THIS SUNDAY (12/15)
Third Sunday of Advent
9:00am Worship Service
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
4:30pm Youth Progressive Supper

PASTORAL CONCERN
The love and concern of the congregation is extended to Holly Cooper on the death of her grandmother, Billie Marie Ray of Burnsville. The obituary may be viewed here: https://www.holcombebrothers.com/notices/BillieMarie-Ray

LAST CHANCE!
The deadline to support the youth program and order some beautiful Christmas Poinsettias is TOMORROW, 12/11! For $10/plant, the youth will order and display poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone special in the sanctuary from Dec. 15 through Christmas Eve. You can take yours home with you after the Christmas Eve service. We will have a special bulletin insert with a list of everyone’s names. Orders may be submitted by filling out an order form, which you can find attached to this email and at the church office. Thank you for supporting WUMC Youth!

CALLING ALL KIDS!
All children are invited to sing as a group during the Sunday, Dec. 22 worship service! We’ll sing “The Friendly Beasts” (from our Christmas program). Come join in the Christmas joy!

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN
The Youth will be helping with "Birthday Party for Jesus" during Sunday School at 10am on 12/22. We’ll enjoy crafts, snacks, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate with the children (ages young to 5th grade) the birth of our Savior! Children, invite a friend or neighbor to come to church with you for the celebration!

CHRISTMAS “GIFTS” FOR JESUS
We have a fun new idea for the 6:00pm Candlelight Worship Service on Christmas Eve. All children & youth are encouraged to present their “Christmas Gifts for Jesus,” which should be some kind of offering of the heart rather than a physical gift. Examples include singing, poetry reading, musical performance, or scripture reading. Space is limited so please contact Charlie, Emily, or Martha to sign up soon!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
• The Minevia Brittain Circle meets at 7:15pm on Wednesday, 12/11 (tomorrow!) at Jen Corbin’s home. Contact Mary Beth Horrell for more information: 337-6456
• The Matilda Dryman Circle will meet at Joanie Strohm’s home on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Meeting will start at 5:30; meet at 5:15 in the Fellowship Center parking lot to carpool. Bring nonperishable food items for NBSM. We will share Christmas goodies and have fellowship. All women are invited. If you need directions to the Strohm home, call 828-649-1156 or 828-707-8928.
M&M LUNCHEON
The “Mature & Methodist” group will meet at noon on Thursday, Dec. 19 in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and to enjoy lasagna cooked by Joe and Theresa Cipriano. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert, it would be much appreciated. Call or email Lorraine Cipriano to RSVP: 828-707-2724 or raincip@charter.net. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH EVENTS!
- **Youth Progressive Supper - Sun Dec 15 4:30-7pm** - Drop off at 4:30, we will ride church bus to The Corbin’s House for appetizers. Next we will ride to Emily Clark’s house for main dish and “Dirty Santa.” Prize goes to the best Christmas dressed! Bring your A Game. Desserts will finish at Nick & Jaime Stowe’s house, then we will come back to WUMC for pick up. I’m shooting for 7pm...but we will see; you know how I’m always on time.
- **NO YOUTH DEC. 22 OR 29 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**
- **Bowling Monday Dec 30** - Looking for something to do after the holidays? Come bowling with the youth! Leaving parking lot at 12noon, return 2-2:30pm. We will go to Star Lanes off Tunnel Road. Bring $ for bowling and any eats you want. RSVP please, and invite a friend!
- **Youth Winter/Confirmation Retreat at Camp Tekoa** - January 24-26, 2020. Your cost is $50/person. If you have already communicated with me about this, I have your information and reservation. Let me know by this Friday, Dec. 13!!
- **Ski Trip Update:** We are adjusting our ski plans from attending a retreat at Lake Junaluska to going for a day trip to Wolfe Laurel. Feb 8, departure and arrival times to be determined as we get closer. If you already made your $60 deposit towards the trip, your deposit is in a student specific account registered to your youth’s name. That deposit plus $10 covers your costs of lift tickets and rentals. (If you don’t need rentals, let me know). You will also want to plan to BYO meal money.

CHRISTMAS GIVING - BABY BACKPACKS
The Minevia Brittain Circle is collecting items again to complete 3 backpacks and invite you to help out. They are distributed to new mothers through the Appalachian Regional Healthcare system in the coal mining communities where poverty and unemployment are now the norm. Ours are taken to Middlesboro, KY area. The mothers have been so grateful and touched that others have shown this kindness. Items can be labeled and brought to the office next to Deval’s through December 24th:
- baby wash/shampoo
- baby wipes
- bibs
- bottles
- bottle brush
- blanket
- burp cloths
- comb/brushes
- diapers (newborn disposable)
- diaper rash cream
- hooded towel
- knit cap
- nasal aspirator
- onesies
- pacifiers
- receiving blanket
- sleepers
- socks
- thermometers
- devotional books for mom
- Bible story book

PRAYER LIST
*These are the same names that are printed in the bulletin each Sunday. The list is reset at the beginning of each month.*
Wayne Ingle, Sam Strider, Don Mallicoat, Elaine Robinson, Emma Hughey, Bob Whiting, Jim & Lena Brooker, Patty Teiss, Louise Moore, Lou Moffatt, Debbie Fox, Peter & Patrick Truluck

CHURCH HAPPENINGS
This past weekend was a very festive time at WUMC! On Saturday afternoon many of our children & youth walked in the annual Weaverville Christmas Parade and gave out candy & flyers about upcoming church events. Thanks to Billy & Nick Stowe for managing the bus. That night was our annual Christmas program, where the children & youth of the church put on a heartwarming show about “The Unfriendly Beasts.”

Sunday afternoon, the United Methodist Men hosted a special “Pancakes With Santa” event, which even brought in some non-WUMC folks. Immediately afterwards was the annual Church Community Candlelight Stroll, which included moving performances of Christmas music by the choir, bell choir, Mary Ann Feiffer, and Charlie Harnish.
We are very blessed to have such talented people in our congregation!
Have a blessed week!

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