

Participating in today's service:

- The Reverend Peggy A. Finch, Associate Minister
- The Reverend Rodney W. Denton, Associate Minister
- The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler, Minister of Children and Families
- Dr. Danny Frye, Music Director
- Mr. Brian Vannoy, Organist

**The Flowers Are Placed On The Altar To The Gory Of God** and in honor of Erin and David Shew on the occasion of their marriage.

**PRAYER LIST**

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 475-6026. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch and let us know how he/she is doing as names will be removed after 3 weeks. During the week, please pray for:*

Military personnel stateside and overseas	Tracy Brinkley
Becci Cagle	Sharon Van Vechten
Wayne Leonard	Andrea Cain
Jane Dorton	The Jabez Williams family
Louise Doyle	Christina Murillo
Sharon Hepler	Erica Bailey
Laura Ann Boyles	Monte & Bertie Siler

**Council On Ministries Annual Retreat**

Saturday, January 14th 8:00-12:00 in the CEC  
 Breakfast will be served followed by some discussion as we begin planning the 2012 calendar year. If you are serving on the Council during 2012 please make every attempt to join us.

Due to an oversight, the following names were omitted from the Love Feast Luminaria Bulletin.

**In Honor of:**

- Randy Overby and Victoria and Lila by Penny Overby
- Evelyn and Sam Harris by Randy & Penny Overby
- Vicki and Tori Connolly by Randy & Penny Overby
- Peggy Styers by Randy & Penny Overby
- Pauline Cox by Randy & Penny Overby
- Our Ministers at MUMC by Randy & Penny Overby
- Lee and Kiki (Harris) Thomas by Randy & Penny Overby
- Tom, Nina and Sveta Long by Randy & Penny Overby
- Tom & Janet Smith by Wiley Smith
- Wingate Smith by Wiley Smith
- Hiatt Family by Wiley Smith
- McCullough Family by Wiley Smith
- Glenn Kinken by Wiley Smith
- Adam Ward by Wiley Smith

**In Memory of:**

- Joshua Thomas Harris, Navy Seal by Randy & Penny Overby
- Dr. and Mrs. Rowland Veach Long by Randy & Penny Overby
- Amelia Renee Long by Randy & Penny Overby
- Thomas Veach Long by Randy & Penny Overby
- Charles Livingston Watson by Wiley Smith
- Bill Holzheimer by Wiley Smith

**Opportunities Through The Week**

**SUNDAY, January 1**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 39:7-21a
- New Years Day
- 8:30 Nursery Care
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Jim McGhee
- 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 5:00-7:00 UMYF

**MONDAY, January 2**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 40:1-8
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO Praise Team Rehearsal-Jarrett Hall
- 7:00 Scouts

**TUESDAY, January 3**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 40:9-15
- 6:30 Trustee Meeting-Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, January 4**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 40:16-23
- NO Fellowship Meal
- NO Program
- NO Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, January 5**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 41:1-13
- Disciple IV Bible Study returns 1/12/12
- 10:30 Chicks-Parlor
- Caregivers Support Group

**FRIDAY, January 6**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 41:14-24

**SATURDAY, January 7**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 41:25-36

**SUNDAY, January 8**

- Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 41:37-45, 50-52
- 8:30 Nursery Care
- 8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Allen Brown
- 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 5:00-7:00 UMYF



**CHURCH FINANCES**

In order to keep everyone up to date on our church finances, we will be printing the year to date expenses and income in the bulletin and Messenger.

Year-to-date Income as of 11/30/2011	\$748,570.59
Year-to-date Expenses as of 11/30/2011	\$715,672.88
Net Income as of 11/30/2011	\$ 32,897.71

Copies of the 2011 budget are available upon request. Contact either Jerry Smith 475-6597 or Peggy May 472-7718-ext. 22. Have you considered making your weekly or monthly contribution to the church online through your bank?

UMW GENERAL MEETING      JANUARY 9, 2012  
 DINNER: 6:00 PM  
 RESERVATIONS DUE BY NOON  
 JANUARY 4, 2012

**Congregation's Ministry and Staff**

- Larry M. Goodpaster ..... Resident Bishop
- Sylvia D. Wilhelm ..... District Superintendent
- Ivan H. M. Peden ..... Senior Minister
- Peggy A. Finch ..... Associate Minister
- Rodney W. Denton ..... Associate Minister
- Lynda C. Hepler ..... Minister of Children and Families
- Danny Frye ..... Director of Music
- Brian Vannoy ..... Organist
- Debbie Averett ..... Director of Contemporary Worship
- Priscilla Oldaker ..... Director of Children's Choir
- Peggy May ..... Financial Secretary/ Treasurer
- Christine Lamacchia ..... Executive Secretary
- Steve Myers ..... Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- Dennis Corbett ..... Sexton
- Margaret Ivey ..... Food Services Director
- Charles Wade ..... Church Properties Administrator
- Leslie Gibbs & Gayle Murdock ..... Receptionist Coordinators

**MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THOMASVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Ministers**

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| IVAN H. M. PEDEN<br>Senior Minister    | PEGGY A. FINCH<br>Associate Minister               |
| RODNEY W. DENTON<br>Associate Minister | LYNDA C. HEPLER<br>Minister of Children & Families |

January First, Two Thousand Twelve  
**NEW YEARS DAY**

**Epiphany Sunday And  
Service of Covenant Renewal**



*Welcome to the family of God known as Memorial United Methodist Church. Here we believe all people are God's children and related to us through Jesus Christ. **Please, take time to fill out a registration form this morning.** As it is passed back toward the center aisle prior to the Offering, use it to get to know persons seated near you. If you wish to become a member of this church, please indicate that. If you need to talk with a minister, write a notation on the bottom of the sheet and include your home and work phone numbers, or email address. We trust that you will experience the love and power of the risen Christ with us this morning.*

Our Mission is to follow Jesus Christ as a caring community of believers who- enabled by God's Grace- seek to grow spiritually, share the Gospel, love and serve all people, and live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**January 1, 2012** **11:00 A.M.**

**Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070**

**NEW YEARS DAY**

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**GATHERING AND GREETING**

Prelude *What Child is This* Vaughn Williams

Chiming of The Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles The Acolyte

Call to Worship *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Beethoven/Hodges

**Thou art giving, and forgiving, ever blessing, everblest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

Responsive Greeting The Reverend Peggy A. Finch

Minister: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May Christ’s Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

\*Hymn of Praise: UMH No. 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* C. Wesley/MENDELSSOHN

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed – UMH No. 881

The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri UMH, No. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666 E.S. Eslinger

**Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends.  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

**PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

Proclamation Reverend Denton

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
The Christian Life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God.  
Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator. He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last forever.  
On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith.  
On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.  
From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord’s table.  
Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God. Let us make this covenant of God our own.

Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Amen* Lutkin

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

+Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Finch

The Offering

Offertory *The Three Kings* Held

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication Reverend Denton

Children’s Sermon Reverend Lynda C. Hepler

(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children move to the Chancel area for the Children’s Sermon)

**THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION**

Anthem ..... *Fairest Lord Jesus* M. Gesangbuch/ST ELIZABETH

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.  
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

\*Scripture Lessons: Matthew 28:16-20 Reverend Finch

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Homily** *Our Mission in 2012*

\*Communion Hymn: UMH No. 620 *One Bread, One Body*  
J. B. Foley/ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

A Service Of Word and Table II, UMH Pg. 12 Reverend Finch

**SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

\*Benediction Reverend Finch

\*Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

SICILIAN MARTNERS

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

\*Chimes of the Holy Trinity “...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

\*Postlude *Brightest and Best* Heber

\*Please stand, as you are able.  
+Please pass attendance registers at this time.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher if you need one. **Chief Usher:** Gerry Crowder **Leaders:** Don Clinard, Carey Eanes, Zeb Hanner, J. H. Williams, Charles Wade, Roger Bryant **Today’s Ushers:** Annette Mills, Kent Lopp, Scott Isley. **Today’s Greeters:** Pam Plyler, Bick Craig, Larry Murdock, Carey Eanes, Bettie Bryant. **HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Care** is available for children ages, infant to 5 years, in the main building from 8:30 am to 12 noon. Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the nursery located on the ground floor in the south wing. Our caring nursery staff will be there to meet you!  
**Children's Worship** is held in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon. Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come for their own style of worship including: music, storytime, video, role play and other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their child after the worship service in the chapel.