

THE MESSENGER

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Friends of First UMC-DeKalb,

The people living in the years just before Jesus' birth were waiting in expectation for the Messiah. Some pictured the Messiah as a strong, brave, and courageous king and soldier, just as was David. Others expected the Messiah to be a wise and faithful prophet just as Elijah was. But no one back then expected the Messiah to be a baby born in a manger.

Yet there were signs that something miraculous was about to happen. We all know about the star that was shining in the East. We all know that the shepherds were visited by an angelic chorus. We know that Mary was visited by angels that told her of her favor with God. There was expectation in the air and there were signs that something remarkable was about to occur. But again, no one thought the Messiah would be a baby born to a young man and his even younger wife.



The Messiah

for our church is a baby, a new life, a baby that will be born and baptized in the next few months? What if the hope and expectation we all hold out for our church is wrapped up in the promises we make to that child when she/he is baptized in our church? Maybe that child is already among us. We certainly can notice how many young boys and girls come forward during the children's sermon. Could one of those young ones be the one who changes the life of our church?

Just as it was two thousand years ago, we just don't know. We have to wait with great expectation. Do you sense that the signs are there that our church is ready for rebirth and renewal? Do you sense that the mission and ministry of this church is about to unfold in ways that touch the hearts of those who are in such great need?

We know Jesus is the Messiah, the everlasting hope for the world. We know that he is among us and in us and working through us. Yet I believe, there are still miracles that will occur, new lives that will begin, even in those like Abraham and Sarah who think they are too old to be of any use.

The glory of Advent is we just don't know what the gift will be this year. But I am convinced that until Christ comes again, each Advent will bring us new hope and new opportunities. There are miracles that will occur. We read these words in Joel 2:28, "...your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."

May this season of Advent bring you new dreams and new visions and may we walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ, to find new life and new ministry. May we, once again, welcome the Messiah and find new direction in him.

"You are waiting for something new and something miraculous to happen, to re-ignite the church and its mission and ministry."

After almost six months with you as your senior pastor, I sense the expectation you have for your church. You are waiting for something new and something miraculous to happen, to re-ignite the church and its mission and ministry. Will that new thing you are waiting for be a new/relatively new associate pastor or a new/relatively new senior pastor? Will the new thing you are waiting for be the new lay leadership that will be elected later this month? Are there signs that something new and perhaps even miraculous is about to occur?

What if, just as it was some two thousand years ago, what if the answer to our expectations

Shalom
Pastor Jon

In order to allow the church office staff to enjoy time with their families over the holidays the church office will be closed the following dates:

- ◆ Monday, December 26, 2011
- ◆ Monday, January 2, 2012



Holiday Closures



*United Methodist
Men's Breakfast*

*Saturday,
December 10*

7:30 a.m.

*All men are
invited on the
second Saturday
of each month
for the
UMM Breakfast.*

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18, for the annual Church Conference. The conference will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Committee chairs and staff are expected to submit a brief report summarizing their ministry area. All reports are due to the church office by Friday, December 2.

TIMELY NEWSLETTERS

Due to the upcoming holidays the newsletter deadline in December has been moved to the 10th of the month.

Articles which will appear in the January 2012 issue should be



turned into the church office by December 10.

Thank you for helping us get your newsletter to your home in a timely manner by turning in your articles by the 10th!

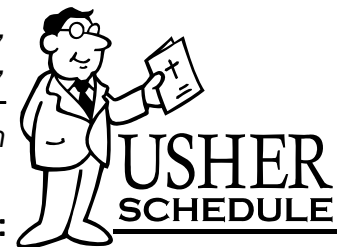
December 4: **Main Level:** Dave & Karen Mason, Chuck Lupinski & Jane Hapeman, Lou Jean Moyer and Barb Grulke; **Balcony:** Marian Baars, Mary Eakle, Joh Benson

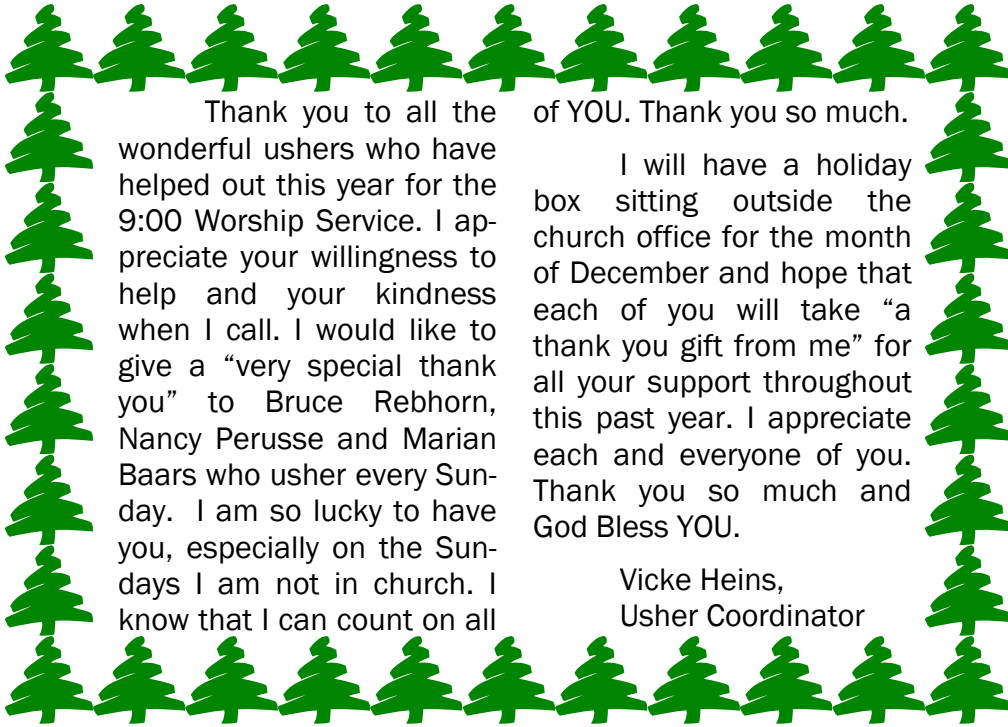
December 11: **4th St:** Rhonda Wybourn; **Middle:** Nancy Perusse and Bruce Reborn; **Oak St:** Tom McCrea and Vicke Heins; **Balcony:** Marian Baars

December 18: **4th St.:** Betty Koehling; **Middle:** Vicke Heins and Bruce Reborn; **Oak St:** Gary & Pat Cordes; **Balcony:** Marian Baars

December 24: **5 p.m.:** Bruce Reborn, Pam & Clarke Cabbage and Vicke & Denny Heins; **11 p.m.:** Clark Cabbage, Betty Koehling, and Jane Hapeman & Chuck Lupinski

December 25: **4th St.:** Molly Heins; **Middle:** Bruce Reborn and Betty Koehling; **Oak St.:** Vicke & Denny Heins; **Balcony:** Marian Baars.





Thank you to all the wonderful ushers who have helped out this year for the 9:00 Worship Service. I appreciate your willingness to help and your kindness when I call. I would like to give a "very special thank you" to Bruce Reborn, Nancy Perusse and Marian Baars who usher every Sunday. I am so lucky to have you, especially on the Sundays I am not in church. I know that I can count on all

of YOU. Thank you so much.

I will have a holiday box sitting outside the church office for the month of December and hope that each of you will take "a thank you gift from me" for all your support throughout this past year. I appreciate each and everyone of you. Thank you so much and God Bless YOU.

Vicke Heins,
Usher Coordinator

Radio Broadcast

<u>December:</u>	<u>January:</u>
All sponsored.	January 1
Thank you!	January 8
	January 22
	January 29

Altar Flowers

<u>December:</u>	<u>January:</u>
All sponsored.	January 1
Thank you!	January 8
	January 22
	January 29

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on 1360 WLBK
Cost for radio sponsorship is \$55

Altar flowers may be purchased from a florist or be from your own

Contact the church office at 815-756-6301 if you have a special date you would like honored or remembered with a flower or radio sponsorship.

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS & UPDATES

Sympathy extended to:

the family of Frances L. Craigmile at her death on October 22.

Nancy Perusse and family at the death of her niece, Bethann (Kohl) Tabb, on October 23.

Marian Sisler and family at the death of her sister, Esther Allan, 97, on November 2.

Please keep the following members who are in local adult care facilities in your thoughts and prayers:

Bethany: Helen Hagen

DeKalb County: Audrey Berger, Bill Fletcher, Becky Jones, Barney Ledbetter, and Jerry Piper

Oak Crest: Charlie Bradt, Almeda Bridge, and Barb King

Pine Acres: Rev. David Carlisle, and Rose Lutz



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR...

Please keep our pastor and church family informed! As policies surrounding confidentiality and patient's rights are now governed by HIIPPA, hospitals and nursing homes can no longer contact church offices to notify them that church members have been admitted unless you specifically ask the nursing or medical staff to do so; **this must be a specific request you make.** If you desire a pastoral call during your admission, please contact the church office at (815) 756-6301.

In an emergency, call the parsonage at (815) 756-6600.

Cut out the card below and carry it in your wallet or purse.

In the event I am admitted to the hospital, found in need of emergency care, and/or cannot speak for myself, please contact:

_____ at _____

(_____) _____ and _____

First United Methodist Church in DeKalb, IL
(815) 756-6301 or (815) 756-6600

LEARN TO LOVE YOUR LAPTOP

Coming on Monday evenings in January ... Learn to Love Your Laptop!

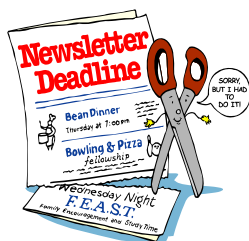
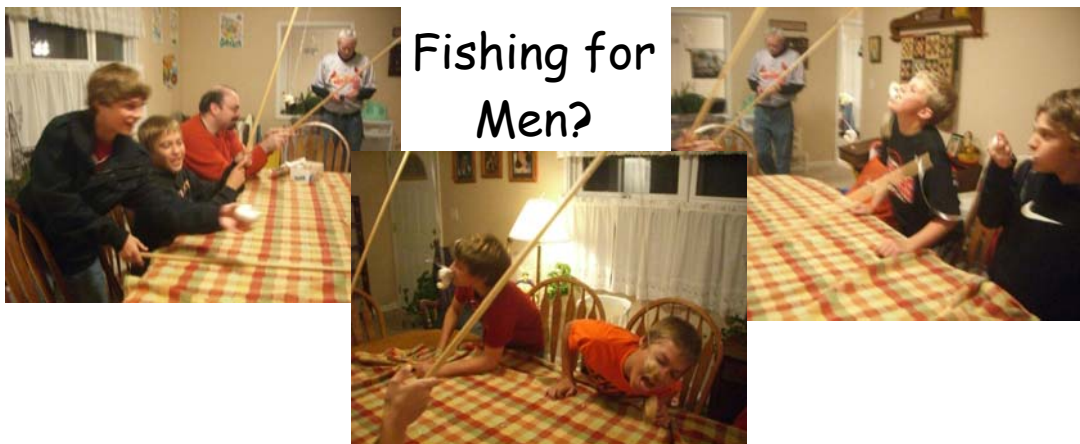
This will be for people with basic skills like using email and internet. You will need to have a laptop you can bring to the sessions. Topics covered will include managing digital photos, using Word, Excel and Powerpoint, Facebook, how to stay safe and other



topics depending on attendees' interest. If you are interested you need to fill out a questionnaire as soon as you can, definitely by December 16. Contact the church office or Lindy Arnett 815-756-4224 to get the questionnaire. Depending on the skill level and interest, the workshop will be held weekly for about 6 weeks with monthly follow-up sessions. Watch for details in the Bulletin.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Fishing for Men?



December 10
for January
Messenger
articles



Thank you, everyone. You provided many pairs of socks of all colors and sizes as part of Children's Sabbath. It's quite clear that the care of children is a major concern of this congregation. Thank you!

I was going through some emails a short while ago and came across one from Rosecrance. Rosecrance is one of the four agencies that are part of United Voices for Children, so this particular agency is affiliated with the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. It's also affiliated with Northern Illinois University, which conducts outcome studies for them.

The original agency began in 1916 when Dr. James and Fannie Rosecrance left their homestead, making arrangements for it to be an

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orphanage that would bring love and comfort to lost and neglected children. In the 1980's Rosecrance saw a need for substance abuse treatment within the group of youth with behavioral issues that they served. The growth has continued until now this agency focuses solely on substance abuse treatment.

This year Rosecrance is again in the forefront of treatment for adolescents. They are making a teen alcohol screening guide that was developed by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism available for free to healthcare professionals. I do hope that our local healthcare providers will use this because 1 in 3 kids begin drinking

before 9th grade, and of them, half report having been drunk. The use of alcohol and other substances among younger kids has been increasing. The new screening tool can detect risk early. And it's the first tool to include friends' drinking. We should encourage all the healthcare professionals that we know to connect with Rosecrance, which is in Rockford, and get the screening tool. At its basic use in an exam, it requires asking only two questions – and we might get kids at risk into treatment before the problem becomes an addiction.

Connie McCleary
Child Advocate

FLOWER & RADIO SPONSORS



Altar flower and radio broadcast costs are not budgeted items. We depend on the kindness of the congregation to sponsor these ministries each week.

We especially thank the following people who sponsored radio programs or altar flowers in November:

Flowers:

November 6: **United Methodist Women** *in memory of all deceased members of the church.*

November 13: **Un-sponsored.**

November 20: **Margaret Kaelin** *in memory of her husband, Donald Kaelin.*

November 27: **Un-sponsored** *(as of print date).*

Radio Broadcasts:

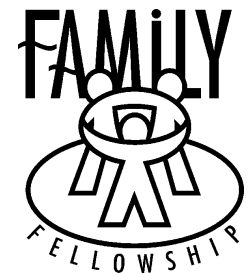
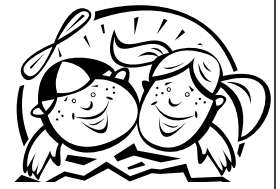
November 6: **United Methodist Women** *in memory of all deceased members of the church.*

November 13: **Ann Elliott** *in memory of her parents, Harold & Lyndal Dorland.*

November 20: **Ellen Engstrom** *in honor of her daughter's, Karla R. Ranieri, birthday.*

November 27: **Dorothy E. Harnes** *in memory of her mother, Eleanor Welty.*

If you have a special date you would like remembered please contact the church office at 815-756-6301. (Available dates for December and January are listed on page 3.)



Family Fun
Night

Sunday,
December 4

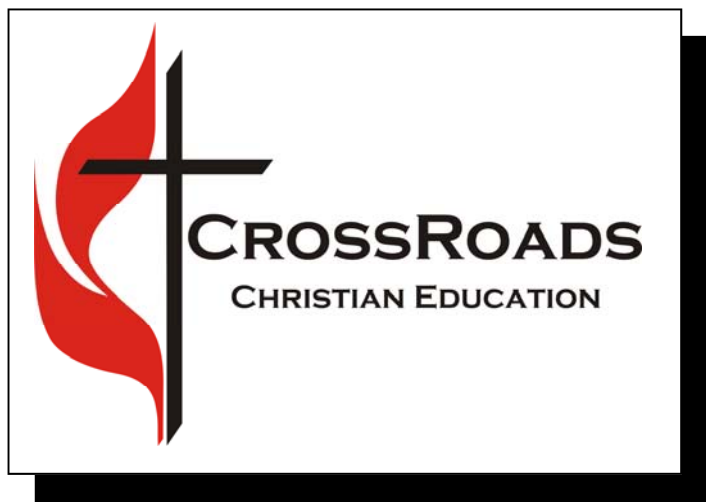
4:00 - 6:00

p.m.

Dining Room



Christian Education



Get ready! The focus of this Advent unit is "The Light Is Coming." Children learn that Advent is a time of preparing for the Light of the World – Jesus. It is the church's season of preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of our Lord. The Advent wreath is the focal point of each workshop – with each workshop emphasizing a different candle that reminds children of Jesus and living in Jesus' way.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 11

Under the direction of Julie Diaz and musical direction of Sally Mullis, the children of CrossRoads and Joyful Noise choir will perform the Christmas Pageant, *The Mouse's Tale* during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

TURKEY DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

A heartfelt thank you to the entire congregation for pulling together and making this year's Turkey Dinner/Silent Auction a tremendous success. Your donations of groceries, items for the silent auction and hard work are greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to this year's coordinators: Dodi Watson, Sally Mullis, and all the members of the Christian Education Support Council.

Sunday School Christmas Party December 18

Please join CrossRoads for a very special Christmas Party following workshops December 18. Workshops will end early that Sunday, so you won't miss out.

This will be a time to celebrate with your shepherds and your classmates. Enjoy snacks, crafts and a few other surprises.



BIBLE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

The following children received a Bible on Bible Sunday:

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| Natalie Renae Anderson | Kevin Lamont |
| Emmett Lee Brei | Ian J. Maier |
| John Brei | Madelyn Sweigert Danley |
| Rory Martin | Ann Marie Tyrrell |
| Joshua Bailey-Mascal | Francis Zaylik III |
| Payton Rae Barger | |
| Lucas Hendley | |
| Zoe Madison Hoffman Edminster | |

Youth Ministries



God Squad Senior High

Wednesdays 7:00—8:00 p.m.

Third Wednesdays meet at Cortland Lion's Shelter—
Shuttle available to Cortland following confirmation

J-Squad Middle School

First & Third Wednesdays 7:00—8:00 p.m.

No Youth Group meetings December 28



God Squad Christmas Party December 21 5-8 p.m.

Come join the fun and fellowship at the God Squad Senior High Christmas Party. This will be the last youth group meeting of 2011, so don't miss out! We will meet at the Lion's Shelter House, in Cortland. Bring a snack and a "white elephant" gift to exchange. Need a lift? Let Julie know.



God Squad/J-Squad Christmas Caroling December 14

We will meet at Oak Crest in the main lobby at 5:00 p.m. From there, we will travel to various activity or dining rooms to perform. Please wear your God Squad shirt, if you have one, or you can pick up an iron-on decal from Julie Diaz to make one.



J-Squad Ski Trip January 27-29

See Middle School Youth Leaders, Jan & Mike Marquardt for more information.

UMW NEWS

Our big, big day—the Bazaar—is behind us and all who worked on it and/or contributed to it should be proud of a job well done. A huge, very grateful **THANK YOU** to Joh Benson who served as overall chairman of the Bazaar.

Be sure that you have December 15 at 1:00 p.m. marked on your calendar. That is when all are invited to attend our general meeting—the last one of 2011. Circle 6 will host the meeting in the dining room. The program will be “Love in Action” by Emmy Lou John. I hope to see you there.

Let's look beyond the hustle and bustle of the holidays. We've had a

big Thanksgiving feast and we are busy preparing for Christmas. What will you do in January? Consider attending the winter School of Christian Mission presented by the Northern Illinois Conference of UMW. It will be held January 20 – 22 at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon. Registration deadline is January 6. The theme of the school is “All Things Made New” and will focus on the three UMW Studies for the year. For more information see the UMW bulletin board.

May you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas!

Anita Wells,
UMW president

<p>Circle 1 December 1 9 am “Upside Down Christmas” at Joan Behr’s home</p>	<p>Circle 2 December 1 1 pm “Getting to Know Pastor Jon” in Dining Room</p>	<p>Circle 3 December 1 6:30 pm in the Heritage Room and December 15 6:30 pm in Heritage Room</p>
<p>Circle 5 December 1 7 pm TBD</p>	<p>Circle 6 December 1 6:30 pm TBD in the Heritage Room</p>	

A big thank you for all of you who have made the Layette Program successful by your donations. The December deadline will be December 15. I am sharing some of the thank you notes that the Health Department forwarded to me.

“Just letting you know how much I appreciate the blanket that you made and donated for my baby. It is absolutely beautiful and I feel special that you took the time to make this for my baby. Thank you so

much, I appreciate everything.”

“It’s great to know you can count on some people, thank you for the gift to my baby. May God bless you!”

“I really appreciate the layette that you donated for my baby. It’s nice to know that there are people who care.

As one mother stated, “It’s great to know you can count on some people...”

Thanks, Donna Bennett



All women are invited to join United Methodist Women. Come visit one of the circle meetings listed here. For further information call Reva Jungst at 815-756-9272.





MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

SPARE CHANGE

The "Spare Change" collected during December will support the Christmas Offering (Hope Haven, Safe Passage and DeKalb Area Food Pantry).

The Missions Ministry Team hopes this gives everyone a fun and joyful opportunity to empty their pockets or purses of "Spare

Change" and participate in a mission where they may not be able to write a check. Only coins will be counted and put towards each specific mission. (Checks will also be accepted with the mission designated in the memo.) This "Spare Change" project was established so that everyone could participate in the missions of First UMC with a joyful heart.

CROP WALK

The Sondra King Memorial DeKalb County CROP Walk 2011 was a huge success!

Your First UMC CROP Walk Coordinators, Bennetta Stearnes and Jane Hapeman, would like to thank everyone who participated in helping to make it successful.

Whether you were a donor, a walker, a prayer or a well wisher, we thank you all for the wonderful support given by our congregation. All totals are not final but our church raised about \$2,500 and that does

not include all online donations. The number of walkers participating was greatly increased and we have high hopes of reaching the county coal of \$30,000.

We especially want to thank Julie Diaz for the encouragement we received and for allowing us access to speak to the children and youth group about getting involved. God gave us a beautiful day for the walk and all of you gave us your prayers and support. We feel blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving congregation. Thank you all!!

LOVE INC

Love INC's Moving Ministry will be picking up and delivering furniture items on Saturday, December 3. This is a great service activity for a small group, youth group, family or interested individuals. It's a time of fellowship as we work to provide those in need with basic items for their homes. Call the clearing house at 815-217-0082 to join us.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of DeKalb/Sycamore

Your donations of new or gently used sheets, blankets and towels will provide comfort and dignity to those in need. Donations may be dropped of at First Lutheran Church, 324 N. 3rd St., DeKalb.

If you are seeking assistance with a need, please call the Love INC Clearinghouse at 815-217-0082 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday.

Email: loveincdk@gmail.com
Facebook: Love INC of DeKalb/Sycamore

Phone: 815-217-0082 (office)
815-217-0085 (fax)

Website: www.loveincdeksyc.org



Love INC's highlighted ministry this month is First Lutheran's Linen Closet. The "Linen Sisters" provide bed, bath and kitchen linens to Love INC clients, many of whom have had no blankets on their beds.

Advent/Christmas Schedule of Activities

Sunday, November 27 9 am and 11 am *1st Sunday of Advent*
Brian Gilbert brings the message on Luke 1:26-38. *UM Student Day*

December 3 & 4 Cantata Saturday @ 7 pm
“Only Love” Sunday @ 3 pm
The Celebration Chorale celebrates the majesty and glory of Christmas through music.

Sunday, December 4 9 am and 11 am *2nd Sunday of Advent*
Communion service praising God through music, prayer, and sharing of the Word.
Jon Hutchison brings the message on Mark 1:1-8.

Tuesday, December 6 11:15 am *Oak Crest*
Communion service prepared especially for our members at Oak Crest.
All are welcome.

Sunday, December 11 9 am *3rd Sunday of Advent*
Special service prepared by the children and youth of the church.
11 am
Jon Hutchison brings the message on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11.

Sunday, December 18 9 am *4th Sunday of Advent*
Brian Gilbert brings the message on Luke 1:39-56.
11 am
A service of praxis.

Tuesday, December 20 7 pm *Longest Night*
A quiet service of carols and prayer for those grieving or struggling during the holidays.

Saturday, December 24 5 pm *Christmas Eve*
Service with candlelight. We will sing Christmas carols, and there will be a children’s sermon with a message on Luke 2:1-20.
11 pm
“Festival of Lessons and Carols”
The reading of the Christmas story is interspersed with seasonal hymns in this candlelighting, communion service.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 10 am
Children are encouraged to bring a non-violent Christmas toy to be blessed.
Children and adults are invited to wear pajamas to worship.
Jon Hutchison preaches on Luke 2:22-38.

December 2011

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am Worship
 9 am Amazing Bible Race
 9:15 am CrossRoads Sunday School
 10 am Fellowship Hour
 10:15 am Adult Sunday School
 10:20 am Bell Choir
 10:20 am Joyful Noise Choir


Mondays: Pastor Brian's scheduled day off

Tuesdays: 8:30 am Faithfully Fit Exercise
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts
 7 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesdays: 10 am Sermon Shapers
 6 pm 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 6 pm SHINE Praise Band
 7 pm God Squad Youth Group
 7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursdays: 8:45 am Communion
 10 am Preschool Chapel Chat
 5:30 pm Faithfully Fit Exercise

Fridays: Pastor Jon's scheduled day off

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 am Circle 1 9:30 am Circle 6 1 pm Circle 2 6:30 pm Circle 3 7 pm Circle 5 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	2 CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE 5:30 pm Chorale Practice 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	3 7 pm Christmas Cantata 8 pm Cantata Reception 8 pm Mini-Bazaar
4 COMMUNION FEED THE HUNGRY 10 am Portrait Sign-up 3 pm Christmas Cantata 4 pm Cantata Reception 4 pm Mini-Bazaar 4 pm Family Fun Night	5 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm CCT Rehearsal	6 11:15 am Oak Crest Communion 2:30 pm Directory Photos 6 pm Girl Scouts 6 pm Pageant Practice 7 pm Chorale Management Team 7 pm Foundation Board	7 2:30 pm Directory Photos 7 pm J-Squad MS Youth Group	8 5:45 pm Preschool Family Movie Night 6:30 pm Dist. Cub & Boy Scout Leaders 7 pm Girl Scout Leaders 7 pm Love INC Board Meeting	9 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	10 Boy Scout Lock-in NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 am UM Men's Breakfast 8 am Pageant Practice 1 pm Preschool Christmas Program 1:30 pm Preschool Reception
11 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 2 pm CCT Rehearsal 7 pm Search & Service Small Group	12 9:30 am Golden Years Small Group 6:30 pm CCT Rehearsal	13 5:30 pm Wesley Foundation	14	15 9:30 am UMW Board 1 pm UMW General Meeting 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	16 6 pm J-Squad Christmas Party 6:30 pm Search & Service Small Group 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	17 10 am CCT Rehearsal 1 pm Cub Scout Christmas Party
18 4:30 pm Church Conference	19 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 m CCT Rehearsal	20 9:30 am Staff Meeting 1 pm Afternoon Book Group 7 pm Longest Night Worship	21 NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES	22 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	23 7 pm CCT Rehearsal	24 5 pm Christmas Eve Worship 11 pm Christmas Eve Worship
25 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship	26 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 m CCT Rehearsal	27	28 NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES NO CHOIR PRACTICE	29 	30 Gifts must be received by noon today to appear on your 2011 Giving Report 6:30 pm CCT Rehearsal	31

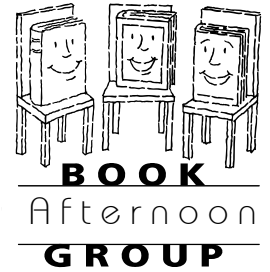
AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

The Afternoon Book Group reads and discusses a variety of books chosen by the group. The book group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

The group will read The Kitchen House by Cathleen

Grishum for their December selection.

The Afternoon Book Group is open to all who want to share in the joy of reading. For more information call Karen Mason at 815-758-5606 or Marcia Goodrich at 815-758-8791.



SERMON SHAPERS



Sermon Shapers

After a brief period of evaluation of the previous Sunday's sermon, we will do some in-depth Bible study and hear the preacher's preliminary ideas for the upcoming sermon.

Wednesdays
10:00 a.m.
in the Heritage Room

December 7 *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*
December 14 *Luke 1:39-56*
December 21 *Psalms 98*
December 28 *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Celebration Chorale Christmas Concert

"Only Love"

Saturday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m.

at

First United Methodist Church

No tickets needed

Free-will offering will be taken

The Celebration Chorale is a ministry of
First United Methodist Church of DeKalb



Use this code to access the Celebration Chorale's Facebook page on your smart phone

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*Please Note: The deadline for submissions
to the January issue of the “Messenger” is
Saturday, December 10.*

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 am - noon
1 pm - 4:30 pm

Accountant’s Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
10 am - noon
1 pm - 4:30 pm

**Good Neighbor
Assistance Hours**

Monday - Friday
10 am - noon

Ministry Staff:

Senior Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Hutchison

Associate Pastor

Rev. Brian Gilbert

Campus Ministry Pastor

Rev. Kelli Beard

**Director of Youth Ministry &
Christian Education**

Julene Diaz

Director of Music Ministries

Eric Johnson

Organist

Ron Barshinger

Pianist

William Koehler

**Director of Children’s
Choirs**

Sally Mullis

SHINE Music Director

Alecia Osborne

**First United Preschool &
Daycare Director**

LaQuesha Allen

Church Administrator

Darlene Orth

Accountant

Ellie Larson

Weekly Worship & Christian Education Opportunities:

Sundays:

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:00 am Amazing Bible Race Sunday School (6th & 7th Grades)
9:15 am CrossRoads Sunday School (2 years to 5th Grade)
10:15 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am SHINE Contemporary Worship
7:00 pm Search & Service (Adults) - meets 2nd & 4th weeks

Mondays:

9:30 am Golden Years (Seniors) - meets 2nd & 4th weeks

Tuesdays:

1:00 pm Afternoon Book Group (Adults) - meets 3rd week

Wednesdays:

10:00 am Sermon Shapers (Adults)
6:00 pm Confirmation (8th & 9th Grades)
7:00 pm J-Squad Youth (6th & 7th Grades) meets 1st & 3rd weeks
7:00 pm God Squad Youth (9th - 12th Grades)

Thursdays:

8:45 am Communion

(Child care is available Sunday mornings.

Contact the church office if child care is needed during other events.)