

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

#### Senior Adult Sunday

9:00 & 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Kids Own Worship  
11:00am Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes Dedication  
2:00pm Charge Conference  
3:00pm High Point Festival Parade  
4:30-5:30pm UMYF Dinner  
6:00pm Community Thanksgiving w/ Memorial United Methodist Church

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

2:00pm Worship Committee (Library)  
4:30pm HPHE Basketball (FH)  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry (Library)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:15am Exercise (Multipurpose Rm)  
10:00am-12:00pm Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets (FH)  
12:00pm Thanksgiving Baskets Pickup (FH)  
6:30pm Prayz Choir&Musicians (FH)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
No Handbells or Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day  
Church Office Closed

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Holiday  
Church Office Closed

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

Hanging of the Greens  
New Member Sunday  
9:00 & 11:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Kids Own Worship  
4:00pm Christmas Play Practice  
6:00-8:00pm UMYF X-Treme Dodgeball

### USHERS:

*Bobby Yates, Capt.*

Brunell Wise, Tyler Butcher,  
Randy Wagoner, Jimmy Bowman

### GREETERS:

B.J. Thomas, Hunter Allred

### REACHOUT CALLERS:

Steve and Cathy Danford

### TRUSTEE OF THE

MONTH: Phyllis Lopez

### ACOLYTES:

### HELPERS:

### ALTAR GUILD:

Barbara Underwood, Joyce Cross

### PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

#### 9:00 CHILDCARE (RM 213)

Jenni Hall

### 11:00 BABIES/TODDLERS

Ginger and Sam Best

### 11:00 KIDS OWN WORSHIP

#### MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Chad and Christy Secraw and  
Kim Collins

### CONVALESCING

Jack Haley, Veterans at Salisbury  
Willie Haley, Greensboro Place,  
Greensboro, NC

### HOSPITAL REPORT

No one at this time.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Serving in the Military:

Doug Norton, Aaron Biel,  
Wes Craven, Steven Hall

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### **Staff**

Rev. Matthew S. Farabow, Senior Minister  
Dr. Marc Foster, Director of Music  
Rev. Jeffrey Martin, Minister of Senior Adults  
Kim Collins, Director of Children & Youth Ministries  
Carol Briley, Director, Through-the-Week Program  
Peggy Shepherd, Church Organist  
Katrina Parnell, Financial Secretary  
Carolyn Flowers Wright, Administrative Assistant  
James Wright, Jr., Building Supervisor

### **A Stephen Ministry and Christ Care Congregation**

# Christ United Methodist Church

*"Disciples in Action – Transforming the World"*

*Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*Prayz Service – 9:00a.m. – Fellowship Hall*

*Sunday School – 9:45a.m.*

*Worship – 11:00a.m. – Sanctuary*

*Speaker: Rev. Jeff Martin*

*Senior Adult Sunday*

**Thankfulness**

**Deuteronomy 8:10-17**

*"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you." Deuteronomy 8:10*

A man goes to his minister and complains, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in a one room house. What can I do?"

The minister answers, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man in incredulous, but the minister insists. "Do as I say, and then come back in a week."

A week later, the man comes back looking even more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he tells the minister. "The goat is filthy. It stinks and it is not house trained."

The minister then tells him, "Go home and let the goat out. And come back in a week."

A radiant man returns to the minister a week later, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat -- only the nine of us." The minister enabled the man to see life through a different lens and to be thankful for what he has, even if it is not perfect.

In Deuteronomy chapter 8 we have a 120 year old leader named MOSES who is standing before his people and delivering a series of farewell messages. The people of Israel had escaped the hundreds of years of slavery of the Egyptians. The people of Israel had survived forty years of wandering in the wilderness and were finally on the verge of entering a land that had been promised to their ancestors hundreds of years earlier. If you try, you can picture Moses coming to the end of his time as leader of the children of Israel... he would not travel with them to the promised land ... but his heart is full with the joy that lay ahead of them AND... his heart was fearful for them. Moses is standing on a mountain top. To the west, across the Jordan river lies a promised land. To the south and east the wilderness they had been through. The long road to freedom had finally come to its end and the cost had been tremendous.

There is one central thought on the mind of Moses as he begins to speak to them: THANKFULNESS

1) **Maintain an attitude of gratitude!** Deuteronomy 8:10 *"...praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you."*

One minister was known for their uplifting prayers in the pulpit. It seemed he was always able to find something for which to be grateful. One Sunday morning the weather was so gloomy that one church member thought to themselves, "Certainly the preacher won't think of anything for which to thank the Lord on a wretched day like this." Much to his surprise, however, Whyte began by praying, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this."

In all things give thanks, maintaining an attitude of gratitude

2) **Do not forget where you came from and how blessed you are!**

Deuteronomy 8:14 *"...do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery..."*

It is the simple things in our lives we need to be thankful for, never forget what God has done for you.

### Adult

We still have several boxes of pecans to sell. Contact any McFarland Sunday School Class member to place your order. Cost: 1 lb. bags of mammoth halves \$9.25, and 12 oz. chocolate covered \$8.00 each. We're also selling flavoring and knives year-round. New item – Danny Duzit!

### Blue Christmas: Helping People Cope with the Holidays

Not everyone welcomes the Christmas season with joy. For people dealing with loss, sadness, grief, stress, or loneliness, the holidays can be a time of dread. During this Christmas season, be especially aware of those who have experienced difficulties during the past year. Let them know that you understand how stressful the holidays can be--and that our church's Stephen Ministers are available to provide the care and support they need.

CUMC's Stephen Ministers reach out to those who are struggling with pain and loss--during the Christmas season and throughout the year. A Stephen Minister partners with a hurting person to listen and care so that he or she doesn't have to face the darkness alone. If you think a Stephen Minister could be helpful, speak with Rev. Farabow, Rev. Martin, or call the church office.

### Charge Conference Meeting

Christ UMC will be hosting a **Cluster Charge Conference** on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00p.m. There will be a brief worship service and then presentations by churches. The Cluster Charge Conference will include the following churches:

*Montlieu-Welch Memorial UMCs, Memorial UMC, First UMC, Christ UMC, Ward Street UMC, Wesley Memorial UMC, Rankin Memorial UMC, Lebanon UMC, Highland-Northwood UMCs, Oakview-Spring Hill UMCs*

### CUMC Sole Seekers

**Orienteering, Saturday, December 3, 2011**

The CUMC Sole Seekers is a Christian outing group open to all. Come join us for a fun day "racing" (I will be walking!) with a map and compass thru the woods of McDowell Nature Preserve in Charlotte looking for "controls" with the Carolina Orienteering Klubb. We will leave at 8:00a.m. and return late afternoon. Wear hiking clothes, bring water, raingear & a bag lunch. Call Lew Stookey at (336) 454-6283.

### High Point Holiday Festival Parade

Celebrate the holiday season with the High Point Holiday Festival Parade. The High Point community has ushered in the Christmas season with this event since 1925. The celebration will kick into high gear on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00p.m. as scores of floats, marching bands, community groups and more delight your senses as the parade marches up South Main Street from Green Drive to Montlieu Avenue. The High Point Holiday Festival Parade has inspired holiday cheer in generations of local residents. Don't miss this community tradition.

### Meetings

**Worship Committee**, Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00p.m., and **Stephen Ministry**, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30p.m. All meetings are held in the Library.

### Operation Christmas Child

The trailer has arrived and once again we will be the **Relay Collection Center** for people in the Triad area to bring shoe boxes.

We will be collecting shoe boxes this week through Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. So let's go ahead and start getting our shoe boxes ready for boys and girls who are in desperate situations and have not yet heard of God's love and mercy.

Please remember to begin praying for the children and their families who will receive the shoe boxes from our church. We pray that they will come to know Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift and that they will experience His love as the Good News is spread. The directions and labels for Boy or Girl are in the brochures. Shipping cost is \$7.00 which is to be inserted in the envelope and put inside the shoe box. Thank you for making an eternal difference in the lives of our precious children. If you have any questions, please call Carol M. Briley at 889-4777(church). The **Shoe Box Dedication Sunday** will be **November 20**.

This is our opportunity to reach out together with our community and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

### Poinsettias for the Advent Christmas Season

The time is here to order poinsettias. **Cost: \$10.00.** There will be a tear off slip in Sunday's bulletin or you may contact the church office at 889-4777 to place an order. *Make check(s) payable to Christ UMC.*

### Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to **Dave and Sara Current Hixon** in the death of his mother, **Barb Hixon**, on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, sympathy is extended to **Mrs. Patti Wood** in the death of her stepfather, **Norman Miller**, who died on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and sympathy is extended to **Mrs. Bobbie Hunsucker** in the death of her husband, **Rev. Lloyd Hunsucker**, on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you for filling the boxes with canned goods! You may continue to bring canned good on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will prepare the baskets on **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m. and finish by noon. All turkeys will need to be at the church by **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. (If you have room, please keep them home until then as the freezer at the church will only hold so much!) Remember, it takes A LOT of canned goods to fill **65 baskets**....so we need to start bringing in those cans each week! So many of you are already so faithful in bringing your donations weekly, and we are grateful for that. We will need an extra surge between now and Thanksgiving so that we can keep helping those in need weekly, while at the same time preparing to fill the boxes.

**Listed below are the items we need:**

- 1) You should purchase turkeys (8 lbs. to 10 lbs.). A sign up sheet will be posted on the glass window at Carol Briley's office and on the Fellowship Hall doors.
- 2) We also welcome donations to help purchase turkeys.
- 3) Canned goods needed: green beans and corn.
- 4) Instant mashed potatoes.
- 5) Cookie mix and brownie mix (no cake mix).

You will see large boxes at four locations: the Narthex, Carol Briley's office, the Fellowship Hall and outside the church office. Please place your canned goods at any of those locations.

**Mike Lopez** will be in charge, and he will need volunteers from the Sunday School classes and church members to help with packing the baskets.

Again, thank you for your support. *Mike Lopez, Missions Committee Chairperson*

### Thanksgiving Homemade Pie Sale

All proceeds to go towards the Upward Basketball program. All pies are \$10.00, orders and money due to the office by **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Pies can be picked up at the night before Thanksgiving between 6:00-8:00p.m. or the morning of between 7:00-9:00a.m. Pies being offered: *Apple and Chocolate Crème*

Should you have any questions contact the church office or Angela Craven at (336) 207-9157 or email: [angelahunnewell@gmail.com](mailto:angelahunnewell@gmail.com).

### Thank You Note

**Dearest Church Family:** We would like to sincerely thank the ministers and congregation of Christ United Methodist Church for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and support you gave our family after the death of our father, the Rev. Lloyd G. Hunsucker, on November 1, 2011. Both my father and mother cherish the friendships and memories they have with all of the church family. Dad loved his time with the Joyful Sounds and he considered it an honor to know each one of you on a personal level. He will be greatly missed, but we can rest assured that he is no longer trapped by a daily routine of pills and doctor visits. Thank you again for all that you do and continue to do for our family.

*Terry Hunsucker Burlison and Kelley Hunsucker Rowland*

### Upward Basketball Information

Everyone **must** attend one basketball evaluation or cheerleading orientation. They will take place at the **Church Gym** as follows:

*K-5 through 6th Grade Boys/Girls*

### EVALUATIONS AND ORIENTATIONS:

**Saturday, December 3, from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.**

**Saturday, December 10, from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.**

**BRING OR MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE TO:  
Christ United Methodist Church**

### LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

Practices Begin - **Tuesday, January 3, 2012 (will be reschedule)**

First Game - **Saturday, January 21, 2012**

Awards Celebration - **Saturday, March 10, 2012**

Form and registration fee may be dropped off at the **Church Office** anytime

between **9:00a.m.** and **4:00p.m.**, Monday through Friday.

The registration cost per child for **basketball** is **\$50.**

The registration cost per child for **cheerleading** is **\$50.**

Deadline for registration is **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**Upward Evaluations will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12noon.**

Basketball shorts are **included** in the registration cost.

Cheerleading mock turtlenecks are **included** in the registration cost.

Please make checks payable to **Christ United Methodist Church.**

For more information contact the church office at **889-4777.**

**This program is neither endorsed by nor affiliated with the Guilford County School System.**

We need help with volunteers to maintain Upward Basketball program. Please volunteer time, talent, and your hearts to share God's great news with children through this wonderful outreach program. Contact Angela Craven at (336) 207-9157 or email: [angelahunnewell@gmail.com](mailto:angelahunnewell@gmail.com).

### Young at Heart

**Young at Heart** will meet **Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:00a.m. Jackie Carpenter has planned the program and tells me it will be a time of fun and fellowship, and will be a program like we have never had before. If you are curious about what all of this means, come and join us and we'll get the Christmas season off to a great start! Lunch (\$6) will be at 12:00, so call the church office to make a reservation if you are not already on a calling list. Hope you'll join us on December 5<sup>th</sup>! *Betty Stevens*

### Memorials

**In Memory of Lloyd Hunsucker**

given by Kenneth D. Garner

**In Memory of Helen Miller**

given by Don and Gail Crouch

given by Mary L. Bondurant

### Honorary

**In Honor of Ann Current**

given by Cindy Walsh

given by Laura J. Ward

### Worship Attendance

**Sunday, November 6, 2011**

Sunday School 102

9:00 Worship Service 51

11:00 Kids Own Worship -0-

11:00 Worship Service 179

**Total Worship Attendance 230**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

n/a

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335

**377**