



Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church

Sunday December 18, 2011

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

“Cahaba Heights UMC is called to share God’s message of love and grace with all people in our community and beyond, by using our gifts and our resources in each ministry opportunity to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”

The Church Staff

Rev. Reagin Brown, Intentional Interim Pastor

Mr. David Busby, Choir Director

Dr. Ginger Dismukes, Organist/Pianist

Ms. Lora Parker, Youth Director

Mrs. Jana Cook, Children’s Director

Mrs. Gwen Johnson, Secretary

MDO/Preschool

Mrs. Jana Cook, Director

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*Sunday - December 18, 2011
4th Sunday of Advent*

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and jot down your name, address and phone number so that we may thank you personally for being with us. Our minister or a Cahaba Heights UMC member will be at the doors as you leave today.

Traditional Worship

**indicates to stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

[Light the first three candles of the Advent wreath.]

After the angel came to Mary and told her that she would conceive the child in her womb and would call him Jesus, Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." *(Luke 1:38)*

And Mary sings her Song of Praise:

...My soul magnifies the Lord...he has scattered the proud

...He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

...He has lifted up the lowly

...He has filled the hungry

...He has provided for the poor *(Luke 1:46-55)*.

We marvel at Mary, the mother of the Messiah, herself a single, teenaged mother, herself poor and powerless. But she understood that the baby she would call Jesus was sent, not just to her, but to the world...

...To the hungry

...To the weak

...To the very young and the very old

...To those who suffer or are in pain.

[Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.]

We light this fourth candle to remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. May the light of this candle also remind us that the light of Jesus shines for everyone.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS.

CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME
(Children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-45 Richard Barrow

SPIRIT OF PREPARATION "Canticle of Mary" Page 199
(At beginning and end, we will use 1st verse of No. 198 as response.)

SERMON "But She Is So Young" Rev. Reagin Brown

*CLOSING HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Page 196

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Page 581
(Verse 4)

POSTLUDE

Those who serve: Mike Mizerany, Lewis Eberdt

this week in the life of our church:

Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Coffee & Fellowship
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:30 pm Youth Parent Meeting
5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

Monday

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Chapel
Last Day of PreSchool/MDO

Wednesday

No Youth

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

5:00 Christmas Eve Communion

CHURCH CONFERENCE

At the meeting on December 12, 2011 a vote was taken to sell the parsonage at 3422 Moss Brook Lane. The vote passed so the parsonage will be sold.

All Children's programs on Sunday and Wednesday night will resume after the holidays.

January Tower

Articles will be due the week of Christmas. If you have anything you want included, please email or drop them by the office so we can get the Tower in mail in a timely manner.

Thanks,
Gwen

The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 22. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27.

December Tower

Due to problems with Bulk Mail processing the delivery of the Tower to the congregation was delayed. Reagin Brown

Those We Are Praying For

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

Our New Prayer Concerns: Al Russell, David Farr, Katherine Armstrong

We Continue to Pray for:

Joan Bidanset (Debbie Ponder), Jack & Mary Maze (Bill Maze), Helen Gilbert (Myra Harper), Beth Perry, Steven Simms, Ruby Davis (Reita Davis), Alice Scott, Edna Stevenson (Myra Harper), Terry Harmon, Frances Cobb, Edith Stone, Mandy Best, Linda Tippens, Jacqueline Cockrell (Myrna Swain), Nancy Robinson, Dawn Barrow, Vernon Bolen (Jill Butler), Walker McCain (Anita Bolding), Don & Pam McGill (Susan Maxey), Myra Franklin (Susan Maxey), Cecil Hare (Mike Mizerany), Gaston Wright, Luke Arrington (Savannah Busby), Jonathan & Melody Hogan, Mike Mizerany (Mike Mizerany’s father), Karl Harper (Myra Harper’s husband) Stacey Daniel (niece of Norma Staple), Nancy Hazelrig (Sylvia Barrow) Elliot Williams (Faye Owens), Kaitlyn Moore (Betty Moore), Larry Wheeler (Sylvia & Richard Barrow), Nancy Ray, Betty Gilmore

Shut-Ins:

Mary Jack McNeel/Greenbriar Alt., Betty McGibboney, Columbia Cottage, Jim Donovan/State Veteran’s Home/Alex City, Dick & Mildred Humphrey/Kirkwood



I want to thank everyone who helped with our production last Sunday of Santa’s Christmas Party last Sunday. We had about 190 people in attendance for our Worship Service. The ‘light lunch’ was a huge success. To everyone who helped prepare the food, thank you so much! From the PreSchool/MDO, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to an even better 2012!

Love,
Ms. Jana

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 10:00 AM

This is one of those rare times Christmas comes on Sunday. We will not have Sunday School that day only a worship service at 10:00. This will be informal time of singing carols, remembering the Christmas story. We’ll also have a special time of blessing of the toys. Each child is invited to bring one toy to be blessed. Some of you may think, “I came on Christmas Eve, I’ll skip this service.” The reality is by 9:00 on Christmas Day all the presents will be open, everyone is bored and wondering what to do. The answer is “Come to Church!!!” This will be a casual service, wear that new sweater you received!

