

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Chorus**

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia

**Anthem**

**\*Doxology** UMH 62 Stanza 7

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Scripture** Mark 13:3-13

**Message** “Don’t be alarmed?” Rev. David Unkles

**Holy Communion** UMH 12

**\*Hymn of Invitation** Something About That Name UMH 171

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending Trad. English melody

*\*Please stand as you are able. \*\*Our chancel rail is open for prayer.*

*Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Judy Wells, 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Leah Frye*

*Ushers: Zac Frye, Captain, Rodney Beckworth, Will Donaldson, Bill McWhorter, Jim Williams, Chuck Wofford*

***The flowers placed in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Elaine and Wilder Smith, III, by Wilder Smith, Jr., and Family.***

***We wish to express our Christian Love and Sympathy to Betty Ann Kitchens on the death of her Mother, Ms. Nora Mae Morrison.***

**This Week’s Scripture Verses**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)  
I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Church Members:**

Mary Rose Brown, Jim Buckley, Myra Downer, Charles & Jackie Drake, Patsy Gray, Vernon Hardy, David Hill, Jerry Hooks, Bonnie Lanier, Ted Stockholm, Danny & Julie Tapley, Annette & Ray Thompson, Howard Youmans

**Extended Church Family:**

Ann Allen, Dr. Michael Daniel, Joan & Donald Davis, Virginia Derden, Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles daughter-in-law), Frances & Louie Dryden, David Dryden, Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield’s brother), Jerry Fagler, Barbara Green, Nell Hall, Jonathan Holmes, O. C. Hutcheson, Karen Kersey, Finn Lamb (son of Russ & Kirby Braswell Lamb), Charles Lanier, Buddy Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean Hunnicutt’s daughter), Maxine Carter McCullough, Bessie Neal & Wyatt Rich, Faye & John Rountree, Kal Thompson, Ned Waller, Margaret Ward (Renae McNeely’s mother)

**Military Family:** Major Kristy Cohen (Nancy & Mike Lisenby’s niece), CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (the Drake’s Grandson)

**(Please advise us when someone can be removed from our Prayer List.)**

***The Swainsboro Band Program is proud to announce that eleven students have been invited to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall in January. This is a very costly trip for them. They have had many Fundraisers to secure the money necessary to go. If you would like to make a donation on their behalf make check payable to the church marked for Swainsboro Band Trip.***