



THE BEACON

WATAUGA FIRST
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

December 2019

A Message from Our Pastor

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who shared your pledge commitment card with our church this year. You are an important part of the ministry of First United Methodist Church of Watauga and of God's work in our community and the world. Through your gifts, you will be a part of changing the lives of children, youth, and adults, ministering to those in need, and welcoming others into the embrace of Christ.

Over the past several weeks, we've been looking at how God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others and how to put God first in our finances. We've focused on a new way of living from what most of us are used to and have been encouraged to recognize and experience God's abundance. We've talked together about generosity, and we've seen that we can never have the life we want most—a life of joy—until we learn to give the gift of generosity.

Generosity changes us. We were created to be generous, and our generosity can be a great blessing in our lives. I pray that through your giving, you will find that blessings flow back into your life—blessings that you're not expecting and that surprise you. I pray that you will find that your generosity changes the world as it changes one person at a time. This is my prayer for you—and for our entire congregation.

My hope is that you will find yourself blessed as you experience joy in your generosity. Again, thank you for all that you do to make possible the ministry of our church. You make a difference here!

Keep the Faith and Love Always,
Rev. Sheila

"Be generous. Give to the poor. Get yourselves a bank that can't go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bank robbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on.

It's obvious, isn't it?

The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being. Luke 12:33-34



Celebrate Christmas

Combined Sunday Worship
December 15

The 8:30 and 10:30 am Sunday worship gatherings will combine into one service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am to enjoy the Choir Cantata (Musical).

Christmas Eve
Carols,
Communion,
and Candlelight
December 24
7 pm

Christmas Eve features Christmas songs and a traditional telling of the Christmas story.

Worship God, Learn the Scripture, Live it in the world.

**Please
Remember**

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Acolytes	Counters
1 Dec	Rosemary Norris and Wendy Garcia	Nikki McLeroy	Jacob Hoppe	Duane Buckley and Henry Harrison
8 Dec	Yoma and Don Johnson	Carol McKone	Jackson Godwin	Carol McKone and Jim Bates
15 Dec	David Adair and Susan Tucker	Melanie Bell	Maddie Mazza	Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley
22 Dec	Debbie and Henry Harrison	Betty King	Ethan Corrigan	Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion
29 Dec	Youth	Jack Bell	Emma Corrigan	Duane Buckley and Mike Duncan

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Potluck Dinner
At 6:00 PM

4 Dec	Chicken
11 Dec	Italian
18 Dec	Salads
25 Dec	Not meeting this week.

Bible Study
At 6:45 PM

New Day Worship
at 7:30 PM

Church Office will be closed:

- * Tuesday, 24 December 2019, Christmas Eve
- * Wednesday, 25 December 2019, Christmas Day
- * Thursday, 26 December 2019



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Mission Statement

Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.

Vision Statement

Worship God,
Learn the Scripture,
Live it in the World

Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Sunday, 8 December 2019, at 11:45 AM

We will have our annual potluck and "White Elephant" gift exchange. You won't want to miss this time for a meal, fellowship, and entertainment.

The gift for the exchange, if new, shouldn't exceed \$10. However, an actual white elephant gift is usually something from your home that is useful or comical, is no longer wanted or needed, and will be a fun gift for someone else. I am looking forward to sharing all this with our church family.

Yoma Johnson



Christmas Card Booklet



We will once again do our One for All Christmas Booklet. Each person or family can submit one card to send to members of our church. You can use one you have, choose one that is provided, make your own, or write something personal.

It's all about sending a card to your church family.

We will take orders beginning 17 November 2019 until 8 December 2019.

Pricing is as follows:

\$7 for a quarter page
\$11 for a half page
\$20 for a full page.



We hope everyone will participate.

If you have questions about this, just ask Doris Maxwell (jdmaxwell@sbcglobal.net), Barb Buckley (craftgirlbarb@aol.com), or Yoma Johnson (yjohnson003@sbcglobal.net).



Thank you to Melanie and Jack Bell and Rosemary Norris for picking out a dozen coats for needy students that were taken to the middle school before the hard freeze arrived.

All of our winter and Christmas merchandise is now displayed. We have big, beautiful Christmas Village pieces for \$8-\$15, collectable carnival and antique glassware, a "new" black crib for \$30, and a gorgeous '73 Framus acoustic guitar (made in Bavaria, Germany) in a hard case. A couple of the Beatles played this brand when they became famous! Make an offer! Pawn shop told me they'd price it at \$100. Thank you, Audra Collins, for putting lots of merchandise pictures on Facebook!

Your donations allow us to serve our community and our church. God Bless You!

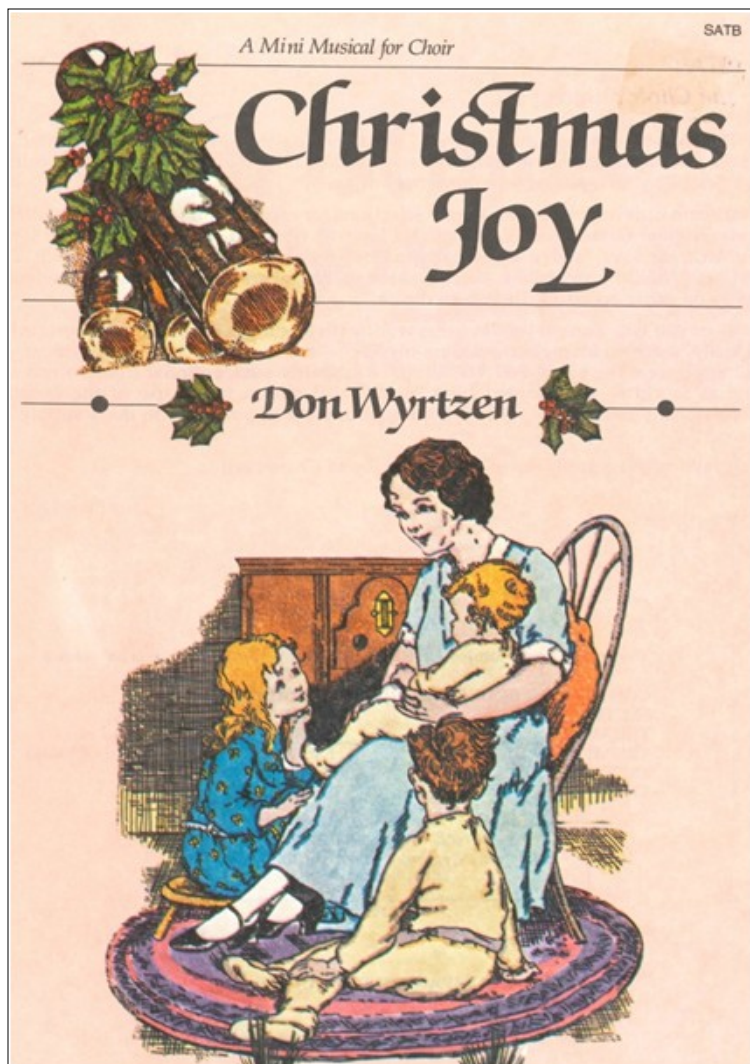
Ruth Strong



Sharing CHRISTmas

Dates to remember:

- * 8 December: Gifts are due at First United Methodist Church of Watauga.
- * 10 December: Join us at 9:00 AM at First United Methodist Church of Hurst to pack boxes of food for the families.
- * 14 December: Gather at First Baptist Church of Watauga at 9:00 AM to help deliver the food boxes and gifts to these families.



Please join us Sunday, 15 December 2019,
for the worship service at 10:30 AM,
to enjoy our Christmas Cantata, Christmas Joy.



Christmas Word Scramble

1. dnorewadnl

2. escrogo

3. asnat lacsu

4. teesrnsp

5. uhrdplo

6. ejssu

7. mashcrist eert

8. bwos

9. enol

10. wnmosan

11. rwehta

12. ndyca ance

13. yollh

14. ftgis

15. nirgch

16. emryr

17. ngtsoikc

18. gnwraipp

19. tooeicadrsn

20. eblls



Answers: 1. wonderland, 2. scrooge, 3. Santa Claus, 4. presents, 5. Rudolph, 6. Jesus, 7. Christmas tree, 8. bows, 9. Noel, 10. snowman, 11. wreath, 12. candy cane, 13. holly, 14. gifts, 15. Grinch, 16. merry, 17. stocking, 18. wrapping, 19. decorations, 20. bells



The end of the year is here and looking back there were a couple events to be proud of. First, getting the parking lot resurfaced and second, getting our Connectional Mission Giving paid in full in October. It has been a few years since we have paid anything to Connectional Mission Giving, so thank you.

As the Finance Team works to accept a workable budget for 2020, there are a few changes in the upcoming budget that will be added that will increase the budget. For example: our supplies for cleaning/paper goods, web site fees and costs, AED fees, fire alarm expenses, and others. The 2020 budget will be larger, but it will show a more accurate picture of what we spend.

Rev. Sheila and the Finance Team want to thank all volunteers that made 2019 a success.

The Lord is growing and working in our church. Let us take the light outside the walls and let it shine. God bless and guide you and your family throughout the new year!

Thank you All for what you do at FUMC of Watauga!

Your Finance chairman,
Duane R Buckley
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Spencer Thomas	12/01
Armand Fondren	12/05
Betty Thatcher	12/08
Carol Ann Montgomery	12/12
Kaleta Fondren	12/15
John Mila	12/15
David Thatcher	12/20
John Reddin	12/21
Faith Maxwell	12/24
Seth Maxwell	12/25
Aaron Davidson	12/26
Kari Moore	12/28
Doyle Gentry	12/29
Betty Gray	12/30

If your birth date is incorrect or is not listed, please email the church office at fumcwatauga@att.net



Continuing

NEED

NorthEast Emergency Distribution
1st Sunday of each month
Donate canned good and non-perishable items (such as baby diapers) for needy families in Tarrant County.
There is a shopping cart in the lobby for these items.

Sandwich Making for the Presbyterian Night Shelter



1st Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the church's kitchen.

Craft Fellowship

Each Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, in the room next to the nursery
Come learn to quilt or bring your craft and fellowship with us.

Ladies Luncheon

2nd Wednesday of each month, at 11:00 AM, at Texas Star Grill:
6101 Rufe Snow Drive
Nikki Clugsten 817-379-9934.



New Day Gatherings

Each Wednesday Night
6:00 PM Community Potluck
6:45 PM Bible Connection Groups
7:30 PM New Day Worship
"A Safe Space Where Everyone Knows Your Name."

Do you know how to sing?

Our choir director would love to have you join the choir and/or the bells.

Contact Darin Hoppe at darinhoppe@gmail.com.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WATAUGA WELCOMES ALL TO COME AND JOIN US

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION SERVICE

8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 A.M.

NEW DAY GATHERINGS

6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK 6:00 TO 6:45,
BIBLE CONNECTION GROUPS, 6:45 TO 7:30,
NEW DAY WORSHIP 7:30 TO 8:00



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