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with Christ.  
with Each Other.  
with the World.

# the Trumpet

Monthly Newsletter of Columbiana United Methodist Church  
November 2011

## Mark Your Calendar

11.11

Veteran's Day

11.12

Church Planning Retreat at  
Alabaster FUMC

11.13-20

Return Shoeboxes for Operation  
Christmas Child

11.18-19

Scrapbooking & Crafts Weekend

11.19

Annual Charge Conference  
at Camp Sumatanga

11.20

Bring Fruits and Veggies  
Dedication of Shoe Boxes

11.20

Community Thanksgiving Service  
at First Baptist

11.24

Thanksgiving Day

11.27

Hanging of the Greens

## With Thanksgiving!



As we continue through the books of the Old Testament each Sunday in worship, we now move from the first 17 books (Yes, we have visited 17 books so far!) which contain the history of the Earth and the Jewish nation. The next several books are called "the Poetic Books" in that they teach us more about the heart than history. These books delve into personal experiences and from these we learn about love, life, wisdom, suffering,

pain, joy, the character of the believer as well as the character of God. We have learned about plans, provision, prayer, power and protection as we have studied the history of God's people. We now are challenged to learn more about ourselves.

What better season than that of Thanksgiving to ponder our heart and our motives? Why do we gather with our families for a meal? Is it because we think we have to or is it because we treasure the moments of being with the ones we love? Why do we bring fruits and vegetables to the altar? Is it because we always have, or is it because we realize that fruits and vegetables serve as a means of grace to people who can rarely afford fresh food for themselves, and we want to share our blessings with others.

May God deliver us from the bondage of doing things "just because" and may he ignite a fresh desire for us to engage one another with love, honesty and joy.

With thanksgiving,

Pastor Lori



## Special Christmas Music

The Chancel Choir will present:  
A Festival of Lessons and Carols  
December 4 6:30 p.m.

The Children's Choir will present their  
Christmas Program  
December 18 6:30 p.m.

Both in the Sanctuary.



### Operation Christmas Child

Last year CUMC participated for the first time in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Our efforts, combined with others from across the globe, enabled OCC to reach over 8 million children by providing shoe boxes filled with gifts and the message of Jesus Christ! This year, we are asking everyone at CUMC to prayerfully consider being involved with this amazing project. To make it a bit easier, shoe boxes will be made available at the church beginning October 30th. Simply pick them up, fill them with small gifts according to the packing guidelines, and then return them to CUMC no later than noon on Sunday, November 20th. For additional information including packing instructions and shipping forms, please stop by the SALSA room or contact Michele Walker.



**Youth Centered Retreat**  
Camp Sumatanga  
November 18-20  
Cost \$82 each  
See Drake Roberts for more  
information or e-mail  
youth@columbianaumc.com

## Community Thanksgiving Service

First Baptist Church Columbiana

November 20

6:00 p.m.



Please bring your fruits and vegetables on November 20 in the morning worship services and place them on the altar. They will be distributed to the needy and elderly by the youth.



Order your Poinsettias for \$12.50  
in honor or memory of loved ones.  
The deadline is November 18.  
Contact Kristy for more information.



## Skillet Bird Christmas Toy Project

It's that time of year again!! Christmas is upon us and the Skillet Bird Christmas Toy Project is in full swing. This project cannot be a success without help from all of Santa's "elves". You can be an elf! It's fun, it's easy, and there is no cost to you. All you have to do is shop. We provide the shopping list and Visa gift cards to pay for purchases. You can also serve by helping hand out toys on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Extra hands are always welcome!



I hope everyone will prayerfully consider being a shopper this year. It is a blessing to the needy in our community and it is a way to show God's love to them. This is a wonderful ministry that could not happen without your help.

Sign-up sheets will be available in both services on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> or you can email [hjargo@bellsouth.net](mailto:hjargo@bellsouth.net) to sign up for any of these service areas.

In His Service,  
Holli Argo



During the season of Advent,  
Morning Worship Services  
will be combined at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

November 27 - Sanctuary  
*Hanging of the Greens*  
December 4 - Heart4God  
December 11 - Sanctuary  
December 18 - Heart4God  
*Christmas in Cricket County*



Change your clocks!  
 Daylights Savings  
 Time ends  
 November 6!  
**Fall Back One Hour!**

**Scrapbook  
 All Weekend  
 November 18-19**  
 Contact Kathy Corbitt for  
 more information!  
 KathyCorbitt@aol.com

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## Volunteers in Service - November

### Heart4God Snacks

**November 6**

Maria Tidmore, Vicki Coe, Sonia Cardwell, Alisha McDonald

**November 13**

Sherry Head, John Jones, Lea Ann Hjetland, Helen Gibson

**November 20**

Carolyn Mundy, Gay White, Michelle Gay, Beth Horton

### Traditional Worship

#### Videographers

**November 6**

Keith & Helen Gibson

**November 13**

Kevin & Stacy Walkup

**November 20**

Rob McLeroy Family

**November 27**

Cynthia Murer, Lauren & Adrienne

#### Acolytes

**November 6**

Natalie and Marlie Odgers

**November 13**

Eli Jones and Kaden Cardwell

**November 20**

Jared Akin and Tucker Holley

**November 27**

Annika Walker and Maddie Waddell

#### Communion Stewards

Stacey Walkup and Helen Gibson

#### Communion Servers

Aaron and Laura Walker

#### Ushers

**November**

Ashley Phillips, Rob McLeroy and Dennis Sweeny

**November 27**

Tom Seale, Ashley Phillips, Rob McLeroy and Dennis Sweeny

#### DVD Delivery (week of)

**November 6**

Larry Mathews

**November 13**

Angie Nash & Sara Conn

**November 20**

Joe McCormick

**November 27**

Joan Alexander

#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETS NOVEMBER 21

Time and location of our November UMW Circle meetings are:

**Circle of Hope/Love** 1:30 pm; dining room

**Circle of Friendship** 7:00 pm; home of Vicki Coe

## It's Not "Good-Bye"... It's "See You Later"

I believe a good-bye is never painful unless you're never going to say hello again. When this newsletter reaches you, I will have already said "see you later" to you. No Good-Bye's! But, as I leave, I want you to know how appreciative I am for my time with you. I hope and pray that I have served you well. It has been a great joy and blessing to serve you. I do believe, hope, and pray I'll see you all again.

Columbiana UMC is like none other. The talent, love, grace, and commitment to Christ I have seen in you and experienced through you has helped me to serve you for a short few years with a lasting impact on my life and I pray with God's help I have had an impact here.

In life, there are seasons. Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything. There was a time for ministry here in Columbiana and it was great. Now, there is a time for me to minister in Naples, FL. As we all put our faith in God and ask for Him to lead us, guide us, open doors, close doors, we must not be surprised when He does. He opened a wonderful door for me and my family and doors will open for Columbiana UMC as well.

While I am excited for my new ministry, I would not be honest if I didn't say my heart is torn because such great possibility exists here in Columbiana and it has been a tremendous joy to be part of it. When I first got here, I felt this church was on the cusp of something great. I feel as though you are still moving in that direction and I am so proud of you and excited for what God is going to accomplish through this people.

My closing words are:  
 Be open, be willing, and get ready. Love God, love each other, and love yourself.  
 Be one. I'll miss you.  
*The song is ended, but, may the melody linger on.*



In Christ,  
**Nic Patterson**



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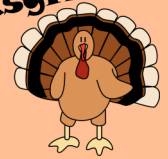
**Devin Bulger and Beth Horton, Nursery Workers**

**Donald Dawkins Cleaning**

**We are here to serve the Lord and you.**

**Please e-mail or call if you need our assistance.**

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



## November Birthdays

- 1 Forrest Walker
- 4 Bobby Garst  
Angela Jones
- 5 Joe Sullivan  
Debra Waddell
- 8 Ann Marshall
- 9 Jim Davis
- 10 Charles Bryars
- 11 Matthew Dill  
Jesse Davis
- 12 Rachel Richey
- 16 Robby Odgers
- 20 Emily Lansford
- 21 Conrad Fowler, Jr.  
Pete Grice  
Kenneth Jones  
Marlena Tidmore  
Grant Walkup
- 22 Marty Bailey
- 23 Frank Head
- 24 Anna Grace Head  
Amber Nielson  
Karen Sweeney  
Lana Tew
- 25 David Gulledge
- 27 Peggy Moody
- 29 Spencer Dill
- 30 Bobby Horton  
Chris Nash  
Scott Owen



Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate.

Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings; historically, the season was marked by fasts for preparation. This year, the first Sunday of Advent happens to be November 27.

We will celebrate the beginning of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens that Sunday morning in a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Make sure you invite all your friends and family to join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

## Weekly Calendar

**Office open**

**Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

### Sundays

- 8:30 Heart4God Snacks
- 9:00 Heart4God Service
- 10:00 Christian Education
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:30 Youth Praise Team
- 5:15 Evening Meal
- 5:30 UMYF
- 6:00 Children's Choir

### Mondays

- 6:45 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:00 Scrapbooking

### Tuesdays

- 6:30 Rotating Administrative Meetings

### Wednesdays

- 5:15 KIMCO
- 5:30 Chancel Choir Practice
- 5:30 UMYF
- 6:00 Special Study
- 7:00 Heart4God Praise Team Practice

### Thursdays

- 7:00 Christmas Play Practice

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