

MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 20, 2009 – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WORDS OF WELCOME

Greeting, Announcements, Registration of Attendance

PRELUDE

“Meditation For Christmas”

J. Mansfield

INVOCATION

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Emmanuel”

B. McGee

Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

#230

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 am : John and Ann Hawken

11:00 am : Lee Vance and Ann Morgan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3 : 1 – 17

LAY READERS

8:30 am – Lorin Shropshire

11:00 am – Kevin VanMeter

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM

“O Hear The Angel’s Voices”

Arr. L. Shackley

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(elementary age children leave for Bible crafts 11:00 a.m. service)

Miss Vicki

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Evening Prayer”

E. Humperdinck

Allen Potter, Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

#95

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye Heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy ghost. Amen.”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

T. Fettke

“Redeemer, Come”

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

#895

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

#218

“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17 : 11 – 17

LAY READERS

8:30 am – Lorin Shropshire

11:00 am – Kevin VanMeter

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Pastor Rich Gallo

“Power To Become”

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

#251

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joy To The World”

Arr. F. Ritter

*Please Stand If You Are Able

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar is dedicated to the glory of God and is presented by Ken Bush, in loving memory of Jean Bush.

PRAYER LIST: Scott Allin, Debbie Baez, Debbie Branford, Myrle Burr, Dot Cross, Dorothy De Lamater, Clare Duff, Peg Hamilton, Edna King, Marge Lindgren, Cynthia Milligan, Gail Nason, Nancy Schanzenbach, and Shirley Watt.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Prayer is important to our church and we encourage you to write your prayer concerns on a Prayer Request card, available in the pew racks. The ushers will collect the cards during the Offertory and they will be read out during the Prayers of the People. Your request will continue to receive prayers from the Prayer Group.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: We welcome into the life and membership of First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach today, Josephine Carlock, Doris Eich and Diane Thornton.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING PROGRAM, 3:15 pm today. We will be caroling at Emeritus Assisted Living, 1935 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, where we have several church members. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact the church office at 732-3435.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

5:00 pm – A Casual Family and Children-themed Service. Children’s message with Miss Vicki: C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S. Sermon: A Christmas Meditation.

7:00 pm and 11:00 pm – Traditional Scripture and Candle Light Services.
Sermon: God Among Us.

POINSETTIAS: We would like the Poinsettias to remain in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to take your Poinsettia home, please do so at the end of whichever Christmas Eve service you attend. Remaining Poinsettias will be delivered to those who are sick or shut-in.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2009.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER: The Community Caring Center and Faith In Action Program will be providing Christmas Dinner to those in need and will also arrange delivery to the frail/elderly and shut-ins. The Dinner will be at Ocean Avenue Green Market Café, 400 E. Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. To request delivery, or to volunteer, please call Everlene Baker or Janet Spain, Faith In Action volunteer coordinators, at (561) 364-9501 ext. 35, or (561) 752-8598 (the café).

RECORDINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA can be ordered by signing up in the Narthex or calling the church office at 732-3435. DVDs and CDs are \$5.00 each and monies raised will benefit the Music Department.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: If you would like a recording of the Handbell and Chancel Choirs’ Christmas Concert, please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at

732-3435. DVDs and CDs are \$5.00 each and monies raised will benefit the Music Department.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE: Offering envelopes for 2010 are in the Narthex. Please pick up your box. If there is not a box with your name on it, please call the church office and speak with Trish or Evelyn and they will see that you get offering envelopes. Thank you for your continued support of our church.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AND BROWN BAG LUNCH will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

“GENESIS: ABRIDGED” Friday, January 8 at 8:00 pm and Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets are available in the Narthex and the church office.

CHILDREN’S ANGEL TREE: Thank you to all who participated in our angel tree this year. Thanks to your shopping and donations we were able to give 94 gifts to underprivileged children this year. We frequently receive thank you notes from kids, but it isn't possible to track down the person to whom the thank you belongs and you all deserve it, so thank you! A special thank you to Tropical Breeze Community for their generous gifts each year. They host a party and their guests each bring wrapped gifts and canned food. This year we received 72 wrapped gifts and about 10 bags of food. These items as always are given to organizations which need additional gifts to help cover children who did not get selected or did not receive much. Thank you all!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The Flower Calendar for 2010 is now in the Narthex, ready for you to sign up. As with so many things these days, the price has unfortunately increased, and beginning next year, the cost for both floral arrangements will be \$60.00 per week. Because of this increase, we thought we would try something a little different and invite two people to sign up for each week's flowers, thus reducing the cost to \$30.00 for each person. Of course, if you would like to have both arrangements, that would be fine, and when you sign up for the flowers, you should indicate next to your chosen date on the calendar how many arrangements you would like, by writing "both" or "2" or "1". Please then complete a form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Church office along with your check or envelope marked “Altar Flowers.”

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE: December 20, 2009

ACTUAL Receipts to Date (12/13/09) \$348,356

EXPENSES TO DATE (12/13/09) \$380,750

ATTENDANCE at services on 12/13/2009 : 8:30 am – 137 11:00 am – 199

THE PRAYER GROUP will not be meeting this week. Instead they will be praying in their own homes. They will meet the following week on Tuesday, December 28, at 8:15 am in the Historical Room. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 732-3435.

GUIDANCE: “When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.” Matthew 2 : 10.

WELCOME! We want to especially welcome those who are visiting and hope that you will find some sign of God's grace today. We are delighted to have you with us and are thankful you joined us this morning. To make your worship with us more uplifting, may we recommend you:

TRUST YOUR CHILDREN TO THE DEDICATED AND LOVING WORKERS IN OUR NURSERY. Children of all ages are always welcome in our Worship Services, however, if you desire nursery care for your child, this is available during Worship Services and Sunday School, for infants through five years of age. The Nursery is located in the main building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS: For your convenience, restrooms are located in the Narthex, opposite the main doors to the Sanctuary.

HEARING AIDS are available for the hearing impaired and can be used anywhere in the sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available for those who wish to use them. Please ask an usher for assistance.

CD/DVD MINISTRY: If you know of anyone who cannot attend church and would like to receive a CD or DVD of the Sunday service, please contact the church office at 732-3435.

EXTRA RECORDINGS OF WORSHIP SERVICES AND CONCERTS can be ordered in CD and DVD formats at a cost of \$5.00 each. Proceeds benefit the Music Department.

PURPOSE STATEMENT: To Grow and Show the Love of Christ To All and To Trust In His Guidance.

POP TOPS: Please keep saving pop tops from your soda cans. You may bring them in any container and leave it in the Narthex or church office. The Shriners receive credit for the tops, which is put toward children's wheelchairs.

DUTCH TREAT LUNCH BUNCH: Tired of eating Sunday lunch alone? Please join the others at the back of the sanctuary after the 11:00 am Worship Service for a time of food and fellowship.

ACOLYTES: 8:30 am – Sarah Knabe
11:00 am – Jared Collin and Kyle Swaters

USHERS: 8:30 am – Herb Metcalf, Floyd Powell, David Quinette
and Al Schreiber
11:00 am – UMYF

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 20

8:30 amFirst Worship Service
9:45 am Young Adult Study Group – Room 6
9:45 am “Joy” Adult Sunday School Class – Parlor
9:45 am..... Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class – Fellowship Hall
9:45 am..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 amSecond Worship Service
12:00 noon Dutch Treat Lunch Bunch – meet at back of Sanctuary
3:15 pmChristmas Caroling Program – Emeritus Assisted Living

Monday, December 21

6:00 pm AA Meeting (Beginners) – Agape Room
6:30 pmChimers Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room
7:00 pmAA Meeting (Open) – Agape Room
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Closed) – Agape Room

Tuesday, December 22

6:30 pm Bowling
6:30 pm – 7:30 pmAA Meeting (Women's, Closed) – Agape Room

Wednesday, December 23

10:30 pm – 12:00 noonAl Anon (French Speaking) – Parlor
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 pm AA Meeting – Agape Room
8:30 pm AA Meeting – Agape Room

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed All Day

5:00 pm Casual Family and Children-themed Service – Sanctuary
7:00 pm Traditional Scripture and Candle Light Service – Sanctuary
11:00 pm Traditional Scripture and Candle Light Service – Sanctuary

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed All Day

OUR STAFF

Ministers – Every Member of Our Congregation

Pastor – Richard A. Gallo

<p>Treasurer Evelyn Lindstrom</p> <p>Church Secretary Trish Newlands</p> <p>Custodian Rich Powers</p>	<p>Music Director/ Organist David Block</p> <p>Lay Evangelist Grace Bergener</p> <p>Youth Director Kevin VanMeter</p>	<p>Preschool Director Peggie Nasin</p> <p>Nursery Attendant Kristin Archer</p>
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