

First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2015



“Christ—Our Peace”

“God’s Yes—in our World!”

Luke 2:4-7

“God’s Yes—In Our World!!!”

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INTRODUCTION—

I. GOD SPEAKS T US — at CHRISTMAS

1. God SPEAKS to us — through the P _____ that were fulfilled in the BIRTH of JESUS:
2. Isaiah the Prophet had a vision:
“The virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and will call him IMMANUEL.” (7:14)
3. Isaiah had a Second I _____ into this Future Birth —
“For unto us a child is born, unto us a SON is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” (Isa. 9:6)
4. God speaks to us: because the P _____ were F _____ in the Birth, the E _____ of Jesus Christ, God’s “YES!”

II. GOD SPEAKS I US

1. God wants the DIVINE “YES” of Christ to E _____ our hearts and C _____ our lives !!
2. God wanted to save US — millions and millions of individual P _____, whom He knows by name!!
3. That is what II Corinthians Chap. 5, vs. 18 means: *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself in Jesus Christ.”*
4. And He SO MUCH wants to Transform, to make better the lives we now live: that is what is meant in v. 17 —
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he (or she) is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

5. "A.D.," which is Latin, "ANNO DOMINI," means "In the year of our Lord" — and we designate the years BEFORE Jesus' birth with the letters: "B.C." — "BEFORE CHRIST".
6. If Christ is truly "GOD'S YES" IN and TO the world, He wants to change their lives from "B" to "A" !

III. GOD SPEAKS T _____ US!!

1. The Message of Christmas is not C _____ unless we take up the Example of Jesus Christ, God's Divine "YES"
2. In the Middle Ages, a monk prayed every day for a vision of the SAVIOR, and, one day, the Vision appeared. . . .

CONCLUSION—



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service*

with Communion

**Tuesday, December 24th
6:00 PM**

We Support Our Church By:

Our Service This Week

Ushers: Ray & Dora Nelson,
Regina Warfel

Acolytes: Zander Liszeski
Storm Millsaps

Lay Reader:

Trustee: Alan Johnson

Coffee Bar:

Janet Tweed is coordinating our coffee bar. If you would like to provide goodies and host the coffee bar please see her and/or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the coffee bar.

Our Presence Last Week:

Sunday School	32
Worship	91

Our Gifts for December:

General Fund

Needed for monthly budget	\$ 20,304
Received in December	\$ 19,838

Building Fund

Needed for mortgage payment	\$4,034
Received in December	\$ 15,718

Memorial Fund

Memorial Garden Fund in Dec	\$ 140
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Prayer Requests for December 22nd

Please remember to keep all of these members and friends along with their families in your prayers.

Steve Cavett (Shane Cavett's dad)
Eli Zinck (5 yr old friend of the Barr family)
Josh & Haley Knight and new baby
Theodore Wesley

Tina Smith

Dwaine & Carolyn Peters

The Loaves & Fishes program

Larry Wayne

Melvin Hall

Richard Hall

(Reba Hall's brother-in-law)

Virginia Jacobs

(Carol McKenzie's sister)

Jimmy Williams and donor family
(Wanda Barger's 11 year old cousin who received a heart transplant last week)

Alfred McClendon

Teresa Manley

Barbara Pennington

Gene Carson

Clifton Greenwood

Shane Garner

(friend of the Cavett family)

Irad Lee

Happening at First UMC for the Week of December 22nd

<u>TODAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM
<u>TUESDAY</u>	Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service	6:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<i>Merry Christmas!!</i>	
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship Service	11:00 AM

Holston United Methodist Home for Children—Next week (the 29th) we will be receiving our **5th Sunday** offering to benefit the Children's Home. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make a difference in a child's life.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will not have regular hours from Dec 23, 2019 thru Jan 1, 2020.

If you need something, please call to see if someone is there to assist you.

We will be back to regular hours on Jan 2.

Coming Soon

- Sun, Jan 5 **The Class Meeting** book study will start after worship. More info at the coffee bar and in the December newsletter.
- Wed, Jan 8 **Youth/IGNITE** 6 PM
Choir Practice 7 PM
- Sun, Jan 12 **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** 8:30 AM at Fat Stacks
- Mon, Jan 13 **Trustees** 6 PM in the Conference Room
- Tue, Jan 14 **Finance Committee** 6 PM in the Conference Room

Special Day Offering

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Your generous gift today enriches ministry
and connects students to their faith.

Your donations anytime this month
will be appreciated.

Make your check payable to FUMC, write
Student Day on the memo line.

Please use the envelopes that are on the table
by the bulletins.



Theodore Wesley Knight

made his appearance on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 12:40 AM
weighing in at 7 lb 12 oz and 19 inches long.

Parents are Joshua and Haley Knight.

Proud grandparents are our own Rev. Keith & Nancy Knight
and Warren and Noreen Mays.

Let's all keep this young family in our prayers.



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