



Ringin' & Singin'

*Holiday sing-a-long
featuring the Alpha
Handbells!*



**Sunday, December 3rd
at the Advent Festival**

Advent 2017

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In receiving this brochure, you are being invited into all the worship, fellowship, and learning opportunities of First United Methodist Church this Christmas season. On the pages that follow you will find many activities to help you prepare for this to be one of the most memorable Advent experiences ever. Our hope and prayer is that this season will be a time for you to have Christ born again in your heart and life.

In the Gospel of John we are told that the light of Christ was born into the darkness of this world...and that His light has overcome that darkness. While it is true that there are places of darkness in our world, we believe that Christ calls us to offer light in that darkness. This may range from speaking a kind word to someone who is hurting; to helping a neighbor complete a project; to helping serve food to those who are hungry and need help. There are so many ways in which you and I may offer our testimony of God's work in our lives by the way we love our neighbor and share the light of Christ.


At First United Methodist Church our purpose is to help you find ways to be a light for others. The great truth of Christmas is that the light of Christ is born again in us as we share His love and light with others.

My prayer for you is that this Advent and Christmas season will be about more than getting presents. My prayer is that, in this season, you will receive the *presence* of the babe born at Bethlehem and the one who is the Light of the world.

Praying for you,
Pastor Bobby



2017



CHANCEL CHOIR

at the Governor's Mansion



December 18th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Admission is free, but tickets are required

Sign up in the church office for tickets by 12/10



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Advent Activities

December 3	Advent Festival/Ringing & Singing	5-7pm
December 10	Children's Choir Christmas Program	5:30pm
December 17	Lessons & Carols	8:30 am & 11am
December 24	Regular AM Services	8:30am & 11am

Advent Mission Festival

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

5 - 7pm

FUMC will host our Advent Mission Festival this night. We will emphasize the 2017 Advent season as a time of giving and sharing with others in our community. Join us from 5-7 pm to make special gifts that we can share with those who live in our area.

A meal will be served in Pratt Hall beginning at 5. You can work at your own pace and eat along the way if you'd like!

At 6:30 we will join together in the sanctuary for an Advent celebration of "Ringing & Singing". It will be a time of worship through song and festive music by our Alpha Handbells.

You're invited to be a part of serving our community through loving acts of kindness as you begin this Advent season!



Making Your Christmas List?

Most people are making their shopping list & trying to select the perfect gift for each person. There are some children in our community who aren't on anyone's list, but may need to be on yours. These aren't luxury requests, but basic food items that will bring smiles to their faces. Be a blessing and sign up for a Backpack Christmas Box. The list is already made to make it easy to shop. Lists will be available at the Advent Festival. Just shop, pack and bring it to the church by December 19 at 10am & the blessings of Christmas will be yours as well as the family receiving your box. For more information contact Luann Williams 391-7184 or Barb and Roger Philipsek.

Advent Wednesday United Study

Nov. 29th & Dec 6th - 6pm - Pratt Hall

A special study for all adults
for the Advent Season
led by Rev. Bobby & Rev. Drew

Wednesday United Carol Sing

December 13th - 6pm - Pratt Hall

Come get in the Christmas spirit as we enjoy the carols old & new along with a story time for the children. Bring a guest with you that night!



December 1 - Prattville Christmas Parade

December 3 - Advent Mission Festival

December 6 - Friend 2 Friend

(pack backpacks followed by Christmas card & ornament making)

December 10 - Children's Christmas Program at 5:30 in Sanctuary

December 13 - Caroling in Pratt Hall

December 17 - Sing at the Harbor at Hickory Hills (2pm) & deliver Christmas cards to residents

December 24 - Joint Sunday School for ages 4 yrs-6th grade

4pm Family Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary



SAM members will visit our home bound December 14th & deliver a Christmas present to each. We will meet at the church at 2:00pm to pick up the gifts and receive our assignments!

Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary

4pm - Family Service

5:30-6:30pm - Come & Go Communion

7pm - Candlelight Communion Service



Lessons & Carols

December 17th - 8:30am & 11am

Traditional & The Well

Join us for a timeless tradition that tells the Christmas story through 6 scripture lessons with songs integrated to further emphasize this magnificent event!

College Student Dinner

December 28th - 6pm

Jim 'N Nick's

Attention College Students!

Want to catch up with each other & see what's been happening at church? Join Justin & Stacie Grifford for dinner! Call/text Justin at 334-546-4627 if you can make it!