OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE
Week of December 25, 2011

SUNDAY - 12/25
9:45 - Sunday School
10:30 - Fellowship with coffee & donuts in the Family Life Center (FLC)
11:00 - Morning Worship

MONDAY - 12/26
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY - 12/27
MDO Christmas Break
Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY - 12/28
6:00 - Youth, FLC
6:00 - Ding-a-Lings
6:30 - Young Adults
7:00 - Chancel Choir

THURSDAY - 12/29
MDO Christmas Break

SATURDAY - 12/31
New Year’s Eve

Happy New Year!

NOTE: Church Office is closed on Mon, Jan. 2, 2012.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS OFTEN USED FOR CHRISMONS

The Fish and the Bread - We are reminded of the breakfast on the beach to which Jesus called his disciples following his resurrection. Also, Jesus fed the multitudes with loaves and fishes.

Iota, Eta, Sigma on a Cross - These three Greek letters on the cross remind us that Jesus died for us on the cross.

Orb and Cross - The orb (symbol of the earth) has a crown over it. We are reminded that the world needs Christ.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
JOHN 1:1-14 (NRSV)

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2He was in the beginning with God.
3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being
4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.
11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.
12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.
ALTAR FLOWERS are placed in loving memory of Jean Eldridge from Ray Eldridge and Family.

CANTATA DVDs If you would like a DVD of the Christmas Cantata, contact the church office at 365-6324. Cost of DVD is $5. Please specify “full service” or “Cantata music only.”

UPPER ROOMS for January - February 2012 are available today at both entrances. NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH TODAY or next Sunday, January 1st.

YOUTH WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT but will meet Weds., Dec. 28, 6 p.m., in the FLC.

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS EVENING but will resume next Sunday, January 1, 2012. There will be NO Bible Study on Sunday, January 8, due to Pastor Dale’s visit to the Holy Land.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Mon., Dec. 26th and Tues., Dec. 27th.

PASTOR DALE’S HOLY LAND TRIP Pastor Dale will leave on Mon., Jan. 2, for his 2012 Holy Land Experience. SCUMC member, Tim Guthrie, will join Pastor Dale. This is Tim’s first visit to the Holy Land and he is thrilled to be able to share in the Holy Land Experience. Pray they will have a safe journey. Pastor Dale will return late on January 13th.

PROGRAM CALENDARS We have several program calendars that have not been picked up by our 2012 committee members. If you do not have your program calendar, please stop by the office as soon as possible to get one.

2012 CALENDAR FOR ALTAR FLOWERS will be passed around today during worship. Please sign your name on the date you would like to reserve flowers in 2012 and then pass the calendar on to the next person. Please keep the calendar moving throughout the congregation.

ANNOUNCMENTS

The Offertory

In a Manger Bed

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Joy to the World

Surely the Presence of the Lord

blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, name above all names,

Emmanuel, God is with us,

Oceanneanne Hunt

Christina Christi Phillips (Manuel Chris's daughter)

Lila Smith (Litekens' daughter)

Charlotte Thurman (Arthur Gilliam's daughter)

Christina Jordan (Martin Chris's daughter)

Velma Roark (Earl Robbins' friend)

Juanita & Dick Reed (Nancy Gilliam's parents)

Shaina Kenny

Calden Allen

The Family of Donald Wilkey (Nancy Jo Mcleod's brother)

Please call 365-6324 the first of each month if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

DeMarcus Crandall (Beth Keylon's nephew)

Jamie Keylon (Beth Keylon's niece)

Christopher Eicher (son of David & Joyce Eicher)

Zachary Eisen (grandson of Betty Thomas)

Robert Flynn (Whitney Flynn's brother & Tammy Flanagan's grandson)

Ian Haddock (Kleins' friend)

Jacob Hubbard (grandson of Ron & Fran Hubbard)

Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Starr's grandson)

Amy Kester (Tinley's cousin)

Charles Krutmowde (Eleanor Trail's nephew)

John Lewis (Vickie Creek's "other son")

Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pitman's grandson)

Colby Nelson (Leon & Nancy Hicks' grandson)

Clarence Oakerson (Sandy Gilliam's nephew)

Bobby Reese (Kathleen Reese's son)

Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)

Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam's nephew)

John Cody Robinson (Virginia Hae's grandson)

Joshua Russell (Helen Miller's nephew)

Earl Schatter (George & Phyllis Schalter's son)

Thomas R. Taylor (Marylin Cooksey's daughter-in-law's brother)

Larry Ware (Bob & Kay Ware's son)

Robert Ware (Robert & Kay Ware's son)

William Wilkey (Eleanor Trail's grandson)