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Sunday, December 17, 2023 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

Uniquely You

Luke 12:7

7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone is unique in their characteristics and individual identities. You may like mayo on your hamburger while the person next in line can't stand the thought. There's nothing about it that makes one person wrong or one person right; they're just different. That's what a friend told me several years ago when we were discussing differing opinions on a church matter. He said, one person isn't wrong, one person isn't right, they're just different and different is ok.

This was the first lesson of many in learning how to work with people in the church. Unfortunately, this lesson would be reiterated a few years later but from another perspective. I've sat in meetings where if the volunteer or prospective employee doesn't fit all the criteria on a personality level, they are not a viable candidate for ministry. The lesson I learned from that experience was that everyone has a place and everyone has a calling. One assessment of my personality doesn't determine my ability or effectiveness for ministry. I can't say one person can't do a job based on what I think their potential is; it's not the way God works. I or they may need to do things a different way or work in a different format, but it doesn't mean we can't accomplish all God has for us because someone says my personality doesn't fit.

Moses didn't think he had it, Paul was probably considered "too much" for some, and Job was more than likely one depressing individual to be around. Despite all their shortcomings and personality differences, they were still uniquely themselves and uniquely equipped to deal with what God called them to do. This week I want to encourage you to be uniquely who God called you to be. You were not designed to be someone else or to accomplish someone else's mission. You were created to be uniquely you in this season of Advent, different is just different and that's ok.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

A Service of
Lessons and Carols



New Concerns

Gabriel Blackburn
Suzanne Smith

Continue Prayers for:

Family of George Knowles
Keith Mobley
Family of Virginia Bearden
Hubert Hudson
Family of Barbara Pope
Sonny Watson
Warren McDow
Betty Estep
George Knowles

Christa Avret
Michael & Jennie Walston
Warren McDow
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

* In honor of us, The Well at Centerville by Debbie Gray

Thank you

Thank you to my church family for your donations of money, time and toys. Our first annual Toy Giveaway was a success as we provided toys for over 60 happy boys and girls. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving caring church. God is Love and Loves lives here. ~~ Brenda ~~

Souper Saturday

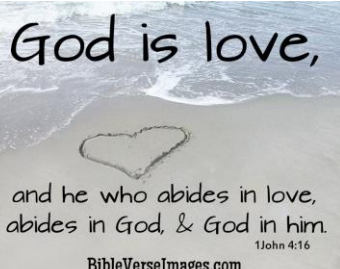
Souper Saturday will be another opportunity for us to serve those in our community by providing clothing and food to those in need. This event will occur on **Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 9:00am until 1:00pm** so please mark your calendars. Volunteers are needed to furnish crock pots of soups and/or chili and to be present to assist with shopping. **Help is also needed on Friday, January 12, 2024, beginning at 9:00am** to set up tables and bring in clothes from the Yak Shack. Please sign up on the sheets posted on the church bulletin board if you are available to help. Thank you so much for all your support for our Open Door Mission Closet. Brenda

Finance Report for December 10

Operating Budget..... \$8,245

Worship Attendance
125

Sunday School
43





- ✓ 12-17-23 at 10:30a- **Christmas Cantata**
- ✓ 12-18-23 at 1p-530p- **Red Cross Blood Drive**
- ✓ 12-24-23 at 6p- **Christmas Eve Service**
- ✓ 12-25/01-01-24- **Office Closed**
- ✓ 12-31-23 11:30a- 5th Sunday Lunch after Worship Service

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry is January 10, 2024... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for December 19- Sherry Armour, Barbara Hilliard, Cheri Cox
- Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon
- The Clothes Closet will be open 11a-1p on Food Pantry days, which is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. **Winter is Coming** and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!
Winter
clothes/coats/jackets/sweaters/hoodies/pants/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves; linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths; personal needs items; toys.
- Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

Family Promise

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer please contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, December 18, 1p-5:30p in the Fellowship Hall... to sign up go to www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: The Well at Centerville; or contact Brenda Crawl; Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Young at Heart

Young at Heart Christmas Party- A special time to share the joy of friends and the season.

Tuesday, December 19th, 11:30, The Well Social Hall

Lunch- Ham, Sweet Potato Souffle, Mac and Cheese, Lima beans, and dessert.

Christmas carols with Randy Stephans in person. Donation-\$5 suggested.

Please let us know you are coming- call Gloria 478 550 2362.



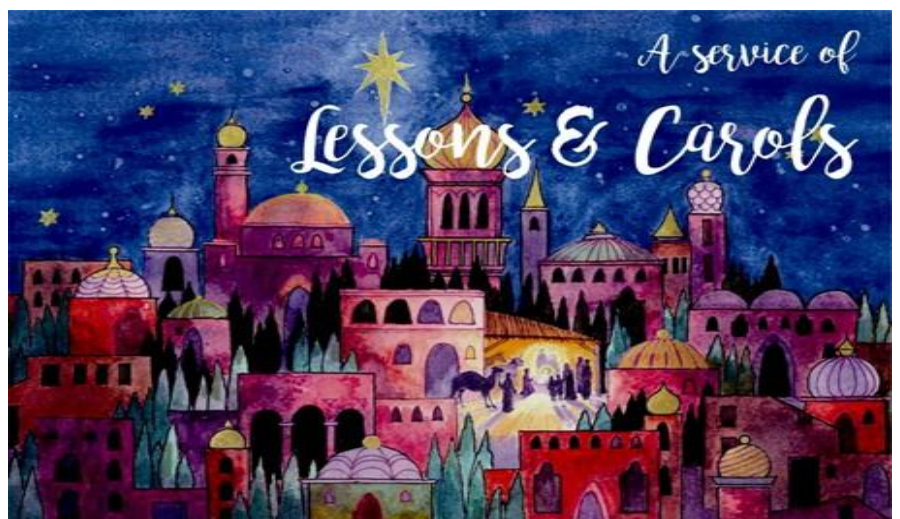
Basic ERT Training & Chainsaw Safety Class

Saturday, January 27, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Cordele First UMC, 302 East 12th Avenue | Cordele GA 31015

Register now at <https://sgaumc-reg.brapp.com/ERTChainsawCordele2024>

The basic ERT training will begin at 8:00 am with the chainsaw safety class to follow. Lunch is included. This training is a collaborative effort of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Christmas Cantata
A Service of
Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 17, 10:30a
Presented by
the Chancel Choir
and Handbells
Lead by Laneah Maddox



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Joy Fleming

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Don Porter

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Colby Million

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Johnny Gurr

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Jean Pike

Bible Reading Plan

Week of December 17th:

Sunday..... Revelation 8
Monday..... Revelation 9
Tuesday..... Revelation 10
Wednesday..... Revelation 11
Thursday..... Revelation 12
Friday..... Revelation 13
Saturday..... Revelation 14

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- December 17

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Don & Joyce Hall
Gary & Kathy Rutke

Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- December 17

Nursery- Joy Fleming, Barbara Gurr, Laura
Children- Amber Gamble

Sunday- December 24

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Lynn Miller, Dawn
Children- No Children's Church

Monday- December 18

10:00a Quilters
1p-5:30p Blood Drive
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- December 19

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
11:30a-4p Young at Heart
Christmas Gathering

Wednesday- December 20

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- December 21

10:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
5:30p Dulcimers
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- December 22

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- December 23

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous



Were here to
Serve



Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth
Pilgrims

Studies

Christmas Story
Matthew
Revelations
Almost Christmas
The Nativity
Acts

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson
Kathy Blanchard





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Coming soon!! Souper Saturday, January 13, 2024,
11a-2p; free soup/sandwich lunch and clothing.

Everyone is welcome. Due to people's
generosity, we have an overabundance of
clothes in our Clothes Closet storeroom. We are
going to pull the clothes out, put them on tables
in the fellowship hall for those interested in
going through them and taking what they'd
like... AND we're going to feed you, too! So,
mark your calendars and come on out!