

There once was a man, his name was John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in.

John 1:6-7

Special points of interest:

- In case of inclement weather, we will still do all we can to have worship. If we cancel worship, a mass e-mail will be sent to our mailing list, and our church phone message will be updated to reflect that. In all cases, please take care of your own safety first and foremost if you are concerned about conditions.
- Join us after worship for our monthly fellowship hour! Thanks to the UMM for providing this month's treats.

Our Stewardship of Time and Resources

General Offering:

\$2216.50

Other Gifts:

Church School: \$2.50

Worship Attendance:

54 Adults

8 Youth

13 Children

75 TOTAL

# Jefferson United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday, December 14, 2008

## Christmas Updates

### CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

Children's Christmas Pageant  
7:00 p.m.

Jefferson Ruritan Hall  
*Come see our children, youth, and a few braves adults take part in a touching play to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. A light reception will follow for those who want to celebrate with their church family. There will be plenty of space, so invite everyone you know! A special offering will be taken during this service to benefit the Board of Child Care.*

Candlelight Service  
11:00 p.m.

JUMC Sanctuary  
*Join us for this traditional service of lessons and carols and see the beauty of our sanctuary by candlelight.*

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

#### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

•Sunday, 12/14 @ 4 p.m.

•Sunday, 12/21 @ 10:15 a.m.

•Tuesday, 12/23 @ 6:00 p.m.

Contact Jackie Rufty (301-473-9322) for more information.

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

Each year, we take a special offering at our Children's Christmas Eve Pageant to support the work of the Board of Child Care as it provides for children in need. Please consider making a special donation at that service.



We are in the process of combining our monthly newsletter and weekly insert into a weekly newsletter. We hope that most of you will be able to receive it via e-mail and look at it online or print it yourself. If you cannot, printed copies will be available at church. If someone cannot receive it by either of these two methods, we will make sure they receive it via regular mail. Please help us reduce our printing and postage expenses by signing up to receive it via e-mail at <http://groups.yahoo.com/jeffersonumc>.

Also, please begin sending all information for the weekly newsletter to Pastor Sarah so it can be included.

Watch for more information!

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 21:

4th Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

*Mary's acceptance of God's plan is a model for our own acceptance of God in our lives.*

- Youth perform in worship
- Dedication of Walters banners

Sunday, December 28:

1st Sunday after Christmas

Luke 2:22-40

*From the very beginning, people recognized that Jesus was sent by God—we are called to recognize God in our lives as well.*

Sunday, January 4:

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Matthew 2:1-12

*Like the wise men, we seek out the Messiah in our lives.*

- Communion celebrated

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**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SOLDIERS**

When doing your Christmas cards this year, you can include our service men and women by sending cards to:

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20307-5001

-Peggy Arnold

**Worship Helpers**

**Sunday, December 14**

Acolyte: Megan Rufty  
Greeters: Carolyn Gardiner and Betty Alexander  
Ushers: Carol Waple & Volunteer  
Lay Reader: Eric Hoffmaster

**Sunday, December 21**

Acolyte: Dana Omdahl  
Greeters: Sherry and Ian Carr  
Ushers: Carol Waple & Volunteer  
Lay Reader: Maurice Hoffmaster

**Sunday, December 28**

Acolyte: Tyler Shuck  
Greeters and Ushers: Randy Yeary & Eric Arnold  
Lay Reader: Chris Schlieckert

**Sunday, January 4**

Acolyte: Connor Kelley  
Greeters and Ushers: Randy Yeary & Eric Arnold  
Lay Reader: Nikole Sheridan

**Share in Mission**

**TOOLS FOR HOPE AND BLANKET PROJECT**

The UMW are once again support this program through the Church World Service. Your gift of \$5 support the gift of a blanket to a person in need. Envelopes for donations are located at church. For more information contact Doris Brown (301-473-8651).

**SECRET SANTA**

Many thanks to everyone who brought in gifts for needy children in our area through the Secret Santa program. Special thanks to Glenn Souders for coordinating our participation in that project this year!

**JEFFERSON FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank is still in need of fruits, entrees, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, pork and beans, tomatoes, pasta, paper products, soap, laundry and dish detergent, and cereal. All donations are greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the box in the sanctuary entry. Please contact Peggy Arnold for more information.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you have an idea of a service project our church family could help with? Is there some outreach project you have always wanted to take part in? Let us know! Contact Pastor Sarah with your ideas!

**2009 GIVING ENVELOPES**  
...are available in the sanctuary entry at church. Please pick up a complete box of envelopes AND be sure to record your name and box number on the sign up sheet next to the boxes.

**Grow in Discipleship**

**Youth Group**

Will be gathering Sun. Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. at church to visit our shut-ins for caroling and general holiday merriment! The congregation is invited to join as well. Please contact Nikole Sheridan ( for more information and to RSVP.

**Children's Church**

Is held each Sunday morning during the 9 a.m. worship service. Contact Jackie Rufty (301-473-9322) for more information.

**United Methodist Women**

- Will be holding their Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Jenny Hoffmaster. Ladies are asked to bring a \$10 gift. RSVP to Jenny Hoffmaster (301-473-5524).
- Will be feeding the Ruritan this Wednesday and they need your help! See the sign-up sheet at church. Are collecting good winter coats which will be distributed to needy persons through the Jefferson Food Bank.  
**Contact Peggy Arnold (301-874-2584) for more information about these UMW items.**

**United Methodist Men**

Will not have a regular meeting in December.

**Adult Bible Class**

Meets in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Led by Randy Yeary.

**Faith Topics Class**

Meets in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Led by Pastor Sarah.

**DISCIPLE I**

Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. New persons can join the class when it is offered next fall.

**Prayer List**

Please help us keep this list updated by letting the pastor know when names can be removed, and by e-mailing or writing out names for the pastor so names are spelled correctly.

**Prayers for Healing:**

Richard Bartholomew  
Jean Brown  
Rev. LaMar Carlson  
Mildred Campisi  
Michael Carr  
Cindy Coelho-Harner  
Carolyn Gardiner  
Thelma Grams  
Janice Marshall  
Emily Cassell Mass

Cora Munday  
Tracey (Burgee) Painter  
Laura Reed  
Helen Rimes  
Tyler Shuck  
Beulah Shrewsberry  
Julie Waple

Joe Long  
Don Plunkard  
Reba and John Wright

**Sympathies to the Families of:**

Donald Harmon  
Andrew Maught

**Our Shut-Ins:**

George and Lucille Hoffman  
Ginny Huffer

**Birthdays this week:**

15 - Dean Harper & Zachary Rufty