

# the Connection



Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

December 2022

## The Month at a Glance

### UMM Prayer Breakfast

Every Monday, 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

### Cumberland County Community Chorus

#### Christmas Concert

Saturday & Sunday Dec. 3 & 4 -3:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5 - 6:00 p.m.—Sanctuary

### Game Night

Thursday, December 8

5:30 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

### Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

### Worldwide Candle Lighting Service

Sunday, December 11

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

### United Women in Faith

Wednesday, December 14

9:15 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m.—Sanctuary

### Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25

11:00 a.m. **only**—Sanctuary

### Church Office Closed

Monday, December 26

Monday, January 2

## The Last Connection

The Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church monthly newsletter will be discontinued on December 31, 2022. The Church is retiring the newsletter because of low usage, outdated technology, and widely available alternatives that we now use to disseminate information to our congregation. This includes Lanita's Ponderings, email, our church bulletin, our Monday e-Notes, our website, and our social media presence.

We will also be updating our email distribution process so that our members can choose the type of email correspondence they wish to receive from us. For example, some may opt out of death notices, others may opt in to committee correspondence. To be added to our email distribution lists, please contact the church office via email to [office@ffgumc.org](mailto:office@ffgumc.org) or by calling 931-484-3473.

We want to thank Joyce Stackhouse and Ruth Kmiec, the office staff who have diligently produced the newsletter all these years. Their hard work is very much appreciated!

## Charge Conference

Each year, the church holds its annual meeting, known as the **Charge Conference**. Our Charge Conference is scheduled to meet Wednesday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

### For Pastoral Care

Rev. Sharon Austell (615) 848-8519

## 26<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Candle Lighting

Sunday, December 11, 2022—6:30 p.m.

*Remembering all children who left too soon!*



Every year, on the second Sunday in December, at 6:30 p.m. The Compassionate Friends of Fairfield Glade holds its Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Service here in our church; an act of symbolic remembrance. Although this service, in the past, has always been dedicated to our children and for families grieving the death of a child, a child that will never be forgotten, this year we wanted to offer our church family an opportunity where they, too, can remember the loved ones they have lost by lighting a candle in their memory. Everyone is invited to attend, whether or not you have suffered the personal loss of a child or a loved one, to this moving tribute on December 11. For further information, contact Sharon Saferite at 931-287-0042.

## Bible Study Tech Resumes

Bible Study Tech will begin a new study on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Their winter study will be *Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today* by Sherry Harney. The videos were made by six different women who are gifted teachers. Each week is a standalone lesson, so come when you can and come again when you return from a trip. They will meet twelve Mondays from January 9 through March 27, or April 3, for approximately two hours. Call Mim Buysse at 505-699-8547 or Elaine Holman at 931-200-7828 with any questions.

## Worship Committee News

Thank you for your donations to the Christmas Décor Fund. \$1,624 will be used for food baskets for those who are homebound in our church family. Thanks to all those who helped hang the greens in preparation for the Christmas season. Greeters are needed for upcoming special events. Signup sheets are across from the Church Office. It's not too late to join the Worship Committee for 2023. Contact one of the committee members—Lois Rupert, Janice Roberts, Mary Knowles, Sherry Martin or Bobby Vencill.

## Pastors and Staff Christmas Gift



The Staff/Parish Relations Committee has announced the opportunity for the congregation to recognize our pastors and staff with a special gift at Christmas. If you wish to take part in this recognition, please mark your check or envelope "Staff Christmas Gift," and have it to the church by noon on Wednesday, December 21. Thank you!

## Year-End Contribution Notice

Hand-delivered donations MUST be received in the church office no later than noon on Friday, December 30, or postmarked by December 31, 2022, in order to be counted toward 2022. It does not matter what date is written on the check. Per IRS rules, donations received via US mail MUST be postmarked in 2022 in order to be counted as 2022 contributions. All contributions received after these posted times will be counted toward 2023 giving. No exceptions.



|       |                   |       |                        |       |                  |
|-------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|------------------|
| 12/01 | Fran Armstrong    | 12/09 | Kathy Christian        | 12/20 | Linda Thorp      |
| 12/01 | Sue Armstrong     | 12/09 | Larrilee Frazier       | 12/21 | Joan Casey       |
| 12/01 | Carol Edwards     | 12/09 | Rosalind Thompson      | 12/22 | Carol Agnew      |
| 12/01 | Susan Skeels      | 12/11 | Marv King              | 12/22 | Walt Bohner      |
| 12/02 | Maxine Anthony    | 12/12 | Elaine Goebel          | 12/22 | Bill Murray      |
| 12/02 | Bill Bischoff     | 12/13 | Coy Watson             | 12/23 | Brenda Frye      |
| 12/03 | Marty Wennermark  | 12/14 | Phil Ogden             | 12/23 | Tom Goebel       |
| 12/04 | Dieter Horstkotte | 12/14 | Carol Show             | 12/24 | Dave Colegrove   |
| 12/04 | Louie Weatherford | 12/15 | Shirley King           | 12/24 | Sheila Holyfield |
| 12/05 | Margaret Beamer   | 12/15 | Judy Kwierant          | 12/24 | Kay Suttles      |
| 12/05 | Sue Evans         | 12/15 | Jacki Massey           | 12/24 | Brooks Wimberly  |
| 12/05 | Bob Gowell        | 12/16 | Steve Fuqua            | 12/25 | Holly Villhauer  |
| 12/05 | Julian Kmiec      | 12/16 | Bob Secrist            | 12/26 | David Pencak     |
| 12/05 | Dawn Robb         | 12/18 | Rex Jones              | 12/27 | Jaye Emrick      |
| 12/05 | Richard Sorrell   | 12/19 | Terri Ellenberg        | 12/27 | Peggy Miller     |
| 12/05 | Richard Sorrell   | 12/19 | Linda Hansen           | 12/27 | Alvin Thayer     |
| 12/05 | Richard Sorrell   | 12/19 | Mary-Ann Hileman       | 12/28 | Mim Buysse       |
| 12/05 | Richard Sorrell   | 12/19 | Kathy Steinhauer       | 12/28 | Donald Simmons   |
| 12/05 | Richard Sorrell   | 12/20 | Carol Decelles Kennedy | 12/29 | Ginny Schneider  |
| 12/06 | Bobby Vencill     | 12/20 | Julie Lowry            | 12/30 | Donna Kliippel   |
|       |                   |       |                        | 12/31 | Pam Van Haren    |



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| 12/01 | Jim & Pam Frazier         | 12/28 | Ron & Suzanne Gill           |
| 12/02 | Rich & Joan Eineke        | 12/28 | Allen & Kathy Lowdermilk     |
| 12/08 | Kirk & Sherry Martin      | 12/28 | Randy & Holly Neal           |
| 12/12 | Bob & Susan Spencer       | 12/29 | Skip & Carol Show            |
| 12/14 | Jack & Judy Hall          | 12/29 | Charles Lusso & Colleen Mall |
| 12/16 | Richard & Pat Bachor      | 12/30 | Lynn & Paula Thompson        |
| 12/17 | Eldon & Debbie Clouse     | 12/30 | Donald & Linda Simmons       |
| 12/18 | Gary & Barb Storer        | 12/30 | Charles & Charisse Straight  |
| 12/20 | Eliud & Janeth Martinez   | 12/31 | Bob & Connie Moore           |
| 12/21 | Rich & Frankie Dendler    | 12/31 | Ed & Jacki Massey            |
| 12/22 | Pat & Jann Nielsen        | 12/31 | Howard & Dawn Robb           |
| 12/22 | Richard & Joan Hartley    | 12/31 | Joe & Martha Tomsic          |
| 12/23 | Victor & Susan Skeels     |       |                              |
| 12/23 | David & Marjorie Philippe |       |                              |
| 12/23 | Don & Kathy Kenne         |       |                              |
| 12/26 | Joe & Joanne Pugliese     |       |                              |

### The Mitten Tree



Help us decorate with your gifts of new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children. The mitten tree will be up December 4 through December 11.

### Important Announcement

The Trustees will meet at 3:00 p.m. on January 9 in Room 3. Immediately following that meeting, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Incorporated FFGUMC will hold their annual meeting pursuant to the Corporation Bylaws. The meeting is open to the membership of the Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church.

## December 2022

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                           | Friday                                                                                                           | Saturday                                         |
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| <b>4</b><br>8:00am Aldersgate SS Class (FR)<br>8:00am Traditional Worship (SANC)<br>9:15am SE Worship (SANC)<br>9:30am Friendship SS Class (FR)<br>9:30am Wolcott SS Class (Rm 7)<br>9:30am Huestis SS Class (Rm 6)<br>10:30am Christian Characters SS (FR)<br>11:00am Traditional Worship (SANC)<br>3:00pm CCCC Concert (SANC)                                                     | <b>5</b><br>8:00am UMM Prayer Breakfast (FH, K)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting (CR)<br>12:00pm Emmaus (Rm 3)<br>6:00pm CCCC Concert (SANC)                                                                                                          | <b>6</b><br>12:15pm High Noon Sisters (Rm 3)<br>12:30pm UMW Board Mtg (Rm 7)<br>2:00pm SPRC (FR)<br>5:30pm SE Rehearsal (SANC) | <b>7</b><br>7:00am Weight Watchers (FR)<br>11:00am CLM (Holly Neal) (Rm7)<br>3:00pm Charge Conference (FH)<br>4:00pm Holly Neal Advent Study (FR)<br>4:00pm Handbells (CR)<br>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>8</b><br>9:00am Men's Bible Study (Rm 7)<br>11:30am Al-Anon (Rm 7)<br>1:00pm Strategic Planning Team Mtg (Rm 3)<br>4:00pm Orchestra Practice-Christmas Cantata (SANC)<br>5:30pm Game Night (FH) | <b>9</b><br>10:00am Earl Rigg Bread Baking Class<br>4:00pm Orchestra and Choir practice-Christmas Cantata (SANC) | <b>10</b>                                        |
| <b>11</b><br>8:00am Aldersgate SS Class (FR)<br>8:00am Traditional Worship (SANC)<br>9:15am SE Worship (SANC)<br>9:30am Friendship SS Class (FR)<br>9:30am Huestis SS Class (Rm 6)<br>9:30am Wolcott SS Class (Rm 7)<br>10:30am Christian Characters SS (FR)<br>11:00am Traditional Worship - Cantata (SANC)<br>6:30pm Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting Service-Sanct, FH, KIT | <b>12</b><br>8:00am UMM Prayer Breakfast (FH, K)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting (CR)<br>12:00pm Emmaus (Rm 3)<br>3:00pm Trustees (Rm 3)                                                                                                             | <b>13</b><br>12:15pm High Noon Sisters (Rm 3)<br>3:00pm UMW Mtg Setup (FH)<br>5:30pm SE Rehearsal (SANC)                       | <b>14</b><br>7:00am Weight Watchers (FR)<br>9:15am UWF Gen Meeting (FH)<br>3:00pm Cantata for Community (SANC)<br>4:00pm Holly Neal Advent Study (FR)                                                | <b>15</b><br>9:00am Rug Hookers (FH)<br>9:00am Men's Bible Study (Rm 7)<br>10:00am UMW Book Group (FR)<br>11:30am Al-Anon (Rm 7)<br>2:00pm Stephen Ministers (Rm 7, 3)                             | <b>16</b>                                                                                                        | <b>17</b>                                        |
| <b>18</b><br>8:00am Traditional Worship (SANC)<br>8:00am Aldersgate SS Class (FR)<br>9:15am SE Worship (SANC)<br>9:30am Wolcott SS Class (Rm 7)<br>9:30am Friendship SS Class (FR)<br>9:30am Huestis SS Class (Rm 6)<br>10:30am Christian Characters SS (FR)<br>11:00am Traditional Worship (SANC)                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br>8:00am UMM Prayer Breakfast (FH, K)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting (CR)<br>12:00pm Emmaus (Rm 3)                                                                                                                                       | <b>20</b><br>11:00am Susanna Wesley Cir (FR)<br>12:15pm High Noon Sisters (Rm 3)<br>5:00pm SE Rehearsal (SANC)                 | <b>21</b><br>7:00am Weight Watchers (FR)<br>3:00pm Finance Committee (Rm 7)<br>4:00pm Holly Neal Advent Study (FR)<br>4:00pm Handbells (CR)<br>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal                                | <b>22</b><br>11:30am Al-Anon (Rm 7)                                                                                                                                                                | <b>23</b>                                                                                                        | <b>24</b><br>4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship (SANC) |
| <b>25</b><br>8:00am Aldersgate SS Class (FR)<br>9:30am Wolcott SS Class (Rm 7)<br>9:30am Friendship SS Class (FR)<br>9:30am Huestis SS Class (Rm 6)<br>10:30am Christian Characters SS (FR)<br>11:00am Traditional Worship Christmas Service                                                                                                                                        | <b>26</b><br>8:00am UMM Prayer Breakfast (FH, K)<br>9:00am Staff Meeting (CR)<br>12:00pm Emmaus (Rm 3)<br><br><div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Office Closed</div> | <b>27</b><br>12:15pm High Noon Sisters (Rm 3)<br>5:30pm SE Rehearsal (SANC)                                                    | <b>28</b><br>7:00am Weight Watchers (FR)<br>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal                                                                                                                                   | <b>29</b><br>11:30am Al-Anon (Rm 7)                                                                                                                                                                | <b>30</b>                                                                                                        | <b>31</b>                                        |

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