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The deadline for our next Centenary Messenger is Sunday, December 26th and it will be mailed out on December 29th. Please email your articles, prayer requests, or news to the church office by the deadline. Thanks!

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Isaiah 35

⁸ *A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.*
¹⁰ *And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

We do a lot of traveling during the Christmas holiday. We shop for friends and family, attend Christmas parties and a number of different church services. Others may travel out of town to visit loved ones. Some roads are easy to travel and others may be difficult due to traffic, terrain, or construction.

Advent is a road we need to travel if we are to arrive at Christmas. We read in scripture that Mary and Joseph traveled through barren hills to arrive in Bethlehem. The Shepherds traveled through the night over hills and through valleys to visit the Christ child. The wise men followed a star across the Arabian Desert to arrive at their destination.

We make the roads we travel difficult. We are often so busy with baking, shopping, entertaining, and traveling that we are too tired to hear the angel's voices or notice a bright star in the sky.

Isaiah tells us that God has prepared a highway upon which we may travel from Advent to Christmas. "*A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way.*" When we keep our lives centered on Christ during these weeks of preparation, we can pass through these arduous roads of Advent to experience the joy of Christmas.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jack

DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, December 1

10am – Archives meeting

5pm – chili dinner prepared by Youth

5:30pm – Christmas decorating of church

Sunday, December 5

11am – Christmas special music

Monday, December 6

10am – UMW Board meeting

6:00pm – UMW dinner

Tuesday, December 7

6:30pm – Trustees meeting

Thursday, December 9

6pm – Porter SS holiday party (F.H.)

Friday, December 10

8:30am – JOY Club to Madison, FL

Sunday, December 12

5:30pm – Nativity

6pm – family night cover dish supper

Tuesday, December 14

12N – UMW Cir #1 (F.H.)

Thursday, December 16

11:45am – JOY Club luncheon

Friday, December 24

6pm – Christmas Eve service

Friday, December 31

11:30pm – Watch Night service (Chapel)

SAVE THE DATE!

February 26, 2011

50th Anniversary of Centenary Camp
(please share this with everyone)

JOY CLUB

Come go with us on **Friday, December 10** to visit the Smith Mansion, Museum and the historical homes of Madison decorated for the holidays. PLEASE RSVP. The monthly luncheon is **Thursday, December 16** at **11:45am (\$5)**. Please RSVP.

UMW

The Executive Board will meet at **10am** in the Pairs and Spares SS Room on **Monday, December 6th**. Then, that night at **6 pm.**, we will have our quarterly meeting in the Fellowship Hall with a covered dish supper, hosted by the Evening Stars Circle. All ladies of the church are invited.

Dianne Bass
President

SHUTTLE MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to help church members with transportation, i.e. doctor visits, getting to Sunday school and church, etc. Please call the church office if you are interested in helping with this much needed ministry for our church family.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Early holiday greetings to all of you! In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, the choir and bell choir will be taking a break from December 6 - January 6 for members to spend valuable time with family and friends this holiday season. Please join us for our Advent/Christmas "Cantata" on **Sunday, December 5** during our worship time. The bell choir as well as the Chancel choir will be performing several selections to warm and prepare your heart for the upcoming celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

In Christ's Love,
David Haas, Director of Music

YOUTH NEWS

Come for a chili dinner hosted and prepared by SPAM on **Wednesday, December 1** at **5pm** in Fellowship Hall and stay to help with decorating the church sanctuary and facility for the Christmas holidays.

Nichole Nordschow
Youth Director

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of Centenary UMC:

The loving kindness of God was reflected in the Celebration of your 2010 Charge conference. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality and fellowship.

Blessings,
Rev. Tony Fernandez
District Superintendent

DECEMBER Birthday

- 1 Ted Davis
- 3 Dewey Jetton, Sr.
- 5 Bernice Higgins
Carrie Jabkowski
- 9 Victoria Dickeson
- 10 Joey Tilk
- 11 Adam Michelsen
- 15 Craig McMillan
- 16 Sonja Durrwachter
- 17 Andy Anderson
Roslyn Higdon
John Laing
Dick Reddick
- 18 Caroline Higdon
- 18 Helen Porter
- 20 Charles Cost
- 21 Steven Scruggs
Michael Watson
- 24 Tim Schroeder
- 25 Belinda Chason
- 27 Rush Miller
- 28 Bert Fletcher
- 29 Allen Barnes
- 30 Kathlyn Suber
- 31 Wayne Moody

DECEMBER Anniversary

- 12 Nick & Wendy Adams
- 16 Davis & Annie Bell
- 19 Rich & Georgia Reffner
- 20 John & Emily Higdon
- 29 Billy & Betty Suber
- 30 Craig & Jane McMillan

GIVING TREE

We will be giving a Christmas Ham dinner with all the fixings to 30 families from FSU Early Head Start Program in Gadsden County for the holidays. Please prayerfully consider a \$30 donation for each meal. Please make your check payable to CUMC and mark for "giving tree." Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marian & Raymond Hurst, Mary Neal Nixon, Ralph & Rachel Perkins.

Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Anthony Cuchens, Kenneth Gainey, Lisa Prince and Jonathan Rodriguez.

MAJ Lisa Prince
HHT 1/3 ACR Medics
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APO AE 09312

Our heartfelt sympathies to Mattie McMillan and family on the recent death of her niece, **Joan McMillan Dawson** who died on November 2, 2010;

Also,

to Daniel and Meredith McMillan on the recent death of her grandmother, **Ann Reichert Davis** on November 18, 2010.

NEWS FROM CENTENARY CAMP

Hi Everyone!

I have sent you this letter so you know that you are invited and also to help get the word out about our 50th year of Ministry Celebration!

Please mark the date – **February 26, 2011**. Please let us know if you plan on attending.

We might be having a very "SPECIAL" cook that day! You truly will not want to miss it! You may be miles away from our camp, but so are others who have attended this camp years ago.

Please tell everyone you know about this special celebration. May God bless you and your families!

Blessings,

Dave and Donna Bruns
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