



THE BEACON

WATAUGA FIRST
United Methodist Church

Rev. Sheila Fiorella, Pastor

November 2019

Potluck Dinner

Sunday, 24 November 2019, at 11:45 AM

We will have a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish and we will eat, fellowship, and celebrate Consecration Sunday.



Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner

Thursday, 28 November 2019, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Church members and their families and friends are invited to share a meal ON Thanksgiving Day. It will be a potluck and there will be a sign up sheet so we can plan accordingly. If you know of someone or a family that may be alone, invite them to come and join us. Let me know if you have questions or suggestions. We had plenty of food and fun last year and we are looking forward to it again this year.

Yoma Johnson

817-281-5410



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, 30 November 2019, at 9:00 AM

We will decorate our church for the Christmas season. We hope you can come help and make it a speedy job for all. The church always looks so pretty and festive when decorated. The greenery represents everlasting life and we decorate before Advent in preparation for Christmastide. Please, come join us.



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

**Please
Remember**

Date	Ushers	Liturgists	Acolytes	Counters
3 Nov	Rosemary Norris and Wendy Garcia	Jack Bell	Ethan Corrigan	Carol McKone and Henry Harrison
10 Nov	Yoma and Don Johnson	Ron McLeroy	Emma Corrigan	Carol McKone and Jim Bates
17 Nov	David Adair and Susan Tucker	Christine Crocker	Langdon Corrigan	Lori Duncan and Duane Buckley
24 Nov	Debbie and Henry Harrison	Barb Buckley	Alexis Crocker	Doris Maxwell and Paul Killion

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Potluck Dinner
At 6:00 PM

6 Nov	Soup
13 Nov	Sub Sandwiches
20 Nov	Mexican
27 Nov	Not meeting this week.

Bible Study
At 6:45 PM

New Day Worship
at 7:30 PM

Church Office will be closed:

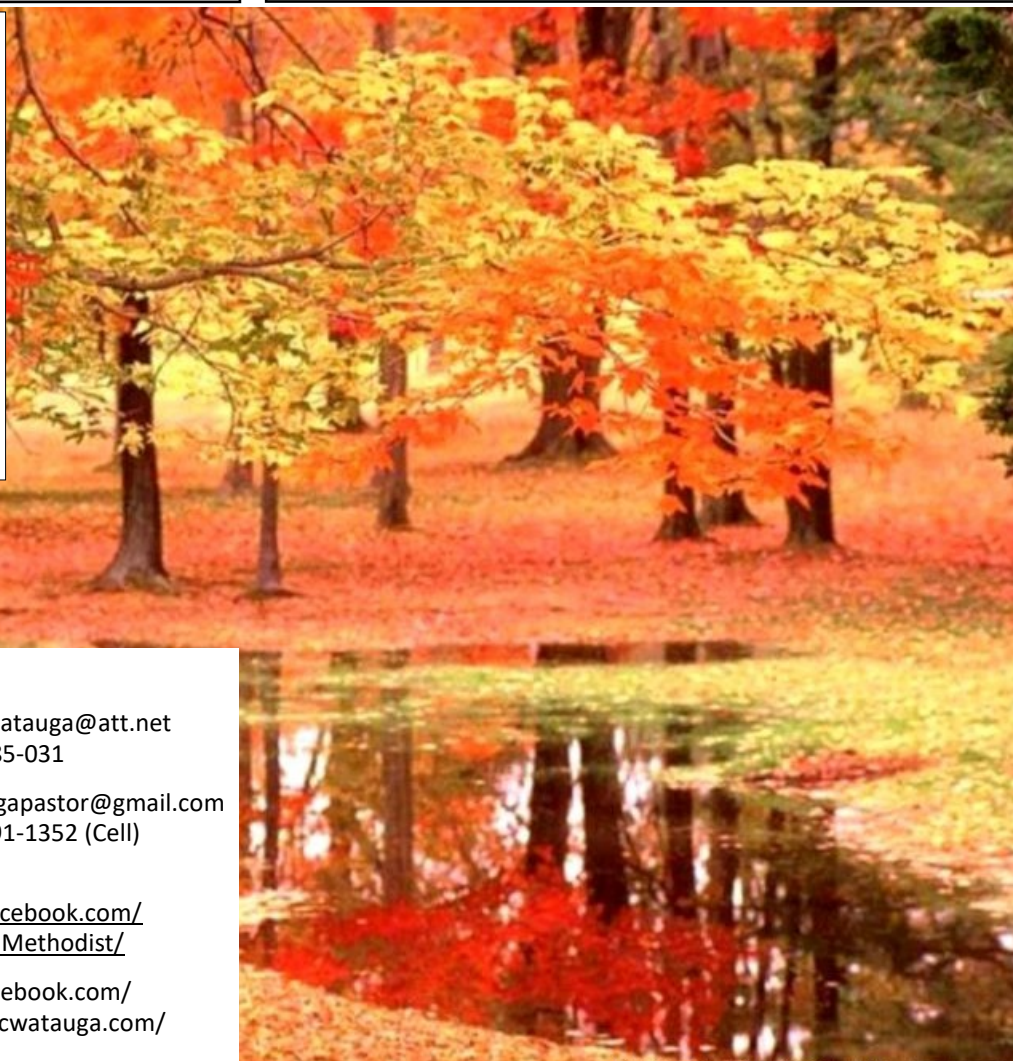
- * Wednesday, 27 November 2019
- * Thursday, 28 November 2019, Thanksgiving Day
- * Tuesday, 24 December 2019, Christmas Eve
- * Wednesday, 25 December 2019, Christmas Day
- * Thursday, 26 December 2019

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



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A Message from Our Pastor

On Sunday, November 3, we begin a new sermon series entitled Give to Live. The weekly schedule is outlined below:

November 3	Motivated by Love Proverbs 3:9-10
November 10	Putting God First in Your Finances Psalm 126
November 17	A New Way Luke 12:32-34
November 24	The Blessing Principle Ephesians 3:14-21

November 24 will be our Consecration Sunday. In worship we will bring our pledge commitment cards forward and consecrate our personal commitments. That day we will also have the opportunity once more to give a special Thanksgiving offering of gifts beyond our regular tithes and offerings. This year we plan to do this with a new twist.

Beginning November 3, one hundred envelopes will be on a table in the lobby numbered 1-100. We ask that you pick up an envelope (or 2 or 3) representing the dollar amount of your gift. (Of course, don't feel limited by that amount if God is prompting you to give even more.) Then enclose your offering and return it on Sunday, November 24, as we commit these special Thanksgiving gifts to the work and ministries of the church.

For 2019, 30 households returned a pledge commitment card as a witness of giving to God and as a way to plan their giving for our ministry. We hope and pray to increase the number of households that will take a step out in faith and return a commitment card for God's ministry and mission at our church in 2020.

Join us in worship throughout November as we celebrate and consecrate our gifts to the ministry of this church in the coming year. We can live as people of hope, learning how to live with simplicity, contentment, generosity, and true joy!

Keep the Faith and Love Always,
Rev. Sheila

Six Key Financial Principles

1. Pay your tithe (10% of your income) and offering first. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
2. Create a budget (see everydollar.com) and track your expenses. (Proverbs 27:23-24)
3. Simplify your lifestyle; live below your means. (Matthew 6:19-33)
4. Establish an emergency fund. (1 Timothy 6:9-12)
5. Pay off your credit cards; use cash or debit cards, not credit cards, for purchases. (Proverbs 22:7)
6. Practice long-range savings and investing habits.



Happy Thanksgiving

Sharing CHRISTmas

It's that time of year again. Our church has the opportunity to participate in the "Sharing Christmas" program benefiting the children and families of the Watauga area. For those familiar with "Sharing Christmas," you may be looking forward to fulfilling a child's Christmas wishes by providing that special toy, a coat, or a new pair of shoes. Or, you may be preparing to bring peanut butter and jelly to add to the food boxes. Mike and I are excited for the chance to once again deliver the food boxes and Christmas gifts to the families we are serving. For those familiar and for those not familiar with "Sharing Christmas," I hope you will join us in this amazing outreach, as through Christ's love, we serve those in our church community.

Each year, through the organization of **Christmas Providers** along with the **First Baptist Church of Watauga**, we provide holiday meals for families in need. We also provide gifts for the children of these families. These are families right here in Watauga. These children attend Watauga Elementary, Watauga Middle School or Grace Hardeman Elementary. These are our families!

There are many ways to participate in Sharing Christmas:

- * Begin now: Bring jars of peanut butter and jelly to be added to the food boxes provided to each family. **No glass please.**
- * 10 November: Adoption cards will be available at First United Methodist Church of Watauga. Gifts will be due back at the church Sunday, 8 December 2019. See Linda Greer or Lori Duncan for the cards and information.
- * 26 November: Tex's Star Grill will host a fundraiser. 15% of receipts from 5:00 to 8:30 pm will go to support Sharing Christmas. We are asked not to use coupons for this event.
- * 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. This is such a blessed day. I hope you can join us!

Most importantly, prayer! Pray for the families in need; pray for the support and service of our members; and pray for those making the deliveries to speak the words given by the Holy Spirit, to reach out to those needing God's love and grace.

Whatever you do in love, I know God will bless you abundantly.

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 (ESV)



Lori Duncan
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UMW 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).



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



Being OPEN the Saturday of Fall Festival brought a LOT of new faces into the Shop - people who drive by frequently but never noticed us before! We met our goal: increase our visibility to the community. Unexpected bonuses: sold \$320 of merchandise that day and a donation from the Piers selling the rest of their collector Barbie Dolls! Many THANKS to all of the volunteers and donators who made Fall Festival a success for the whole church!!!

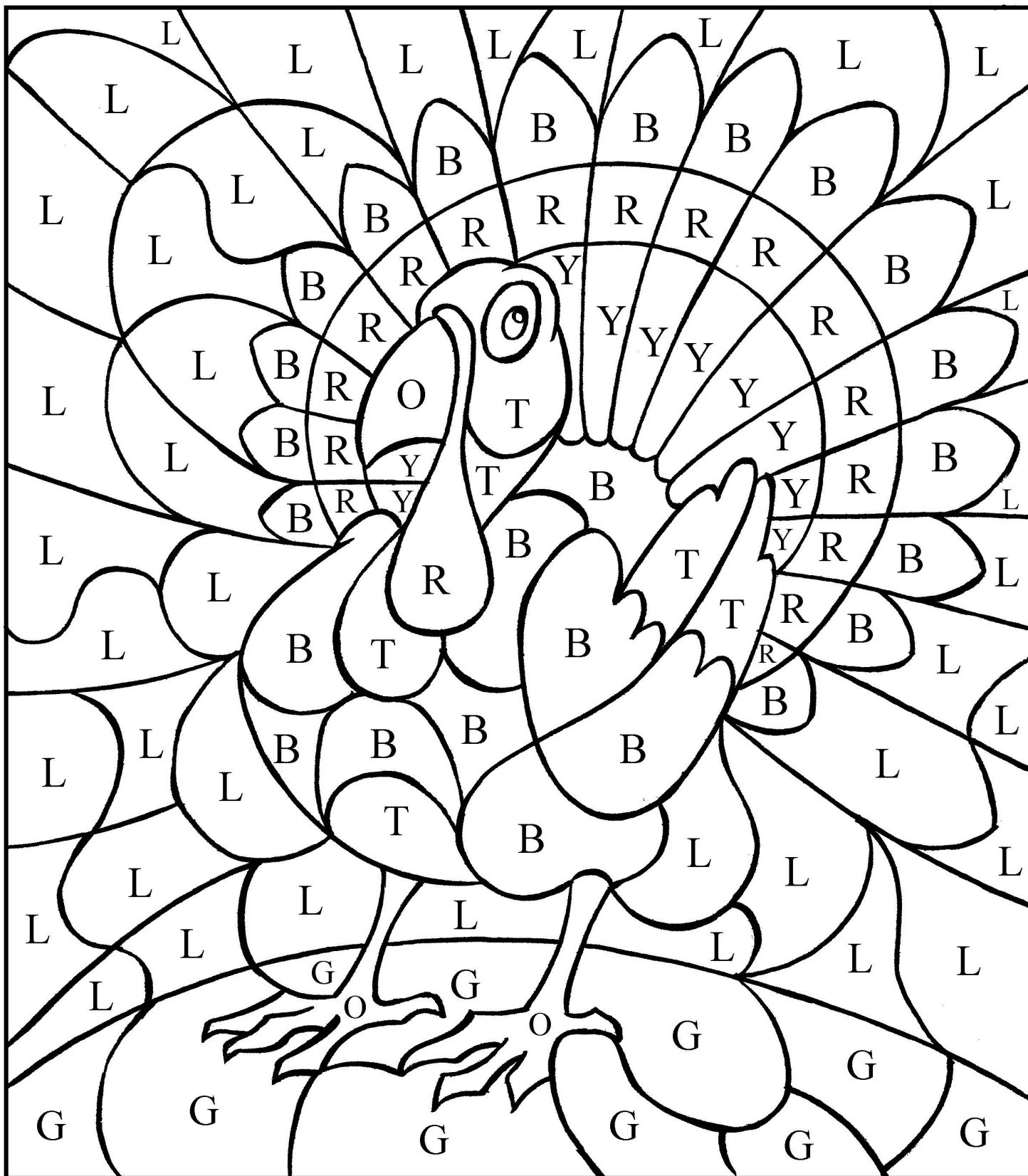
We had visitors at 10:30 Sunday service recently whose first contact with our church was from bringing a donation to the Shop. They mentioned "looking for a neighborhood church." We visited and gave them a bulletin - and they came! Please make a point to welcome visitors so we can grow.

The Shop will be closed Thanksgiving weekend, 29-30 November 2019.

We have new metal stairs now in place by our West exit door. Labor and materials donated by Troy Johnson.

Ruth Strong





B = Brown T = Tan R = Red
 G = Green Y = Yellow W = White
 O = Orange L = Light Blue

www.Reading-With-kids.com



Our budget for 2019 is on track and a little under budget. With fall weather here, our expenses should start decreasing, especially the utilities bills. On a very favorable note, we have paid our connectional mission giving in full for 2019, so THANKS to all for your weekly pledges. As I have said in the past, this is the first year in several years we have paid our full connectional mission giving. Our finances are on track through September. However, I am somewhat concerned that our income in October is the lowest so far this year and the expenses are about \$3,000 more than our income. We will continue to monitor and update as needed.

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 year!

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

Your Finance chairman,
Duane R Buckley
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Justin Duncan	11/01
Randal Grass	11/08
Nicholle Tople	11/11
Mary Frazee	11/13
Terri Robinson	11/13
Michelle Grass	11/14
Farley Russell	11/16
Mike Duncan	11/18
Anna Lisa Perricone	11/19
Janene Renouard	11/21
Brendan Rikken	11/21
Ofa Mila	11/23
Gary Shephard	11/23

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 resumes 2 October
"A Safe Space Where Everyone Knows Your Name."

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, 8 December 2019

Our Children's Christmas program will be during the 10:30 Worship service.

Note:

There will be **no** 8:30 AM Worship Service on this day.

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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