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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. Thank you for your generosity!

Building Committee Update on New Church Expansion Project- The **Building Committee** has been working hard to move forward on plans for a church expansion. They have prepared a smaller scale project than the earlier plans approved in 2006. Therefore, a **"Called Church Conference"** will be held on **Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 12 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Our District Superintendent, Rev. David Forrest will preside over the meeting. The purpose of this conference is to approve the **NEW** preliminary building plans, project budget, and financial plan.

With the approval of the church conference, the **Building Committee** and **Finance Committee** will proceed with developing ***detailed architectural drawings***, updating *project budget***,** and developing a ***Capital Funds Campaign***. A final "Called Charge Conference" will be scheduled to approve these plans.

With the approval of the "Called Charge Conference," the expansion project can begin in earnest. The congregation is encouraged to attend the next informational meeting on January 10, during Sunday School. All information will be posted on the bulletin board for review. Any questions can be addressed to Building Committee Chairman, **Mil Wallen,** (540-459-8875 or mlwiii@shentel.net **).**

Toms Brook United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2009

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

The Welcome — Worship Leader
The Prelude — Organist

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath — *Bob & Marcy Bauserman, **Paul & Debbie Buckley

Pastor: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Luke 4:18)
Laity: Isaiah 61:1-3
Pastor: What is God's call for your life? What present situations tug at you and call you to loving action? As the Fourth candle is lit, reflect upon the **CALL OF GOD** upon your life.
Laity: Let us pray. Unwavering God, the persistence of your call is matched only by the tenacity of your love. Your Spirit beckons us each moment, calling us by name. Help us to listen and follow with courage. In all things may we be molded in the image of the perfect servant, your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

The Invocation

The Hymn — **"Angels from the Realms of Glory"** — **220**

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
The Joys & Concerns
The Prayers
The Lord's Prayer — **895**

~Lay Ministry~

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

Nursery Workers
*Jennifer Funkhouser
**Holly Taft & Elizabeth Keller

Acolytes
*Abby Morrison
**Evan Davis

Ushers
*Larry Holler, Jimmy Peterson, 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
Linda Hudgins

~Missionaries~
Dr. Judy Matheny, UM Ministries
Jean Martin, S.C.P.C.
Pat Spory, VEFC
Volunteer Farm

* 8:30 **11:00

The Ministry of Music *Linda Delano

"Come on Down to Bethlehem"
(Robert Marshall & Pastor Joe on drums)

**Master's Choir

The Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

The Hymn **"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"** **236**

The Sermon "The Increase of Peace" Pastor

The Hymn **"Joy to the World"** **246**

The Benediction

The Postlude Organist

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~ Christmas Eve Sermon ~

Dec. 24 - "Beautiful Child" (Luke 2:1-20)

~ Christmastide Sermon ~

Dec. 27 - "Alpha & Omega" (Revelation 21:1-6a)

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**

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~Remember In~ Prayer

Scott Gray
Clinton Peacemaker, III
Thomas Hollingsworth
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Joanne Vance
Dot Maddox
Amy Thorpe
Buddy Hudgins
our military & families
Christine Orndorff
Ricky Stultz family
Hattie Funkkhouser family
Dolly Racy family
Kim Wieber
Will
Derek Snarr
Gilbert family
Linda Holsinger
college students
Mike Sheetz
Dawson
Gene Taylor
Stan's mom
Sarah Maynard
Steve Vaughan
Joe
Kris Hogan
Person with heart problems

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.tomsbrookumc.org.

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Bob & Marcy Bauserman in memory of Anna Virginia Snarr.

Congratulations to Jim & Marty Ryman on the birth of their daughter, Carson Elizabeth Ryman. She was born on Dec. 10, and she weighed 7lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. She has reddish hair. Leo & Gloria are the proud grandparents and Carson & Wilma Ryman, along with Bob Artz are her great-grandparents.

Bulletin – 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 Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program - A Christmas program, featuring children in preschool through 5th grade, will be held *tonight*, 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!

Secret Sister Tea, "final reveal and Christmas party," will be held on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. Bring your favorite tea, a dessert, a Christmas gift for your secret sister and a "white elephant" gift. Anyone who did not participate this past year but would like to this coming year, please come and just bring a "white elephant" gift. We will be filling out new forms and drawing names for the coming year. If you would like to be involved, but can't make the tea, please contact Ellen Prince, 436-8165 or Renee Kronk, 465-8183 and we will make sure that you get a form to fill out. Just be sure to contact us BEFORE the day of the party so we have your form. This is more for sending cards and praying for each other and our families. We also have a "Christmas in July" tea just for a mid-year get together. I hope lots of you will respond and join us this year.

~Calendar~

Today, December 20, 2009
8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
9:45—Building Plan Informational Meeting
11:00—Worship
7:00—Children's Christmas Program

Monday, December 21
Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, December 22
6:30—Prayer Group (S)
6:30—Pine Meadows

Wednesday, December 23
7:30—Master's Choir (S)

Thursday, December 24
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~Stewardship~

December 13, 2009
Sunday school: (88) $103
Worship: (*65 **101) $3,706
Building F.: $100
Food Pantry: $188
Lighthouse Gro.: $70
S.C.P.C.: $30
Lend-a-Hand: $500