

The Newsletter of Kitty Hawk UMC

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From Your Associate Pastor:

"The waiting is the hardest part".

One of my favorite artists is Tom Petty, and he writes a song entitled "The Waiting". In this song the chorus asserts that "...the waiting is the hardest part." In life, the waiting is often the hardest part in so many instances. This is especially true when it comes to the Christmas season. Each year, we marvel at how Christmas seems to come earlier and earlier. We can barely make it past Halloween without being bombarded with Christmas decorations, lights, and department stores advertising for the season. Even in the church, it is quite the temptation to jump right to Christmas after the Thanksgiving holidays. Although there is much to love about Christmas, the Advent season of waiting is crucial to experiencing the miracles of Christmas. The Advent season of waiting with expectancy for Christ's arrival and making ourselves ready for Christ's return is important to our lives as Christians. Traditionally, the Advent season has been a time where Christians prepare themselves for Christ's return by examining our lives, repairing our souls, and getting our homes and lives ready for such an important visitor.

This Advent season I invite you to take a step back from the stress, the busyness, and the worry that this season often brings. Take some time to prepare for Jesus. A first step of preparing for Jesus is to reflect upon the first Advent and make ourselves mindful of the setting in which Christ's birth took place. Through this story we get a feel for what a momentous occasion it was for God to come in our midst, and how we must ready ourselves for the Second Advent when God returns. Yes, the waiting is the hardest part, and as we wait for Christ's return, we are reminded of the prophets of old who also waited and groaned for Christ to come to their world. As we wait and live in a time between two advents, let us take this time as an opportunity to ready ourselves for the second Advent. Let us put off the commercialized message of Christmas that society feeds us, and ready ourselves with fear and trembling for the coming of Christ our Lord and Savior.

Peace,
Pastor Colin

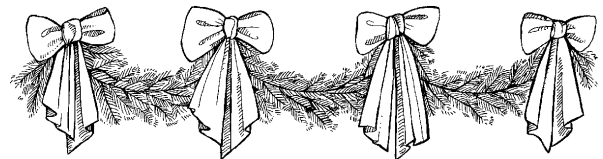
December, 2009

Christmas Drama



Family Christmas Festival
December 13

Everyone is invited to come out and experience this fun-filled event. The highlight of the evening will be our Children's Drama/Musical that involves over forty-five children! "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior" will begin promptly at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, December 13. After the performance, we will enjoy a delicious covered-dish dinner together. Please bring your favorite family-sized casserole dish to share. Afterwards, Santa will be paying our little ones a visit and will have a special treat for each child. Please join us for this special Christmas event.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Each year, our membership looks forward to a wonderful time of Christmas Worship Music from our Choirs. This year the performance will be presented on Sunday, December 20, at both services. Come to enjoy worship services on that day to hear the music ministry of our choirs as they present "I Have Seen the Light". This musical performance will portray the search for Christmas.

December Children's Church Schedule

	8:30	11:00
12/06	Sharon Schreyer	Rose Hudgins
12/13	Stacy Bell	Amy Johnson
12/20	Lorraina Godley	Michelle Mull
12/27	Sharon Schreyer	Kristen Bernard

Youth News

A Note from Angel: It has been just over a month now that Ross, Christian, Mack and I moved from Florida to the OBX. Most of my family is enjoying the cooler weather! We are really enjoying the small-town atmosphere. We are so thankful and blessed by the warm welcome that we've received at Kitty Hawk UMC. When we visited in September, there were indications that this was a very friendly church community. Now that we are settled in, we find it to be very true. I'm very excited about youth and children's ministry at KHUMC and look forward to the many positive possibilities and opportunities for our young people. The future is bright! My door is always open, and I look forward to getting to know all of you better.

Youth Advent Retreat

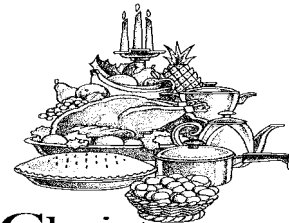
Our Junior and Senior High Youth will experience an Advent Retreat December 4 through December 6. The theme of the Retreat is "Preparing for the Light". If you have not already contacted our Youth Director, Angel Doeblner, please do so right away for registration forms. A wonderful ocean front beach house has been donated to accommodate our Youth Group. The cost is \$50 per youth, and \$20 for additional siblings. Registration is required. Parents who are interested in assisting as chaperones for this weekend, and those interested in coordinating meals, are asked to please contact Angel at 261-2062.

Progressive Dinners

Youth are encouraged to contact Angel regarding the Junior High dinner on Sunday, December 27, and the Senior High dinner on Monday, December 28. If your junior or senior high youth would like to participate, please contact Kathy Weeks.

A Big "Thank You"

So many "thank you's" are in order for those that have contributed to our renovation of the youth room, and I know I'll forget someone! Those that I know: Jim Davis for all of his hard work in the door framing and finishing, the molding and baseboards throughout the room; Doug Meekins for the carpeting; Pat Piland for the furniture; and for all of the artists, painters, others who have contributed to the completion of the room, we **THANK YOU!** There is still a need for area rugs for the kitchenette area. Ongoing, we'd love snacks and soda donations.



Christmas Banquet December 8, 2009, 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

The annual church Christmas dinner will be held in our fellowship hall where our church family can begin the Christmas season together. We will enjoy a meal followed by a program of music and carol singing led by the Joyful Noise. Child care will be provided by our church nursery staff, for small children, with the children's dinner available at no charge. To ensure that all attendees are accommodated, **a total headcount is needed by December 1.** A **total count of children attending must be received** at the church office by that same date. The price per person is \$12.00 for adults and youth partaking of the buffet. The buffet is free for children under the age of 12 years. The dinner will be catered by Captain Bob's. The menu includes turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, yams, collards, salad, rolls, sweet/unsweetened tea, coffee, and assorted desserts.

UMM Annual Peanut Fund Raiser

Don't miss out on this favorite fund-raiser by our United Methodist Men. These gourmet nuts are available in many varieties, including Butter Toasted, Honey Roasted, Salted and Unsalted Peanuts, Cashews, Chocolate Covered Raisins, Peanuts, and Brittles, Mixed Nuts, Salted in the Shell, and a Gift Pack Assortment. Stop by the church office or see any UMM member on Sundays between services. Funds raised are used for local missions and also to enhance our children's ministries.



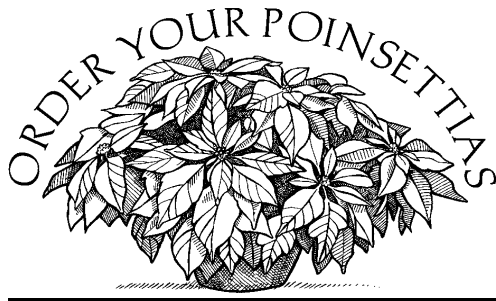
CHURCH DECORATING

Come join your church family on Saturday, December 5, 9:00am, to adorn the Sanctuary with greenery for the upcoming Advent Season. The tradition of our members and friends decorating our sanctuary has always brought us closer together at this special time of the year.

Missions

Outer Banks Food Pantry

Kitty Hawk UMC will staff the Food Pantry December 29-31. Those of you who are interested in assisting with this most worthy mission, please sign up on the sheets provided on the bulletin board in the Sunday school lobby. In preparation for those dates, we are seeking donations of non-perishable items. Please place them in the baskets and boxes in the Sunday school lobby. Through September, 2009, the Pantry has helped 2,512 individuals in 938 households, which is a 25% increase from 2008. We are blessed by the Pantry volunteers.

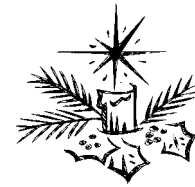


Remember to submit your poinsettia order form no later than December 16. You may wish to order plants to honor or memorialize family or friends. They will adorn the altar December 20-27. You can pick up your poinsettia after worship on December 27. Please make your check for \$10 per plant to KHUMC-MDF and identify for POINSETTIA. Please put the check in the offering plate with the order form, or bring to the church office no later than December 16.



Angel Tree Ministry

We are pleased to again be participating in the Dare County Angel Tree Ministry. We still have several little angels left that need sponsoring. If you can help these remaining angels, please call Connie in the church office at 261-2062. When you bring your items into the office, please label the bags or items with your angel number. Wrapping is not required. **The deadline to bring in your items is December 4.**



Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight services will be enjoyed by our church family as well as the community on December 24. These very special services bring the true meaning of the gift of our Lord and Savior. Services are as follow:

- 4:00pm Candlelight Service in the Fellowship Hall.
- 5:30pm Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary.
- 7:00pm Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary.

Child care will be provided for the 4:00 and 5:30 services only.



Pastor Curtis to Lead Concert at Holy Redeemer

Our Pastor Curtis and his daughter Allison, along with Barry Ambrose, Richard Welch, and Bob Furr, will present a Christmas concert at Holy Redeemer by the Sea on Monday, December 7, at 7:00pm. Holy Redeemer is located at 301 West Kitty Hawk Road



Looking ahead:

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| Jan 1 | Office Closed. |
| Jan 17 | Human Relations Sunday |
| Jan 30 | Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall, 10am-5pm) |
| Feb 14 | Scouting Ministries Sunday |
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