OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2008

SUNDAY - 12/7
9:45 - Children’s Choir - Upstairs
9:45 - Sunday School
10:30 - Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Family Life Center
11:00 - Morning Worship
6:00 - 5th Sunday Sing in the Sanctuary
6:00 - UMYF in the FLC
7:00 - Cantata Practice - Sanctuary

MONDAY - 12/8
2:00 - Covenant Prayer Group @ Eicher’s home
4:00 - 8:00 Upward Practice
6:00 - Minister’s Banquet at TWC
7:00 - Boy Scouts

TUESDAY - 12/9
8:30 - Mother’s Day Out
4:00 - 8:00 Upward Practice
7:15 - Trustees

WEDNESDAY - 12/10
4:30 - 5:30 Ting-a-Lings (Children’s Handbells)
6:00 - Confirmation Class
6:30 - Church-Wide Christmas Dinner—FLC

THURSDAY - 12/11
8:30 - Mother’s Day Out
12:00 - Deadline for “Let’s Do Lunch” Reservations
6:00 - Ding-a-Lings
7:00 - Choir
7:30 - Circle I
4:00 - 8:00 Upward Practice

FRIDAY - 12/12
9:00 - 9:00 Kiwanis Food Basket Assembly—FLC

SATURDAY—12/13
7:00 - 1:00 Community Ministries breakfast & Kiwanis Food basket pick-up

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE
Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
3the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
4Prepare the way of the Lord,
5and make his paths straight.”’

3John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 5Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 6He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 7I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

DEADLINES FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 7:
Memorial Poinsettias, Coats for Kids at SCES, Morgan/Scott Toys, & Kiwanis Food Baskets

LET’S DO LUNCH
Ladies, please remember to call in your reservation by Thursday, Dec. 11. Also remember to pick up a couple of cans of soup for our Christmas project to refill the shelves at Our Daily Bread. Bring the soup with you to the dinner.

PASTOR: Dale S. Wyrick
LAY LEADER: Norman Bowman
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Beth Keylon
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN: John Hanson
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S CHOIR: Sam Hanson
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Judy Ezell
USHERS: Fred Mullins, Billy Ray Patton, Earl Robbins, Ken Rose
HOSTS: Margaret Scholz, Lynda Smith
NURSERY: Cherie Henderson, Morgan Owensby
CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Susan Maddux
YOUTH CHAPERONE: Lesia Garrison

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SPRING CITY  UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  2nd Sunday of Advent - Purple  December 7, 2008

PIANIST- Angela Nelson  ACOLOYTE- Will Boles  ORGANIST- Bryan Massengale

GATHERING  Bryan Massengale

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS  Ding-a-Lings

WELCOME  Lay Leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE  Luke & Cathy Barnes

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN  “Emanuel”  No. 204

(Enter your name in the friendship pad and pass it to the person next to you. When the pad reaches the end of the pew, pass it back, noting the names of others.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  “The Apostles Creed”  No. 881

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN OF FAITH  “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  No. 218

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  Bryan Massengale

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY  No. 95

GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

*HYMN  “Surely the Presence of the Lord”  No. 328

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS  Lay Leader

CHILDREN’S SERMON  John Hanson

HANDBCHIME CHOIR  “What Child is This?”  Ding-a-Lings

“Away in the Manger” w/ Piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON  Mark 1:1-8  Lay Leader

LAYER LEADER: The word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

MORNING MESSAGE  Rev. Dale S. Wyrick

“Good News: Jesus Christ”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP  “What Child is This?”  No. 219

Congregation & Ding-a-Lings

*BENEDICTION  Rev. Dale S. Wyrick

*CHORAL AMEN  “O Come Let Us Adore Him”  Congregation

“O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord”

LICENSE # 20117

POSTLUDE  Bryan Massengale

*CONGREGATION STANDS

Personal transmitters for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery available by Fellowship Hall.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ON THE ALTAR today is a statue donated to the church in memory of Luther Miller True by the True family.

YOU ARE INVITED to a baby shower for Little Miss Nora Payton, daughter of Danielle Gilliam today, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target. There will also be a money tree.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS - Today is the last day to turn in your

COATS FOR KIDS AT SCS - Thank you for your donations to Coats for Kids. Today is the last day to donate. You may mark your checks “Kids’ Coats” and place in the offering plate.

MORGAN/SCOTT TOYS - Today is the final Sunday to donate toys or money. But you may bring your toy to the Church-Wide Christmas Dinner in the FLC on December 10. The toys will be delivered December 11.

TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the parlor.

CIRCLE I will meet Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA is next Sunday. The Cancel Choir will present “Seasons of Wonder—Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas” by Joseph Martin and directed by Judy Ezell. It contains traditional and original carols featuring soloists, readers, and small groups. Lynn Hinkle will be our organist. Invite your friends and neighbors.

CALENDAR orders are in. Please see Beth Keylon to pick up your order. Also, there are extra calendars: Four wall calendars at $8 and 12 pocket calendars at $6 in case you didn’t get to order one.

ATTENTION YOUTH: Today is the last day to bring your Toy for Morgan/Scott.

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET—Today is the last day for donations. They may be marked Kiwanis and placed in the offering plate. Food Basket pick-up is Saturday.

TOYS FOR CHILDREN OF NORTH RHEA COUNTY monetary donations should be taken to First Bank. Take toys to the Senior Center Monday through Thursday. 9 am to 1 pm or contact Helen Kincannon at 365-6310 or 365-0197.

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**FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - November 2008**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

December 7, 2008

Joan Carty  |  Jeannie DeCrco
Ray Eldridge  |  Nancy Gilliam
Marc Klein  |  Nancy McClendon
Regina Metts  |  June Pittman
Bradly Smith  |  Gretchen Smith
Eleanor Trail
Bob Carroll (Doris Cameron’s son-in-law)
Mary Hale (Virginia Hale’s daughter-in-law)
Nevada Jenkins (Dorothy Hastings’ mother)
Lucinda Lemons—Spring City Health Care—Rm. 409 (Barbara Lemons’ mother-in-law)
The Osborne Family (Terry McBrayer’s sister & family)
Austin Nowell - (Sharon & Gray Cowart’s nephew)
Mary Sanders —(Loretta Hale’s mother)
Grayson Shepard - (Janie & George Marcum’s grandson)
Jean Whited (Dale’s friend)
The Family of Jack Allison (Don Allison’s brother)
The Family of Jimmy Galloway

Please remember the first of every month to call with an update if you wish to remain on the prayer list.

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Cherokee Brown (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s granddaughter)
Christopher Eicher (David & Joyce Eicher’s son)
Ian Haddock (The Klein’s friend)
Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson’s son)
Jacob Hubbard (Ron & Fran Hubbard’s grandson)
Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Alexander’s grandson)
Amy Kester (Richard Trail’s cousin)
Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
Aaron D. Mooneyhan (Jane Pitman’s grandson)
William McClennagham (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s son-in-law)
Colby Nelson - (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
Brandon Pride
Bobby Reece (Kathleen Reece’s son)
Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Austin Reed (Kelly Reed’s son)
Joshua Russell (Helen Miko’s nephew)
Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
Chris Stephenson (Ed & Helen Stephenson’s grandson)
Thomas R. Taylor (Doris Cameron’s son)
Daniel Wermser (Rosalandi Booker’s grandson)
William Wilkey (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s grandson)
Nick Williams (George & Phyllis Schaller’s nephew)

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