



# COURIER

Weaverville UMC

December, 2017

A BIG thank you to all of the people who contributed to making the 24th Annual Mission Christmas Craft Bazaar a success from setting up tables, serving or cooking food for the Food Court, placing signs and fliers, organizing the crafters, volunteering for a visit with Santa, and cleaning up the building afterwards,



**YOU ALL HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR SPECIAL!** I'd like to give a special shout of thanks to Elizabeth Hamrick who organized the Food Court; to George Waltman who kept the facility clean and supplied and seemed to materialize exactly when needed, and to all of the helpers (I'm sure I'm going to miss a few names here) including: Carole Pennell, Theresa and Joe Cipriano, Mary Ann and Bill Feiffer, Ardelle Forehand, Kim Mallicoat, Jeanne Morgan, Rick Broadhurst, Butch Giusto, Phyllis Lee, Mary Shaw, Angela Moser, Carol Pond, Libby Wilfong, Sharon Waltman, Gail Price, Aaron Ybarra, Katie Ybarra, Nancy Meler, Patrick Meler, and Elizabeth Strubb. We received glowing reviews from the crafters about how friendly and pleasant the WUMC Craft Show venue and volunteers were. One crafter reported that she had earned enough to make her house payment. Another crafter



shared how she was new to the area and recently widowed and she found this church and this event to be a blessing in many ways. This year's craft bazaar earned a NET profit for the church of \$2250 (\$510 from the Silent Auction, \$790 from the Food Court which included miscellaneous donations of baked goods and handmade items from church members, and \$950 from booth fees).



The two 501C3 organizations that participated in this year's craft bazaar reported that they loved the event and want to return next year; Mountain Piecemakers reported raising \$427 for Veterans and the Lynn's Rescue Squad reported raising \$225 for the dog rescue. The following merchants generously donated items to the Food Court or to the Silent Auction, so please give them a word of thanks the next time you visit these stores: Harris Teeter, Publix, Hardees, Brueger's Bagels, Central Barber Shop, Allgood Coffee, The Cottage



Door, Browns Floral Design, 5 Little Monkeys Quilt Shop, Twisted Laurel, The Shop Around the Corner, Motoriffic Sales and Service, and Chapala.

YES it takes time and energy to organize any event, but HERE I AM LORD, I will be happy to organize this event next year! Love, Janet Cress



**Our next M&M lunch** will be Thursday, December 14th, at noon in the fellowship center. Ardell Forehand will be preparing a delicious dinner—pot roast with mushroom gravy served over rice pilaf. The cost is only \$5.00. Our program will be "Everything you ever wanted to know about the movie 'It's a Wonderful Life' but were afraid to ask". Sign up at [mandmlunch@frontier.com](mailto:mandmlunch@frontier.com); [robert-foor4@gmail.com](mailto:robert-foor4@gmail.com); or call the Foor's at 828-484-8680.



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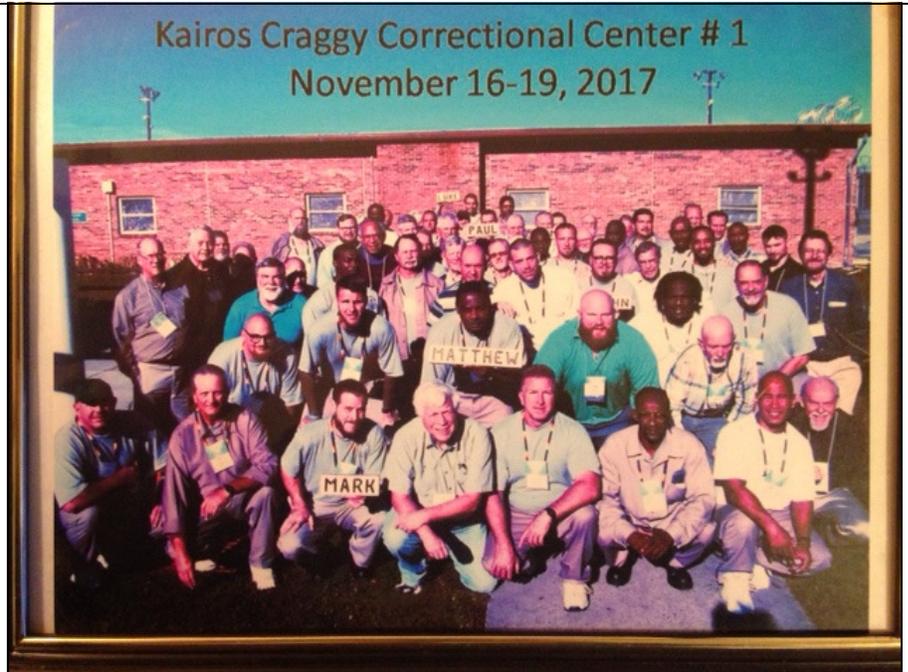
**The Minevia Brittain Circle** will meet at the home of Chris Tipton on December 13th at 6:30pm. Don't forget your \$10 wrapped gift for Dirty Santa and a batch of cookies for a cookie swap!



**The Grace Waugh Circle** will meet Thursday, December 14th, at 10:30am in the fellowship center conference room. Visitors and new members are welcome!

**Kairos Ministries**

Thanks to everyone involved in our recent support of the Kairos Ministry. It was their first time in Craggy Correctional and based on its success, will be coming back in May. We were part of what made that happen. Members supported the Prayer Wheel, Jennifer Banks had the children make placemats for the inmates (which many keep taped to the walls of their cells), the UMM prepared breakfast and dinner, and the UMW served a delicious chili and sandwich lunch on Thursday. The 42 men who made up the team were unanimous in their thanks for the support we provided. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and dedication to **SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS!**



***December Birthdays!***

- 12/2 Carole Edwards
- 12/4 David Webb
- 12/6 Sophie Banks
- 12/6 Keith Cooke
- 12/6 Stella Davis
- 12/6 Debra DeBruhl
- 12/6 Carol Krueger
- 12/8 Debby Graham
- 12/10 Jan Johnson
- 12/11 Carrie Chisholm
- 12/11 Charlotte Destino
- 12/12 Jim Jenkins



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| 12/12 Penny Weaver      | 12/21 Emily Farthing      |
| 12/13 Karen Jones       | 12/21 David Keitt         |
| 12/13 Susan Penland     | 12/22 Ketner Ingle        |
| 12/14 Louis Williamson  | 12/22 McKenzie Ingle      |
| 12/14 Theresa Cipriano  | 12/23 Ruth Ann Tensi      |
| 12/15 Kelly McDaris     | 12/24 Shane Owenby        |
| 12/15 Kate Parsons      | 12/27 John LaMonica       |
| 12/17 Lee Roy Griffin   | 12/28 Dianne Griffin      |
| 12/18 Kim Litz          | 12/28 Jennifer Miller     |
| 12/19 Nick Stowe        | 12/28 Pat Webb            |
| 12/19 Rick Tipton       | 12/31 Victoria Brickhouse |
| 12/20 Paige Woodring    |                           |
| 12/20 Courtney Woodring |                           |



The children of WUMC wish to give you a gift.

We are giving the gift of *JOY* with  
our 2017 Christmas play...

# "The Christmas Checklist"

It's a *comedy* and a *SING-ALONG* with a sincere message.

We've been working very hard on this gift for our church family. |

Please come to see it. You'll be glad you did!

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm** in our Sanctuary, with dinner to follow.



**Thank you** to our Sunday school teachers who taught during November—Jill Bell, Stephanie Rodrigue, Mary Lou Wittmer, Jaime and Nick Stowe, Ericka Witcher, Meredith and Jeff Switzer, Donna and Grant Parsons!  
**Thank you** in advance to our teachers for December—Heather Weaver, Meredith Barten, Shannon McBride, Joanie Strohm and Jen Corbin!  
When you see these folks at church, please tell them  
**THANK YOU!**



## Merry Christmas, Everyone!

As we begin the month, the excitement is already in full swing. This month will be filled with celebrating, cooking, games, ornament making, learning about the Christmas story, pre-k skills and so much more. Our school does not have a Christmas party. We feel that the month is filled with wonderful activities to cultivate the joy of our Savior's birth; books, felt boards, kids re-enacting through the eyes of the animals, songs and a birthday party for Jesus.



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This year's Christmas program is Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. Please join us for this adorable performance in the church sanctuary. Truly it is a sight to behold with 30 children five and under! Also, while out and about in Weaverville, check out Art Accents' window. WUMC Preschool will have their annual decorated window up from November 29<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. A wonderful community project. Merry Christmas from your friends at WUMC Preschool! Holly



### December's Calendar of Events!

Sunday, 12/3—12pm—Elf Movie & Pizza  
 Friday, 12/8—3pm—Play Set Up  
 Saturday, 12/9—4pm—Childrens Christmas Play and Dinner  
 Sunday, 12/10—6pm—First Baptist, First Presbyterian, and Weaverville UMC with Reception  
 Tuesday, 12/12—7pm—Smoky Mountain Brass Band Concert—WUMC Sanctuary  
 Thursday, 12/14—M&M (Mature & Methodist ) Luncheon  
 Thursday, 12/14—6:30pm—Finance Committee Meeting  
 Sunday, 12/17—10am—Birthday Party for Jesus!  
 Sunday, 12/17—9am and 11am Services—WUMC Christmas Music Special!  
 Sunday, 12/17—12pm—Church Council Meeting  
 Tuesday, 12/19—10:30am—Preschool Christmas Program  
 Sunday, 12/24—Christmas Eve—9am and 11am Services  
 6pm—Christmas Eve Service  
 8pm—Christmas Eve Service

### **Each year on the second Sunday of December, the**



Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches have what we call the Christmas church walk around which gives each church a chance to share their Christmas music programs with other churches and our community in general. It is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

This year, the walk will begin at 6pm at First Baptist Church, will move from there to First Presbyterian Church, and finally end here at Weaverville UMC followed by refreshments across the street in the fellowship center. Speaking of refreshments, we need baked goods to cover 200 to 250 people that evening. If you are willing to help, please contact Gail in the church office at 828-645-6721, ext 101, or [gailprice@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:gailprice@weavervilleumc.org).

*Psalms 80:7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**Time is moving too quickly.** If I blink my eyes, I'm afraid I might miss it. It's hard to believe that as I write these thoughts, by the time you read them, we will be in the midst of Advent. So, why is the Advent Wreath so special to Christians? The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Advent worship is like a journey through the Christmas story. Christians use the Advent candles to celebrate this journey as one new candle is lit every Sunday of Advent. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus.



The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:

1. God's people -The Candle of hope. Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.
2. The Old Testament prophets - The Candle of Peace. Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.
3. John the Baptist - The Candle of Love. Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love we have in Christ.
4. Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of Joy. Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

The fifth candle represents the birth of Christ. The flame of this candle reminds us that He is the light of the world and that if we follow Him, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. This is one of the many traditions that reminds us of our journey with God. So, let us encourage one another this Advent season to slow down, look for symbols of our faith, and share these truths with one another and our community.



### **Celebrate Christmas with the Smoky Mountain Brass Band**

The 28 member Smoky Mountain Brass Band, founded in 1981 and now Western North Carolina's oldest continuously active community music performing ensemble, is delighted to be returning to Weaverville United Methodist Church, Tuesday, December 12, 2017 with a one hour family-friendly program of seasonal Holiday favorites under the Direction of Casey Coppenbarger. The performance will begin at 7:00pm.

This year's Christmas program is bookended by a pair of LeRoy Anderson pieces. Anderson was a popular American band and orchestra composer who specialized in music for various holiday celebrations and novelty pieces such as 'Bugler's Holiday' intended to feature individual members or sections of the ensemble. The Smoky Mountain Brass Band plans to open the program with Anderson's 'A Christmas Festival' which is a clever medley incorporating favorite carols such as 'Joy to the World', 'Deck the Halls', 'Go Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen', 'Silent Night', 'Jingle Bells' and more.

Closing the program, or perhaps just warming the band up for an encore, will be what most people consider LeRoy Anderson's best known piece, 'Sleigh Ride'. It's just too much fun to hold that as the encore piece.

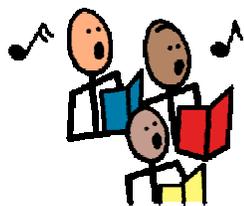
Between these bookends, the band will perform a selection from 'A Carol Symphony' featuring a somewhat contemporary treatment of 'The First Noel'; Gustav Holst's carol, 'In the Bleak Midwinter'; A spiritual entitled 'Sweet Little Jesus Boy'; and a few secular favorites including 'Frosty the Snowman', 'White Christmas', and the Christmas Song'. The band believes that we have a little something for everyone in the stocking this year and hopes that you will plan to spend an hour of your time with us! The concert is free though donations will happily be accepted!

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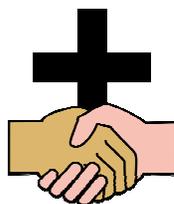
**Serving God by Serving Others.**

*Dear Gail, thank you so much for your assistance in the Emory & Henry College Concert Choir tour. A special "thank you" to Joanie Strohm, Ken Lovelace, and all of those who helped feed and house the students! It was a terrific evening of great music.*



*Sincerely,  
Linda Jones*

**NEEDED—Greeters and Offering Counters**  
We have only one greeter signed up for the month of December. Please go to [weavervilleumc.org](http://weavervilleumc.org) and click on "sign up" to help. Also, we are in need of two more offering counters. When you help count the offering, it is only one Sunday per month and only takes about 30 minutes to an hour after church. Please contact Kim Morelock at [klmorelock@yahoo.com](mailto:klmorelock@yahoo.com) to help. You can also call her at 279-3034.



**Stewardship Corner**—Thanks to all who returned their completed Commitment Forms for 2018! We will forward the financial information to the Finance Committee. I will compile the information on volunteering and service and forward this information to the respective church committees for those projects and missions.



Rick Broadhurst

**Memorials**  
**Received in Memory of Marilyn Clausen**  
Bob & Marilyn Evans

