

EFUMC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 15

INFORMER DEADLINE

8:40 a.m. SonRise Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, December 16

10:00 a.m. Days for Girls

Tuesday, December 17

10:00 a.m. Knit Wits
6:30 p.m. Seasons of Praise

Wednesday, December 18

6:00 p.m. College Dinner
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 19

5:15 p.m. Handbells

Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday

8:30 - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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December 15 Volunteers

SonRise Service

Greeter: Jen Johnston, Jill Powell

Lay Welcomer: Julie Dangler

Advent Candles: Sandy Bandy

Nursery: Emily Eppler

Ushers: Bob Dean, Ned Jones

Communion: Sandy Bandy, John Spearman

Mugging: Greg Belle

Traffic Jam: Jeff Fogle

11:00 Worship

Altar Guild: Daisy & Jim Ruud

Acolyte: Seth Boyles

Lay Reader: Calvin & Jennifer Clayton

Greeter: T. D. Burnette

Nursery: Tabby Weston

Ushers: T. D. Burnette, Jim Fogle,
Jimmy Jones, Riley King, Dale Mayson

Visitor Registration: Carmen Baxter

Mugging: Cindi Fogle

Welcome Table: Kim Cannon

Technical Support: Shirley Mayer &
Kathie Waters

December 22 Volunteers

SonRise Service

Greeter: Anna & Heidi Mathis

Lay Welcomer: Gary Mathis

Advent Candles: Jill Powell

Nursery: Emily Eppler

Ushers: Greg Belle, David McFadden

Communion: Charlene & Larry Fetterly

Mugging: Greg Belle

Traffic Jam: Barbara Clark

11:00 Worship

Altar Guild: Daisy & Jim Ruud

Acolyte: Hunter Boyles

Lay Reader:

Greeter: Riley King

Nursery: Judy Daughtride

Ushers: T. D. Burnette, Jim Fogle,
Jimmy Jones, Riley King, Dale Mayson

Visitor Registration: Kathie Waters

Mugging: Judy Daughtride

Welcome Table: Chris & Tabby Weston

Technical Support: Shirley Mayer &
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Grow in Christ. Reach out to others.

*Providing families and individuals a Christ-centered option
in an increasingly complex and changing world through:*

Welcoming well

Meaningful worship

Encouraging small groups

Training teachers and leaders

SONRISE SERVICE

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

***Gathering Song** "Joy to the World" (Unspeakable Joy)

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Dangler

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Sandy Bandy

***Song of Preparation** "O Come, All Ye Faithful/We Adore You"
Presentation of White Christmas Gifts

Children's Moments/Building the Crèche

Rev. Deana Gentry

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5

Rev. Ken Owens

Sermon

Rev. Owens

Offering

Offertory

"Noel"

Great Thanksgiving

***Communion Song** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***Sending Forth**

*Those who are able, please stand.



Two College and Career Age Events At Easley First UMC

College & Career Christmas Party & Dinner

Wednesday, December 18

6:00 p.m. Gathering 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Easley FUMC Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by Sunday, December 15

with Tracee Simpson at

tsimp1985@aol.com

Also

Coffee & Pastry Hour

During the Sunday School Hour

Sunday, December 22

10:00-10:45 a.m.

In Trinity Center

Come join your friends at both events!

For more info contact Tracee Simpson at

tsimp1985@aol.com

or Rev. Deana Gentry at

deana@easleyfumc.org

YOUTH EVENTS

TONIGHT – The Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Meet in the youth room. We start with appetizers at the church and then take the bus to all the homes.

Lake J Ski Trip is February 7-9 - YOUTH AND PARENTS! Put this on your calendar and start preregistering for this trip by letting Deana know if you are planning to attend and if you are bringing friends.

Don't have youth but would love to support youth ministries?

We have a snack supper every Sunday for youth. Like to provide a dinner, let Deana know. We also need two subs who are available to teach Youth Sunday School.

Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed

Starting January 5, we need at least 2 additional teachers. Each teacher would teach once a month. We also need a few assistants. Please let Deana know if you are feeling called to this vital ministry.

EFUMC Financial Report	
As of 12/9/2019	2019 Actual
Operating:	
Pledged Revenue	329,173
Non-Pledged Revenue	157,581
Total Operating Revenue	486,754
Operating Expenses:	(500,068)
Under	(13,314)
Annual Budget	623,884
% of Budget Received to Date	78%
Non-Operating Revenue	33,292
Weekly offering	13,450
Weekly goal	13,000
Over	450
Attendance	
Sunday School: 88	
Worship: 213	

2019 donations are due in the office by 11:00 a.m. on December 30. If mailed they must be received that day. Thank you for your faithful support of EFUMC!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

Chimes of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notices

Rev. Ken Owens

Opening Voluntary

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ARR. CAROLYN HAMLIN

Call to Worship

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*Hymn No. 202

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

Presentation of White Christmas Gifts

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Calvin & Jennifer Clayton

Hymn

"Advent Song" Verse 3

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Light the Advent candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony;
Angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Daniel James Correll, Jr.

No. 39

Song TFWS No. 2249

"God Claims You" (verse 2 insert name D. J.)

FARR

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"O Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

DAVID ANGERMAN

Children's Moments/Building the Crèche

Rev. Deana Gentry

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5
Pew Bible page 926 NT

Rev. Owens

Sermon

Rev. Owens

Solo

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

Rev. Jim Correll

Offering & Offertory

"Noel"

CHARLES COLLIN

*Doxology

No. 95

*Hymn No. 230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

*Blessing

*Benediction Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Give Us Peace)

*Closing Voluntary

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

GENEVAN PSALTAR 1551

****Those who are able, please stand.***

Guests! Thank you for joining us in worship. If you will leave us contact information, we will be glad to send you the weekly bulletin by email. **First time guests, please fill out the bright yellow card and give it to the “Mugger” at the door.**

Live Nativity Participants

Baby Jesus	Will Finley
Mary	Emily Eppler
Joseph	Carson Daley
Shepherds	Harrison Daley, Ross Gentry
Angels	Madison Daley, Clara Whitehead
Wise Men	Alasdair Hoxit, Griffin Mason, Olivia Mathis
Star Bearer	Anna Mathis



If you would like to purchase a fried turkey, the Missions Team has 3 remaining for sale. The cost is \$40. Please contact Alice Vander Linden or Greg Belle to purchase.

Human Relations Day Sunday - January 19, 2020

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- ◇ An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- ◇ A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- ◇ An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential.

Will You Support the Ministry of Christ Among Those on the Margins?

Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities’ self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus’ story of the Good Samaritan: “to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality.”

Next Sunday is Food to the Altar Sunday!

You are encouraged to bring staple foods to church next week, and all donations will be given to United Christian Ministries to stock their food pantry. Current pantry needs are: canned meals (beef stew, chicken & dumplings, ravioli, etc.) canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned meats/fish, canned soups, corn, green beans, diapers-sizes 2 to 6, bar bath soap, and laundry detergent.

United Christian Ministries needs help filling **Christmas Dinner Boxes**. The contents of the boxes must be consistent; here is what is needed: **2 boxes macaroni and cheese, 1 cake mix, 1 large can green beans, 1 container frosting, 1 large can yams, 1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix**. Financial gifts to support UCM’s bulk purchasing of hams or turkeys for each dinner box are critical to make this outreach work! A suggested donation of \$10/box is appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the church office or at UCM, 303 Dacusville Hwy. 29640.

From the Staff Parish Relations Committee

We take this opportunity to thank our staff for the great job they have done for us this year. Most work many hours more than they are compensated and it shows in their respective performances.

At this time of year, we know that everyone would like to show their appreciation to the staff. Some may choose to do this individually. Others may prefer to do this collectively. For those who would like to show your appreciation collectively, please place your **checks made payable to EFUMC** in an envelope marked “**staff gift**.” Your gifts will be appreciated even though we know their love and dedication to EFUMC far exceeds the amount of their respective compensation. Please place gifts in the offering plate today or take them to the church office by Thursday, December 19.

General Conference 2020 Listening Sessions

As we approach General Conference which is May 5-15 in Minneapolis, the SC delegation is holding listening sessions. They will explain how the UM system works, hear concerns and answer questions. Questions may be submitted in advance. The delegation is equally split between laity and clergy.

Two sessions are of interest to us. One will be at 3:00 p.m. on February 16, at Mauldin UMC. The other will be an online session at 3:00 p.m. on February 23.

Registration is free, but please register in advance, at umcsc.org/gc2020.