

Weekly Calendar Schedule

Sunday 12/06/20

8:45a The Depot in Fellowship Hall
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:30a Traditional Worship

Stewardship

Budget \$ 526,495.00
 YTD Received \$ 462,427.00
 Monthly Need \$ 43,874.00
 Monthly Received \$ 38,107.00

Online Giving is available.

Go to www.waycrossfirst.com and click the tab for "online giving." Several methods of payment are now available for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the church office at 912-283-2077.



Help Needed!

LAMBS has a food truck coming in on Monday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m., and we need your help unloading. LAMBS provides meals to over 200 local students, and giving your time helps us continue providing meals during these uncertain times.

With one month left in 2020, we invite you to take a look at what you intended to give to the work of Jesus through Waycross FUMC this year. (Since we don't make actual "pledges," only you and God know that actual amount.) Our ministry continues through the end of the year, and we would like to start our 2021 ministries in a strong position. Thank you for your financial faithfulness in 2020-- be sure you're "paid in full" with God for this year!

"Make all you can; Sa ve all you can; Gi ve all you can"

--John Wesley

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No need to miss a worship service! Here's how to stay connected:

1. On Vyve Cable TV: Channel 15
2. Online: Go to waycrossfirst.com. Choose "Sermons" then "Watch Live Sundays." You may watch live or recorded Sundays.



First United Methodist Church

410 Williams St.
 Waycross, Georgia
 (912)283-2077
 December 6, 2020
 10:30 a.m.
www.waycrossfirst.com

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We're glad you're here!!

We are delighted that you joined us to worship today! So that we may know you better, please take a moment to complete the following and place in the offering plate.

Also, please **update** any information that we may already have on file.

This connection card helps the office keep attendance that is turned into the conference on a monthly basis.

Your attendance is important!

Please Print. Thanking you in advance!

Name _____

Children _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip _____

Contact# _____

E-mail _____

1st time guest _____

Regular Attender _____

Member _____

Prayer Request:

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mike Brown

*Hymn # "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" see insert

***The Apostles' Creed** (in unison)

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 #71 GREATOREX

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, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Second Advent Candle (see insert) Jim, Cathy, Chandler McGee

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Brown

Children's Moment Ivy Kratzer

"Jesus Loves Me"
 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.
(Children may leave for Children's Church.)

Hymn #613 "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread" LAND OF REST

Special Music "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Smith/ Hustad

*Doxology
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

The Longest Night

This year's "The Longest Night" service will be Monday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Sometimes known as "Blue Christmas," this service seeks to offer hope in the name of Jesus and with the power of God's love to *anyone* who has struggled with *anything* during this year. Those struggles can include (but are not limited to) grief over the loss of loved ones (whether that grief is fresh and new or old and lingering), concern over family and friends, dramatic life changes, and other cares and concerns. Studies definitively show that these feelings are amplified during the holiday season. "The Longest Night" service uses Scripture, readings, music, and preaching to speak to both the reality of our struggles and also the redeeming and reassuring love of God for us. We will need several readers for this service—if you would like to help, please

Waycross First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Angie Coleman and family in the death of Angie's cousin, Bernie White.

Waycross First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Phil and Janie Wysong and family in the death of her father, Mr. Gerald Lang. Please keep the Wysongs uplifted in prayer.

Christian Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Harriette Woodard, who passed away on Saturday, November 28th, in Woodstock, GA. Please keep her friends and family uplifted.

Laity Prayer

Doug Lee

Scripture

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Sermon

"From Despair to Hope"

Rev. Brown

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon - page 12

The Great Thanksgiving - pages 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

***Hymn #204**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

McGEE

***Benediction**

Rev. Mike Brown

***Response**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

"Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel"

***Postlude**

"Glad Tidings"

Broughton

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

Our traditional Christmas Eve and Candlelight Service will be held Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We are hoping that we can accommodate everyone and still maintain social distancing by using the balcony and the overflow area, but we are planning to use the Fellowship Hall as an extra overflow area and broadcasting the service there through Facebook Live. (Communion and Candlelighting will also be available in the Fellowship Hall.) This Christmas Eve service is a marvelous tradition, and we want to make this worship opportunity available while still doing everything we can to safeguard

Christian Sympathies are extended to George and Pam Barnhill in the death of his Mother, Mrs. Maldine Griffis Barnhill and his Aunt, Mrs. Martha B. Denton. Please keep their family uplifted in prayer.



Amris Bedford, Grace Bell, Marsha Bishop, Wanda Boyd, Tammy Brown, Gerry Broyles, Becky Poland Campbell, Burton Carter, Kimberly Chapman, Jennifer Collins, Norman Cover, Seleta Culpepper, Savannah Deal, George Dulin, Jim Eaton, Rick Fey, Olive Griffin, Ruth Groover, Rhonda Hart, Tina Henderson, Tommy Herrin, Kathleen Jackson, Rev. Jim and Barbara Jensen, Leon Johns, Dori Jones, Cheryl Lott, Jeff and Lisa Martin, Lawrence and Lissette Melton, Jeffery Merck, Military Service Members, Wes Moye, Sarah Jolly Murray, Martha Paulk, Lucie Putala, Johnny Register, Rentz Family, David Grey Russell, Don Scott, Nita Skerratt, Jerry Sloan, Melissa Tyre Smith, Mimi Smith, Jim Sweat, Adam Swindell, Darlene Tanner, Dr. Dean Thornton, Brock Thrift, Leigh Van Osdol, Michael Van Osdol, Judy Vinson, Alvin Walker Jr, Sam Walker, John Wheeler, Terry Wilson, Lanie Alex Williamson, Randy Williamson, and Sharon Worton

Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts should be placed in a GIFT BAG with tag attached and returned to the hallway outside of the Library by Wednesday, December 9th.



Hey Parents!

Save the date!

Christmas Day Camp

Monday, December 21

10:00a-2:00p

\$20/child

Crafts-Lunch-Movie-Games

& more!

Must pre-register!

Contact Ivy to Sign up!

Christmas Poinsettia Time!

\$14.50 each. Order deadline is Dec. 11.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____