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By: Rev. Brian A. Young
Senior Associate Pastor

As we start the Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent, it is helpful to reflect on the meaning of the two holy seasons we celebrate. As with any calendar, the Seasons of the Church Liturgical Calendar provide us opportunities to observe, commemorate and celebrate certain events and occasions in the life of Jesus. The seasons of the Church Year *reflect* and *'rehearse'* the life of Christ and they call us to do the same in our own spiritual lives.

The Christian calendar is organized around two major focuses of time: *Sacred Time* which includes: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. *Ordinary Time* consists of the time after Epiphany until Lent and the season of Pentecost. *Ordinary Time* comes from the word “ordinal” which basically means “counted time” or “time through the year.” The first half of the church year which begins with Advent is devoted to the life of Jesus while the second half of the liturgical year which begins with Pentecost is set aside for Christian instruction.

ADVENT

Advent is the first season of the church year. It means “coming” or “arrival” from the Latin *adventus*. It is a season of preparation for the festival of the Nativity. The length of the season varies from 22 to 28 days, ending on Christmas Eve. (It begins with the Sunday falling upon or nearest to St. Andrew’s Day, November 30, or the fourth Sunday preceding Christmas Day.) There are always four Sundays in Advent.

The origin of Advent seems to have grown out of an early Christian practice having to do with a fasting period for candidates who were to be received into fellowship on Epiphany, January 6. With the introduction of the new festival of Christmas in the 4th Century, this period of preparation was prefixed to Christmas and developed into a general period of preparation.

The character of Advent, like Lent, is considered a period of penitence in preparation for the coming of the Jesus. Advent means “coming” in at least three senses: (1) the coming of Christ in the flesh (incarnation), to be commemorated at Christmas; (2) the coming of Christ in Word and Spirit, to be pondered throughout the church year; and (3) the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time.

The four Sundays of Advent are both a time of thanks for the gift of Christ to us in the past as well as a time of anticipation

Some symbols of Advent include...



SCEPTER OR KING'S STAFF

The use of the scepter or king's staff as a symbol for Jesus is based on a quotation from Numbers 24:17. The usual form for the scepter is a long staff terminating in an orb crowned with a cross. Here the scepter has been combined with the kingly crown to suggest the kingly office of Jesus



LAMB OF GOD

Jesus is often spoken of as the Lamb of God in the prophetic writings of the Old Testament and in various places in the New Testament, including the Book of Revelation. The Lamb triumphantly carries the banner of victory over sin and death.



SUN AND CHI RHO

The Chi Rho is a monogram which is the abbreviation of XPICTOC, the Greek word for Christ. The sun is another prophetic symbol for Jesus, based on Malachi 4:2, "But for you who fear my name in the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings."



MESSIANIC ROSE

The Messianic Rose which is shown here derives its meaning from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah (KJ) where it is stated that the desert shall blossom as a rose at the coming of the glory of God. The Rose also symbolizes love and reminds us during Advent of the words, "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16)



FOUNTAIN

Zechariah 13:1 is the basis for the use of the fountain as a symbol for Christ, "On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness." The New Testament also makes use of water as a symbol signifying rebirth and washing away of sin.



BRANCH

Zechariah 3:8, "Behold I will bring my servant the Branch," is one of several quotations from the prophetic writings which explains the use of the branch as a symbol of Jesus.



COLORS OF ADVENT

The traditional color for Advent is violet, signifying a period of penitence and preparation for the coming of the King. Royal blue is becoming a more widely used color during the Advent season to differentiate it from Lent.

Some symbols of Christmas include...



MANGER

A manger such as the one shown is another symbol of the nativity. Although this manger is surely not the type in which the Christ Child rested, it has become the one used when a symbolic representation is desired.



BURNING BUSH

In the third chapter of Exodus, God speaks to Moses from a burning bush. Medieval churchmen paralleled God's descending to man in a burning bush with God's descending to man as a newborn child. The burning bush thus became a nativity symbol.



HOLLY WREATH

The wreath is one of the most popular decorations during the Christmas holiday season. The prickly leaves represent the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified. The berries are the drops of blood that were shed by Jesus because of the thorns.



HERALDIC ANGEL

An angel whose hand is raised in benediction is another symbol of the nativity. The story of the nativity as we read it in St. Luke is so familiar that angels seem to be an inseparable part of Christmas. This story also suggests joyous angels praising God.



OX AND ASS

Since medieval times an ox and an ass have been included in Christmas scenes. Although there is no reference to them in the Gospel account, the reasons for their appearance may be found in prophecy (Isaiah 1:3). Another explanation of their presence is that the ox is a symbol of patience and sacrifice, and the ass is a symbol of humility and service.



SHEPHERD'S CROOKS

Reference to the familiar Christmas story is again evident in the use of shepherd's crooks as a symbol for the nativity. The shepherds who went hastily to see the Child about whom the angels spoke, complete the picture of the nativity in our minds. The staffs also remind us of the Christ who called himself the Good Shepherd.

The color for Christmas is white, signifying purity, cleanliness, and the Christological importance of the season.

of his second coming. It contains both threat and promise. Christmas rehearses God's self-giving in the birth of Jesus Christ and Advent is a time of preparation for this, culminating in the celebration of the incarnation at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS

December 25 is Christmas Day and, like Easter Day, it is preceded by a period of penitence and followed by a season of joy. The Christmas season begins with vespers on Christmas Eve and usually includes two Sundays. The season concludes with vespers on January 5, the eve of January 6 which is Epiphany, thus, the 12 days of Christmas (December 25–January 5).

The origin of Christmas is different than we might expect. The early church did not have Christmas as we know it today. Both the birth and baptism of Jesus were commemorated on Epiphany Day, January 6. Christmas, as the Western church now celebrates it on December 25, developed from a pagan festival celebrating the birth of the sun-god (at the time of the winter solstice). This festival of the "Sun of Righteousness" and of "re-birth" (a striking Christian parallel, symbolically) was taken over by the Christians and became instituted at Rome sometime in the first half of the 4th Century.

Advent leaves us standing at the threshold of Christmas. Christmas comes, then, as a season of great joy, marked by such passages from Scripture as, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'" (Isaiah 9:6) The keynote of the season is given in the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all with whom God is pleased!" (Luke 2:14) The season of Christmas rehearses God's self-giving in the birth of Jesus Christ.

So, as we begin the Church Year, the calendar of the church challenges us to examine the meaning of the incarnation of Jesus into the world and into our own lives as we grow as his faithful followers.

Advent Studies

By: Rev. Kay Lancaster
Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. It is a great time of year to begin a spiritual practice of daily devotion and or study. At First United Methodist Church of Arlington, we have several study opportunities available.

ADVENT STUDIES

Our Sunday morning classes will be preparing for the Christmas Season by studying scripture and using book study curriculum. Some of those are:

The Bible Explorers (Room 252)
& **Covenant With the Cross** (Room 262)
The Redemption of Scrooge by Matt Rawle

Cokesbury (Room 254)
Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado

Faith Fellowship (Room 262)
Journey by Adam Hamilton

Genesis (Room 251)
While We Wait by Mary Lou Redding

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We will be launching our 2017 Wesleyan Small Groups on Sunday, January 22. Small groups that will meet in members' homes throughout the community will be announced so that participants can pick a group which meets their needs regarding location, meeting time, and interests. Be looking for more news on this ministry event!

The following studies are scheduled at various times and days during the week:

Book Study: *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*

Thursdays, November 10-December 15
10:00 am-11:30 pm | Room 151

A DVD/Book Study led by Rev Kevin Wilson
Thursday mornings at 10:00 beginning Nov 10.
Books are available in the church office.

The Women of Advent

Thursdays, November 10-December 15
7:00-8:30 pm | Room 203

Facilitated by Dr. Alfie Wines. Participants are welcome to join at any time during the study.

Book Study: *Why This Jubilee? Advent Reflections on Songs of the Season*

Wednesdays, November 30-December 21
10:00-11:00 am or 6:30-7:30 pm | Room 151

Why This Jubilee? Advent Reflections on Songs of the Season led by Rev Kay Lancaster. Two identical sessions will be held each Wednesday at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Participants may attend whichever class is convenient for them each week. Books are available in the church office.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Check in the church office and in our adult library for devotion books. There will also be daily devotions online starting Sunday, November 27, the first day of the Advent Season.



THE MUSIC OF Christmas

By: Sean Hale
Director of Music and Worship

FUMC of Arlington has a long tradition of a vibrant music program. There are certain events that we look forward to every year during the Christmas season and music revolves around much of them. The Chancel Choir and Orchestra make a presentation in worship, Ring and Sing, the chancel choir and youth go caroling, the children's Christmas pageant, the Christmas Eve services, and more events for sure. Here are some of the major musical events to check mark on your calendar for this year:

Vivaldi's Gloria

On Sunday, December 4, in all three Sanctuary services, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am, the Chancel Choir and Orchestra will be presenting Vivaldi's *Gloria*. This piece was written by Antonio Vivaldi in the period of 1713-1717 and is often performed at Christmastime because of the text in the first two movements, *Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus*, which translates to "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all of good will." It is one of

the most joyful works of musical literature. We hope you will invite a friend to come and worship with us on December 4 and participate in this festive day!

Ring and Sing

Our annual Ring and Sing event will be held in the Great Hall on Sunday, December 11, at 5:00 pm. This family friendly event is always a blast! All of our musical groups have an opportunity to sing and play Christmas favorites, both sacred and secular. Invite your friends and let's pack the Great Hall as we laugh and celebrate as a church family. You never know what you might see!

Caroling with the Choir

We are always looking for ways to connect with those who live near the church and caroling is such a great way to do that. On Wednesday, December 7, join the choir and the youth as we share the joy of Christmas with the neighborhood around the church. Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the Choir Room at 7:30 pm.

Find out more about how to be a part of our music ministries online at arlingtonmethodist.org!





Stephen Ministry

at FUMC OF ARLINGTON

By: *Anonymous Stephen Ministers*



Want to do something to deepen your spiritual life, learn just how much you depend on God, and see how much He can accomplish through you? Then being a Stephen Minister is what you are seeking. You do not have to be a psychologist or Bible scholar. You will receive fifty hours of training in order to know how to help in crisis situations. You can be the hands and feet of Christ by helping individuals in crisis. Examples of crises include divorce, loss of a loved one, serious illness, aging, loneliness, perhaps a new mother, or loss of a job.

Being a Stephen Minister has a few basic requirements...caring about people, a desire to demonstrate that caring through the love of Christ, and a willingness to make a commitment of time and energy. Individuals who request a Stephen Minister do so for a variety of reasons. These may include health

problems, loneliness, grieving, or relocation. Whatever the reason may be, the main role of the Stephen Minister is simply to listen and to pray with the individual. Stephen Ministers do not solve or “fix” the situation; they are aware that this is something that only God can do.

It is an opportunity to partner with Jesus in prayer and care for others, to be a positive influence in a person’s life, and to grow in your own faith.

Stephen Ministers visit care receivers one hour a week, do a lot of listening, keep everything in strict confidentiality, and pray. Stephen Ministers cannot mend the heart, cure the sick, or fix the problem, but we can, perhaps, open the door so God can do the healing.

If this ministry calls you, please contact the church office. More information may be found on the church’s web page at arlingtonmethodist.org. Check us out.

The call came at 8:30 one morning. She said, "I am ill. I am scared to go to sleep. I hurt." I asked, "May I come over for a while?" "Oh, yes," came the quick reply. Upon arrival, I tell her I will be right here. Get some sleep." She sleeps. I stay.

It is an opportunity to partner with Jesus in prayer and care for others, to be a positive influence in a person's life, and to grow in my own faith.

The nurse ran up to me. Please come. The patient is dying. The family knows you are a Stephen Minister. Will you come? We prayed.

My care receiver was very ill and alone with no family and only a few very dear friends. We met once a week over several weeks. When she died, I was with her friends and we prayed together.

My care receiver's daughter called at 10:00 p.m. "My mom is in the hospital. She is sick and dying. She wants to see you right away. She is upset." I went.

Even though I am a "fixer" I have learned that it is not my role nor is it a need of the care receiver. People of all ages need a friend, a good listener, and a confidant. As a Stephen Minister I have opened my heart, mind and eyes to the needs of others. I am able to extend God's love and care to His people. My prayers as a Stephen Minister help me to have a caring and loving relationship with my care receivers.

My week would not be complete if I didn't check with my care receivers. I feel needed and this gives purpose to my life through serving and helping others through Christ.

TIPS FOR THE BEST COOKIES

Choose Your Cookies: You want sturdy cookies that can handle the long-distance travel. The best choices are chocolate chip oatmeal, peanut butter, gingersnaps, and snickerdoodles. Now is not the time to attempt to replicate your great-grandmother's sugar cookie recipe. Instead, use a fool-proof recipe found on the chocolate chip packaging. Nothing crumbly, sticky, or that requires refrigeration.

Bake Your Cookies: Use a small scoop to make the cookies uniform. The cookies will bake evenly and be easier to pack into the zip lock bag, once they have cooled completely.

Pack Your Cookies: Separate cookie layers with parchment paper to keep them from sticking. Remove all the air from the zip lock bag and seal tightly.

No Guessing Game: Clearly label the package as to type of cookie and if it contains nuts or peanut butter.

Send it with Love: Enclose a personal letter and/or card for the recipient offering encouragement.

COOKIES FOR *THE* TROOPS

By: Michelle Clark
Director of Mission and Outreach

Central Texas Conference churches will join efforts to provide dozens of homemade cookies to the troops in December 2016. Your part is easy! Pick out your favorite homemade cookie recipe, bake two dozen cookies, and place one dozen cookies each in a gallon zip lock bag separated by parchment paper.

Deliver your cookies to the church on Sunday, December 18 or Monday, December 19. Regulation size boxes will be available at the church for transport to the troops. Two dozen cookies fit into each box. The cookies will be transported to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene by the mission team on December 20 for delivery.



What Are You DOING?

By: Rachel Patman
Director of Children's Ministries

In the 2001 copy of, *The Christian as Minister*, the author invites us to think about the rationale behind children's ministry. The story goes that some children are in Sunday school playing with blocks. Three of the adult leaders in the class are asked the question, "What are you doing?" The question is open-ended, encouraging thoughtful responses.

One volunteer comments that she is babysitting the children so that their parents can go to church. Another says that he's trying to help them learn to share the toys. A third, more emphatic leader states that she is helping the children learn how to live for God.

It's not that the third leader has the right answer and the other two are wrong. We need

to have children's activities so that parents, grandparents and other caregivers can tend to their own spiritual lives. As simplistic as it may seem, teaching our children to share is an important part of spiritual development, especially in our culture of abundant resources. But, somewhere between babysitting and mediating fights over blocks, it's easy to forget that children's ministry is ultimately about passing the precious message of our faith down to the next generation.

Over the next few months, as we are recruiting leaders for our children's ministry, I will be inviting each of us to pray about the question, "What are you doing?" to support the children in our church and community. I am excited to hear what the Lord lays on our hearts.

Blessings,
Rachel

VBS: June 26-30
Music Week: July 24-28

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A Servant's Heart? Clearly... but who is serving who?

By: Ellen Bauman
*Facilities & Columbarium Coordinator
& Special Needs Liaison*

Around the church, sometimes the word volunteer is a dreaded word... until you have done it. The life blood of the church is about us giving of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. That concept may scare some people away. However, that is not the case with those who support the Special Needs Ministry at FUMC of Arlington. Come and observe a First Friday event or a Sunday morning classroom, filled with people of all ages who have a disability and some of their closest friends who

have no disabilities. I challenge you to find someone who is not happy to be there.

Many of the adults who volunteer have been doing so since the program began. Over the years, they have developed friendships with individuals who are strong, loving, and delightful, while living life with a disability. Never mind that these "buddies" steal our hearts. They provide nurture, inspiration, and light to those who are there as "volunteers." They become family. Our volunteers and their buddies are always so happy to see each other. There are times that the kids are not ready to go home when their parents come to pick them up.

Our youth volunteers are no different. Perhaps you saw the video done by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter. Ashley Ray did a marvelous job sharing what keeps her connected to the FUMCA Special Needs Ministry. For the Rays, it is a family tradition; they have been part of this ministry for many years. Recently, a family from another United Methodist church in the area, visited with us looking for a church that would have a place for their daughters who have a disability. We are always happy to welcome new people. I searched the church looking for Allison Ray because I could not wait to talk to her about this new family. When I



stepped into the parlor, there sat the family with the dynamic Miss Ray. She had happened upon them and was doing what she does so well: sharing her love for our ministry.

First Friday is a great place for families to serve other families. In addition to the Rays, several other families look forward to spending the first Friday night of each month *together...here...children, youth, parents, together...serving in ministry together...on Friday night*. What's up with that? You might ask the Loper, Heid, Werchan, Taliaferro, Sovic, Russ, Entrekim, or Cooley families. One of our newest volunteer families, Craig and Julie Morris and their three children, would be happy to share with you the reason they are here every month. They were looking for a ministry; a place for all of them to serve together. The goal was to begin teaching their children about serving others. Craig and Julie heard about our program through a friend with the Arlington Police Department. They came to us highly recommended by their home church. It would be hard to say who is more delighted they found us!

Other First Friday volunteers have their own stories, their own "why" this ministry is so important to them. If you are looking for something to add meaning to your life and make a difference in someone else's quality of life, come take a look at FUMCA Special Needs Ministry. We have families on a waiting list, hoping their child will soon be coming to First Friday. With your help, we can shorten that list.



For more information on the First Friday program, or to find out how you can volunteer, contact Ellen Bauman at [ebauman@arlingtonmethodist.org](mailto:ebaumana@arlingtonmethodist.org) or call the church office at 817-274-2571.

A YEAR IN PHOTOS





SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: SEEKERS

When and where does your class meet?

We meet on Sundays in Room 257

How many people are in your class?

We have 33 families/57 adults

How long has your class been meeting?

We began in the Fall of 1994 with four to five couples (McQuittys, Nixes, Turners, Wentlands, and Frazors)

Who is your class geared towards?

We are geared to the adult(s) with kids ranging in age between Elementary to College.

Is there a way your class gets involved with the One Mile Mission?

We have several members that get involved in many of the programs with the church. Everything from the youth, mission trips, confirmation, etc. We also have members that volunteer with Big Hope mentoring, Mission Arlington, the Arlington Night Shelter, and other civic organizations.

Tell us something interesting your class has done recently:

Where to start? We have a "Social Committee" and they organize monthly events for us to do. It may range from a night out at the Levitt, lunch

after class; we do "Men's Trips" and "Women's Weekends", dinners for eight, and holiday gatherings. As a class, we always have something going on.

The greatest strength of your class is:

Simply put...we support each other. When we say that, it is not an understatement. If we have a member who is hurting (i.e. loss of a family member, job, poor health) we contact them, provide food, and support through prayer and action. If one is hurting, all of us are hurting.

Three words that describe your class:

Friendly, Fun, and Inquisitive



Members of the Seekers class on a Sunday morning

For a full listing of Sunday school classes, times, and descriptions, visit arlingtonmethodist.org



Is there something special about your Sunday school class that you would like to share? Whether it's One Mile Mission involvement, mission projects, or fun class excursions, we'd like to hear about it! To nominate your class for a Sunday School Spotlight, email Mary Gibson at mgibson@arlingtonmethodist.org

WINTER EVENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PRESENT VIVALDI'S GLORIA

DECEMBER 4 | 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY
The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present Vivaldi's Gloria at all Sanctuary services. It is a great time to invite friends to come and experience the music of our church and worship with us!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 4 | 5:00-7:00 PM | GREAT HALL
Our annual children's Christmas play followed by cookies and refreshments.

CAROLING WITH THE CHOIR

DECEMBER 7 | 7:30-8:30 PM | CHOIR ROOM
Come and join the choir and youth as we go caroling in our neighborhood! We'll meet in the Choir Room.

CHRISTMAS RING AND SING

DECEMBER 11 | 5:00-6:30 PM | GREAT HALL
A fun-filled musical evening of carol singing and jingle bell ringing, as well as performances by Children's Choirs, Testament Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, Center313 and Youth Praise Band. Bring jingle bells to ring!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER 18 | 4:00-5:00 PM | CHAPEL
A service of remembrance for those who have suffered loss. All are welcome. 4:00 PM in Vandergriff Chapel.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24 | 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 11:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Join us for Christmas Eve services with candlelight and Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 25 | 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY
On Christmas Day, we will have muffins and coffee at 10:00 am in the Parlor, followed by a service of song and word at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

JANUARY 1 | 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY
On New Year's Day, we will have a light brunch at 10:00 am in the Great Hall, followed by The John Wesley Covenant Service with communion at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

BEGINNINGS III-THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

JANUARY 5 | 6:30-8:00 PM | BANQUET ROOM
This study shares the answers to the question: What are the spiritual characteristics of someone who follows Christ? Ten Habits of Spirituality will be explored during the ten evening sessions. A light meal will be served prior to each session.

DISCIPLE NOW (DNOW)

6:00 PM FRI, JANUARY 13-10:30 AM SUN, JANUARY 15
Small group discipleship for youth in a home setting for a weekend of prayer, Bible study, recreation, food, and relationship-building.

BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 15 | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM | BANQUET ROOM
Blood drive sponsored by Carter BloodCare. Bring a valid ID. Your donation helps 3 people.

GOOD FRIDAY CHOIR KICKOFF REHEARSAL

JANUARY 21 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM
All are invited to sing with the choir as we begin rehearsals for our major presentation with orchestra for the Good Friday worship service. Lunch will follow in the Banquet Room--Free for new members, youth/college students.

WOMEN'S RETREAT*

JANUARY 27-28 | GLEN LAKE, TEXAS
This year's theme for our retreat will be Sweet Life Cafe: Where Women Savor Time With God. We will meet at Stillwater Lodge in Glen Lake, Texas. Accommodations are hotel quality. Saturday Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. This a great time of fellowship with sisters in Christ. Registration Fee is \$100.

*Register online at arlingtonmethodist.org

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Teenya Blanchard, Wayne Blanchard,
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A festive graphic for an Advent worship series. The background is a deep purple with a bright, glowing starburst in the upper center. The word "Expecting" is written in a white, sans-serif font, arched over the word "Grace", which is written in a large, elegant, white cursive script. Below the main text, the words "ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES" and "THROUGH JANUARY 1" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, a gold gift box with a large, shiny gold bow is partially open, resting on a white, snow-like surface. The overall scene is illuminated with soft, sparkling light effects.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH JANUARY 1