

This Week's Schedule

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:30 p.m. - No UMYF

No Evening Service

Monday, January 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
No Activities or Fellowship Supper

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 a.m. - Noon - Thrift Shop
Mae Vann Circle

The new January / February Upper Room Devotional Books have arrived, you will find your copy in the Library

We will want to say THANK YOU to Judy McWhorter and the many participants for each of our Advent moments.

Each of them added so much to our Advent Service. Thanks for your willingness to serve your church in such a meaningful way. Thanks to Judy for coordinating this for us.

Access the church calendar from your mobile device.



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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS.

Wednesday, January 9th, 6:00 p.m.
S. P. R. Committee Meeting.

Our Wednesday evening activities and Fellowship Suppers will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. The children's activities will continue with the same format. Dr. Derden and Rev. Unkles will begin new studies to be announced later.

Thursday, January 11th, Noon - 6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Mobile at F. B. C. Family Life Center.

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



We will not meet Sunday, Dec. 31st, 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

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Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School	66
9:00 a.m. Worship	33
11:00 a.m. Worship	151
Candlelight Service	159
Total Worship	343

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 8823.00
Received for Budget	\$ 13258.00
Amount (Under)	\$ 4435.00
YTD Budget	\$ 458796.00
YTD Rec'vd for Budget	\$ 437236.90
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 21559.10
Received for Budget	\$ 13258.00
Designated Giving	\$ 1429.00
This Week's Giving	\$ 14687.00
B. O. K. Offering to date	\$ 6748.00



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

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Broadcast over WXR5 100.5 FM

Introit Lead Me Lord UMH 473

Prelude Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Johann von Rist

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 of Zion!
For Lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

Invocation

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King UMH 61

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

*Gloria Patri

*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

Morning Hymn Sing We Now of Christmas UMH 237

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

Offertory Andante Cantabile William Strickles

***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!

Anthem

***Scripture** Luke 2:22-35

Message "Simeon was a nice guy, but...." Rev. David Unkles

***Hymn of Invitation** There's a Song in the Air UMH 249

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

Postlude Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness Johann Franck

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

*Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Jessica Barber, 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Brooke Frye
Ushers: Zac Frye, Captain, Rodney Beckworth, Will Donaldson, Bill McWhorter, Jim Williams,
Chuck Wofford*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given in memory of
Marie Wofford by her husband Chuck Wofford and Family.*

This Week's Scripture Verses

Isaiah 61:10 thru 62:3

Psalms 148 (UMH 861)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

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

Extended Church Family:

Ann Allen, Viola E. Ashworth Family (Mary
Kalmanson's mother), Dr. Michael Daniel,
Virginia Derden, Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles
daughter-in-law), Frances & Louie Dryden,
David Dryden, Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield's
brother), Jerry Fagler, Barbara Green,
Jonathan Holmes, O. C. Hutcheson, Finn Lamb
(son of Russ & Kirby Braswell Lamb), Charles
Lanier, Buddy Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean
Hunnicutt's daughter), Andrea Murdock,
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 from
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 dona-
tion on their behalf make check
payable to the church marked for
Swainsboro Band Trip.*