

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	Sam and Elaine Branson
Wes McDowell	Sharon Hepler
Norman Crews	Debbie Hill
	Mike Schartiger
	Tom Walker
	Christina Murillo
	Erica Bailey

Opportunities Through The Week

SUNDAY, December 18
 Daily Bible Reading-Genesis 22:1-2, 6-14
 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:30 Nursery Care
 8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Jim Edminson
 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
 3:00-7:00 UMYF
 5:00-7:00 Mission Possible Kids
 7:00 Love Feast-Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 19
 Daily Bible Reading-2 Corinthians 1:18-22
 NO Praise Team Rehearsal-Jarrett Hall
 7:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, December 20
 Daily Bible Reading-Nehemiah 9:6-10

WEDNESDAY, December 21
 Daily Bible Reading-Galatians 3:6-12
 NO Fellowship Meal
 NO Program
 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 22
 Daily Bible Reading-1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Church Office Closed
 Disciple IV Bible Study returns 1/12/12
 10:30 Chicks-Parlor

FRIDAY, December 23
 Daily Bible Reading-Luke 1:26-38
 Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 24
 Daily Bible Reading-Luke 1:39-45
 5:30 Christmas Eve Service
 6:00-8:00 Christmas Eve Communion

SUNDAY, December 25
 Daily Bible Reading-Luke 1:46-55
 CHRISTMAS DAY
 NO Nursery Care
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Bill Cates
 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary

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

Ministers

IVAN H. M. PEDEN
 Senior Minister

PEGGY A. FINCH
 Associate Minister

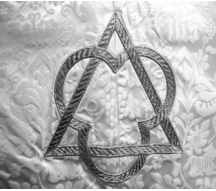
RODNEY W. DENTON
 Associate Minister

LYNDA C. HEPLER
 Minister of Children & Families

**December Eighteenth, Two Thousand Eleven
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT FOR THE
CANDLELIGHT LOVE FEAST SERVICE
7:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

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CCM FOOD FOR THE MONTH:
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TRIANGLE & TREFOIL – A single design composed of three joined circles which represent eternity, signifying one God in three persons. The triangle is one of the earliest symbolic representations of the Trinity.



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?

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

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

December 18, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GATHERING

Prelude *O, Sanctissima* arr. Bierly

Chiming of The Hour

Lighting of the Altar Candles Tara Oldaker

Call to Worship *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch
“Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.”

Congregational Greeting The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden
(based on Zephaniah 3:14-17)

Minister: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Christ’s peace be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Sing, O Daughter of Zion.

People: Shout aloud, O Israel!

Minister: Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

People: Lift up your voices in praise, O chosen ones.

Minister: The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.

**People: The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.**

Minister: On that day they will say to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp. The Lord your God is with you,
he is mighty to save.

**People: The Lord will take great delight in you.
The Lord will quiet you with his love
and rejoice over you with singing.**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* E. H. Sears/CAROL

*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/SOMOS DEL SENOR
**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.**

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle Tracy Williams

Sung Response: *Light The Advent Candle* Chancel Choir
and Congregation
Davenport-Wagner

**Light the Advent Candle, for the infant Jesus,
keep the candle burning in your heart. A tiny King
is coming, this little Child will lead us, light the Advent
Candle in your heart. Child so dear, Christ is near, and
leading once again to Bethlehem. Light the Advent Candle,
for the infant Jesus, keep the candle burning in your heart.**

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Denton

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

Welcome and Parish Notes Dr. Peden

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offering Versets on ‘*Away in a Manger*’ Blatchly

*Doxology No. 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**

*Prayer of Dedication Reverend Denton

Children’s Sermon The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler
(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children come for the
Children’s Sermon)

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Anthem *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA/arr. Courtney
“Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains. And the mountains in
reply echo back their joyous strain. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav-
enly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the
angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in
excelsis Deo.”

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-14 Dr. Peden
Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Gifts that Won’t Break: Part 4, The Gift of Peace

SENDING FORTH

Hymn of Response, UMH 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* C. Wesley/ MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction Dr. Peden

*Benediction Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Bob McGee
“Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is
called Emmanuel.”

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude *Glory to God in the Highest* Pergolesi

*Please stand, as you are able.
+Please pass the registration pads 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 **Today’s Ushers:** Debbie & William Hinkle,
Roger Bryant, Bill Mills, Mark Leonard. **Today’s Greeters:** Jim McGhee, Sara Faulk-
ner, Jabez Williams , Julie Clinard, Mitchel Rabon
HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Participating in today’s service:
The Reverend Doctor Ivan Peden, Senior 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
Tara Oldaker, Acolyte
Tracy Williams, Advent Reader

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.