

And Mary said, "Yes, I see it all now: I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve. Let it be with me just as you say." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:38

# Jefferson United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

3882 Jefferson Pike ❖ Jefferson, Maryland 21758 ❖ 301-473-4022 ❖ [www.jeffersonmethodist.org](http://www.jeffersonmethodist.org)

Sunday, December 21, 2008

## Bad Weather Policy

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.

## Our Stewardship of Time and Resources

### General Offering:

\$1287.00

### Worship Attendance:

49 Adults

7 Youth

15 Children

71 TOTAL

## 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, 12/21 @ 10:15 a.m.

•Tuesday, 12/23 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

#### PAGEANT SET-UP

Chris and Sarah Schlieckert are coordinating set up for the Christmas pageant. We plan to work on all the set up on the afternoon of Tues. 12/23. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet passed during worship or e-mail Pastor Sarah.



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

### Contacting Pastor Sarah Andrews Schlieckert:

Cell/240-315-6965 Home/310-834-8618 E-mail/[lnHzService@yahoo.com](mailto:lnHzService@yahoo.com) Blog/[divinepassive.blogspot.com](http://divinepassive.blogspot.com)  
1620 Harpers Ferry Road/Knoxville, Maryland, 21758 (Mondays off except for pastoral emergencies)



"How many observe Christ's birthday! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep holidays than commandments."

Benjamin Franklin

### Worship Helpers

**Sunday, December 21**  
 Acolyte: Dana Omdahl  
 Greeters: Sherry and Ian Carr  
 Ushers: Carol Waple & Volunteer  
 Lay Reader: Eric 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

**Sunday, January 11**  
 Acolyte:  
 Greeters and Ushers: The Scarboroughs  
 Lay Reader: Carolyn Scarborough

Guest Preacher for 1/25 & 2/1: Pastor Michael Bynum

## 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).

Congratulations to the entire congregation and especially the UMW and Doris Brown for the special recognition banner present at last week's worship. Ted Farrar from Church World Service recognized the JUMC family as an

"honor church" for our gift in 2007.

### JEFFERSON FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is still in need of donations. 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 TODAY at 3 p.m. at

church to visit our shut-ins for caroling and general holiday merriment! The congregation is invited to join as well. Dinner will be provided back at church once we're done. Contact Nikole Sheridan for more information.

### 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 Men

Will meet Sat. 1/10 at 8 a.m. for their prayer breakfast, and Monday, 1/26 at 7:30 p.m. for their business meeting.

### United Methodist Women

Thanks to everyone who

donated items and/or helped serve at the Ruritan this past Wednesday!

### Adult Bible Class

Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Led by Randy Yeary.

### Faith Topics Class

Will not be meeting today. In the new year, we will be discussing issues around war and religion.

## 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

### Our Shut-Ins:

Betty Gibbons  
 George and Lucille Hoffman  
 Ginny Huffer  
 Joe Long

Don Plunkard  
 Helen Seek  
 Reba and John Wright

### Birthdays this week:

23 - Dolores Breeden  
 24 - Virginia Huffer  
 25 - George Hoffman  
 27 - Vicki Barden  
 28 - Ryan Sample