

women of the church are invited. Please come and bring a snack and a \$10 wrapped gift to share and join in on this time of fellowship.

Casual Fellowship - Stop by the church parlor on Wednesdays, between 6:30 - 8 p.m. (please notice the change in time), for some casual fellowship with members of your church family. Bring along your knitting, crocheting, any project you may be working on, or nothing at all. This is a time to sit down, catch your breath, and just visit for a while. Come late, leave early, whatever suits your schedule, but do come for a visit. Contact Renee Kronk (465-8183) or Trudy Stickley (436-8688) if you have any questions.

Hit the Books is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. This is open to all middle and high school students. They will meet to work on homework, projects, getting help, etc. snacks included.

Joy Seekers will meet on Dec. 17, for lunch at 11 a.m. at the Woodstock Cafe and Shoppes. On Thursday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. we will resume our regular schedule and begin a study on the book of Acts. If you did not receive a study guide, please see Marcy Bauserman.

Children's Christmas Program - Dress rehearsal will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, after church in the sanctuary. The program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

A Christmas program, featuring children in preschool through 5th grade, will be held on Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will also feature special music, from children and youth of all ages, which will include instruments and Christmas songs. Come join us for an evening of Christmas music and joy!

The Birthday Tree- During Advent, we will have a Christmas Tree in the back of the sanctuary for "Birthday Gifts for the Child." These gifts (booties, gloves, mittens, socks, scarves, ski caps, etc.) for children will be the decorations for the tree. All donations of these items will be sent to Judy Matheny (UM Ministries) for children who need these items. If you purchase larger gifts, please wrap them, and they will be placed under The Birthday Tree.

Winchester District Leadership Training Day will be held on Friday, Jan. 9 at the Braddock Street UMC, from 8:15- 3:45 p.m. Registration Deadline: All registrations must be received by the District Office on or before Dec. 21. More information may be found on the bulletin board, or by calling the church office (436-9312), or the District office (540-662-7332). A new class has been added. The leaders will be Gary Heaton and Susan Schall, and the class will be "How to be a Five-Talent Academy Church.

Indoor Yard/Bake Sale made approximately \$500 for Drama Ministries. We would like to thank everyone who participated in helping in any way, donating baked goods and for just coming and supporting us. Our Drama Ministries budget is off to a nice start. Next year, an Indoor Yard/Bake sale is being planned--probably in Sept. and then in Nov. we will start an annual Bazaar.

Toms Brook United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2009

Please register your attendance on the pew pads
and kindly turn off cell phones.

The Welcome
The Prelude

Worship Leader
Organist

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Cody Vance & Joanne Vance
**Trudy Stickley and family

Pastor: "Christ came that all may have abundant life."
(based on John 10:10)

Laity: John 3:16-17

Pastor: Who needs an expression of God's love today?
What places in your life and in the world need
more abundant life? As the third candle is lit,
reflect upon your **ABUNDANT LIFE** in Christ.

**Laity: Let us pray. God of ever-expanding love, we
bring ourselves to you, and with us all those
who are in need. We remember those who
suffer due to illness, war, poverty, estrangement,
injustice, or any other condition that steals the
abundant life that you want for each of us. God
of all creation, Spirit of redemption, may your will
be done on earth as it is in heaven, now and forever.
Amen**

The Invocation

The Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" 240

The Children's Moment
The Children's Church (at 11:00 for ages 4-10)

The Offertory of Tithes & Gifts
The Giving Ushers
The Doxology

Third Sunday
in Advent



~Lay Ministry~

Greeters

*Leo & Gloria Ryman
**Scott Currie &
Kay Crawford

Nursery Workers

*H.B. Sager
**Sharon McCarthy &
Sarah Maynard

Acolytes

*Eli Keller
**Audrie Wieber

Ushers

*Larry Holler, Jimmy Peter-
son, Brian Funkhouser,
Mary Fay

**Stanley & Jean Wright
Ellen Kern, Mike Cockrell

Parking Lot Greeters

*Doug Midkiff
**Chuck & Donna Eagle

S. S. Parking Lot Greeter

Gary Kronk

Children's Church

Cathy Brennan



~Missionaries~

Dr. Judy Matheny,
UM Ministries
Jean Martin, S.C.P.C.

Pat Spory, VEFC
Volunteer Farm

* 8:30 **11:00

The Joys & Concerns		
The Prayers		
The Lord's Prayer		
The Ministry of Music	"Come on Down to Bethlehem"	895
	*Master's Choir	
	**Linda Delano	
The Scripture Reading	Isaiah 35:1-10	
The Hymn	"Star-Child"	2095
The Sermon	"Crown of Everlasting Joy"	Pastor
The Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	238
The Benediction		
The Postlude		Organist

~ Advent & Christmas Eve Sermons ~

Dec. 20 - "The Increase of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6-7)
 Dec. 24 - "Beautiful Child" (Luke 2:1-20)

Bishop: **Charlene Kammerer**
 District Superintendent: **David Forrest**
 Pastor: **Joe Klotz, Jr.**
 Lay Leader: **Bobby Funkhouser**
 Worship Leaders: **Bobby Funkhouser, Emmett Umberger**

Our Staff:

Youth Minister: **Erin Hubbard**
 Administrative Assistant: **Brenda Kline**
 Director of Music: **Marcy Bauserman**
 Children's Ministry Coordinator: **Cindy Frenzel**
 Temple Keeper: **Irma Martinez**

Church Office: **436-9312** Church Phone: **436-3841**
 Email: tbumc@shentel.net
 Website: www.tombsbrookumc.org

~Remember In~

Prayer

Scott Gray
 Clinton Peacemaker, III

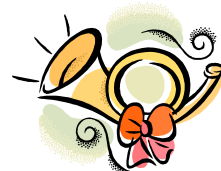
Dawson
 Gene Taylor
 Stan's mom
 Sarah Maynard
 Steve Vaughan
 Joe

Kris Hogan
 Person with heart problems

Lilly Ritenour family
 Jr. Ryman
 Beth Heaton
 Tommy Ryan family
 Bob Bauserman
 Ed

Mike Hargrave
 Bill Mann
 Martha Milk
 Vicki Sweet
 Ricky Griffey
 Margaret Tisinger family

Buddy Gilbert
 Edna Curry
 Alex Buckley
 William Griffey
 Marty Ryman



Nursing Homes/Hosp.

Consulate Health

Care:

Judy Kern
 Hilda Wolfe

Dutch Haven:

Mary Anna Lichliter
 Joe Blackburn
 Jeff Jeffery

Ministry Opportunities

Looking For a Church Home? Are you looking for a Church Family? There is a place here for YOU to make a difference. Ask one of our ushers for a welcome information packet. Please sign our pew register so that we can get to know you better. Check out our web-site: www.tombsbrookumc.org.

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of Billie Beane Lively by the Lively family.

Newsletter/Bulletin – The January newsletter will have an Odds & Ends Column. Do you have something to sell? Do you want to post services that you offer? Email or call the church office. Newsletter deadline is Monday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. The church office will be closed on Dec. 24 & 25. If you have bulletin announcements that need to go in for Dec. 27, please send it into the church office by the morning of Dec. 22.

Building Plan Informational Meeting will be held *today*, and Jan. 3, during the Sunday School hour.

Young Seekers (3rd to 5th graders) will *today*, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. The group will be decorating cookies. **Young Seekers are asked to bring a packed lunch!!**

Worship Kick-Off Meeting - We will be holding a brief "Kick-off" meeting on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall to start planning for the new 11:00 Worship Service. This meeting will be a brief "organizational meeting" to establish who is on the taskforce and who has what task to work on in preparation for an early Jan. meeting. This would keep us on track for an early Feb. "kickoff." If you are interested in helping but cannot attend on the 14, please let Debbie Buckley (436-3392) know so I keep you on the list for the next meeting.

Hearts & Hands will be wrapping the Christmas presents for our adopted family on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. If we have enough people helping, we can get the job done prior to our Annual Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. We will also be exchanging \$10 Christmas-themed presents by means of playing "Thieves' Christmas." All

~Calendar~

Today, December 13, 2009

8:30—Worship
 9:45—Sunday School
 9:45—Building Plan
 Informational Meeting
 11:00—Worship
 12:30—Children's Play Practice
 12:30—Young Seekers (FH)
 Sr. Youth
 2:00—Dinner Theatre
 Rehearsal (FH)

Monday, December 14

7:00—Worship Kick-off Meet.

Tuesday, December 15

11:00—Staff Meeting
 6:30—Prayer Group (S)
 7:30—Hearts & Hands (FH)

Wednesday, December 16

6:30—Casual Fellowship (P)
 6:30—Hit the Books (FH)
 7:30—Master's Choir (S)

Thursday, December 17

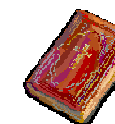
11:00—Joy Seekers
 12:00—Clergy Peer Gr. (P)

Friday, December 18

6:00—Dinner Theatre (FH)

Saturday, December 19

6:00—Dinner Theatre (FH)



~Stewardship~

December 6, 2009

Sunday school: (Snow)

Worship: (**109)
 \$5,905

Building F.: \$100

Food Pantry: \$216

VEFC: \$30

Lend-a-Hand: \$282

Russia Mission: \$1,250