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Dr. Dean Posey, Pastor December, 2010

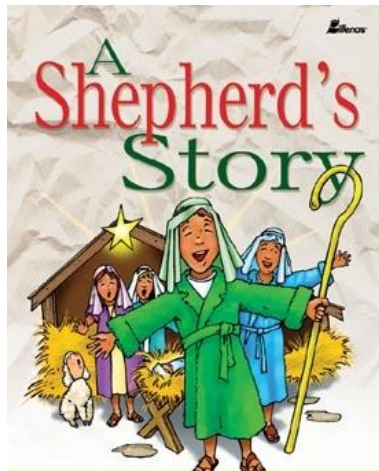
THE MESSENGER

Celebrate Christmas at FUMC



Christmas Brunch

Women's Christmas Brunch,
Saturday, December 4 - 10:00 am



Presented by the Children's Choir
December 5, 5:00 pm in the
Sanctuary



Christmas Around the World
Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 18
10:00 to Noon



Night of the Father's Love

Pepper
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Christmas Cantata presented by the
Youth and Chancel Choirs on
December 12 - 8:30 am &
11 am services



**HANDBELL
RING AND
CAROL SING**
PRESENTED BY
FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH AND AZLE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
December 19 - 3:00 pm
Azle Christian Church,
119 Church St.,
Azle



Christmas Caroling Party

Youth Christmas Party
December 12 at 2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service -
5:00 PM in the HUB and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Congregation,

I thank you all for encouraging me to be an ordained minister in the charge conference. To me, each of you is a spiritual model who follows Christ. Just know that thoughts and prayers of me and my family are always with you even though we are serving in different places.

In love,
John Han



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be 5:00 PM in the HUB (geared toward Children) and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary



Mission Trip News

Two dates for the beans and rice mission trip to Costa Rica have been selected. April 30th thru May 7th, and June 18th thru 25th. The cost is \$650 plus your airfare and other fees such as a \$25 exit tax. Passports are required and cost about \$150. There are several different areas in which to serve, medical, VBS, beans and rice ministry, and construction. If you are interested in either of these trips you need to let us know by January 30th. A \$65 deposit is required. All ages are welcome.
web site: www.riceandbeansministeries.com



Book Club Members, We're celebrating on December 2nd at Fortuna's Restaurant, 6:00 pm (gather at church, then drive together). Please confirm that

you plan to attend so that we can make reservations. Thanks! Look forward to seeing everyone,

We have made choices for 2011, so please save this e-mail to keep track of what titles will be discussed.

January - *The Art of Racing In The Rain* by Garth Stein

February - *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

March - *And I Still Dream About You* by Fannie Flagg

April - *From Stones to Schools* by Dan Mortensen (we read his *Three Cups of Tea*)

We're also considering *Room* by Emma Donoghue and *Somebody's Someone* by Regina Louise (non-fiction)

If you have other suggestions, please bring them to Fortuna's December 2nd. Hope all of you are well and enjoying cooler weather.

Virginia Abendschan



To Everyone – We are now in the season of Advent – a significantly special time of year. Advent is a time of anticipation that has a dual purpose. It is a time of thinking about the birth of Jesus so long ago, and it is a time of looking forward to Jesus' return again. It is both an exciting time and a time of reflection to consider how we are living our lives as followers of Christ. This time of year is a particularly effective time to invite others to join you in worship and for other special events celebrating Christ's birth.

For worship this Sunday, we are celebrating the second Sunday of Advent, lighting the candle of Peace and observing Holy Communion together. In the afternoon, the Northwest Community Band will give a Concert of Christmas Music at 2:00 p.m. in the HUB. In the early evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, the Children's Choir will present the musical, *A Shepherd's Story*. They would be delighted for you to attend.

Other Events –

December 12 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. the Youth and Chancel Choirs will present the story of Christmas with the cantata, *Night of the Father's Love*.

December 19 at 3:00 p.m. our Upper Room Ringers and Azle Christian Church Handbells will join together for Christmas bell music and carols to sing. That event will take place in the family center at the Christian Church just across the street from our church.

December 24 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. will be Christmas Eve services with carols, candlelight and communion. The 5 p.m. service will have a special time for small children and will be in the HUB. The 7 p.m. service will be held in the sanctuary.

December 26 – one worship service will take place. That will be at 11:00 a.m. We will enjoy singing carols and watching the dramatic presentation of *Simeon's Dream* performed by Mark Winters from One Man Show Ministries.

Youth Choir – For those who were not able to come to rehearsal Sunday, please meet at 5:30 in the choir room on Wednesday.

Youth Music - Rehearsal time change for December 5 because of the children's musical - 3:40 p.m. Bells and 4:00 p.m. choir

Children's Choir – Please be sure all lines and songs are memorized. We have rehearsal on Wednesday for the musical and at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4.

Margaret



New Prayer Requests: Rueben Mahlmann; Vicki Harris; Robert Yoakum; Karen Thomason; Freddie Taylor; Sayer Carney; Ella Kate Moore; Stanley Hilton; Becca Lindsey; **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Gary Brister; Mary Kay Burns; Virginia Dowd; Houston Taylor; Macil Brooks; Shannon Tursy; Royce Walker; Nancy Gibbons; Gene Hargrove; Nelson family; Nancy Davis; Ed Davis; Davidson family; Alice Gurtler; Sue Arizpe; DeeDee McMinn; Fran Miller; Dianne Hughes; Bonnie (sister of Carol Davies); family of Sal Vargas; Nancy Bovea; Barbara Burns; Byrne Moody; Diane Wright; L. H. Wall; Brenda Scott; Richard McCarter; Katie Stevens; Timothy Smith; Lauren Edwards; Johnny Haney; Janet Farris; Dixie Duggard; Lisa Lindsey; Helen Winters; Matthew Edwards; Sue Bearden; Ruth & Don Autry; Leslie Mokry; Misty White; Pastor Briggs; Elizabeth Ruth Wade; Parson Family; Shelly Pfeiffer; Sammy Rush; Aaron Terry; Ann Jackson; James McMinn; Jim Prentice; Jim & Terry Ovaretto; Russell Eagleton; Mareen Morrow; Jean Rider; Colleen Neely; Mark Hardage; Paula Zijewski; Clint Keeley; Evelyn Mohn; Jennifer Detrick; Arthur and Charlene Lang; Betty Eyre; Delma Thomas; Alvin Prince; Marge & Larry Haynes; Jerry Flippen; Jerry Bennett; Bessie Rogers; Mary Ledig; Dora Clark

YOUTH

It is time for the Annual Youth Christmas Party & Caroling!



On Sunday, December 12 we will meet and leave the church by 2:00 pm to go caroling at Eagle Crest Villa and Azle Manor Nursing Home.



Nursing Home Caroling Trip

After caroling, we will travel to Lake Worth for dinner at Chili's and go see the third installment of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. In the movie, Lucy and Edmund Pevensie return to Narnia with their cousin Eustace where they meet up with Prince Caspian for a trip across the sea aboard the royal ship *The Dawn Treader*. Along the way they encounter dragons, dwarves, merfolk, and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world. Please bring \$10 for the movie, and \$20 for dinner (because you don't want to forget to tip!). We should return to the church by 9:00 pm.

Please note that there will be no Sunday Night Youth on Sunday, December 26.



Mark

CORNERSTONE CORNER

In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. Everyone had to return to their home town. Everyone was busy, rushed and tired. In the midst of this chaos came a baby who brought salvation to all. Christmas time is the busiest time of our year. We are rushed and tired but we have the opportunity to pause a moment and celebrate God's Gift to us.




The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 18, at 10:00 AM. This year we will be exploring Christmas traditions around the world. In addition, we will focus on our own traditional Christmas customs. We will serve a traditional Christmas luncheon at 12:00 for children and their families. Please let the office know by December 13, if possible, how many of your family will be attending. There will be crafts, decorating gingerbread men, making garlands of popcorn and cranberries and much more. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this wonderful Christmas party for the children.

The Christmas Eve service for children will be in the HUB and will again feature the reading of the Christmas story by Dr. Dean. Children will be asked to choose a costume of a character in the story and participate in the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. If you would like to assist the children in finding a costume and taking their place in the nativity scene, please let me know. Don't forget to come hear the children's choir program on the evening of Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 PM

Have a wonderful holiday season!

In His love,
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| <p>December Sermon & Scripture Schedule</p> <p>December 5 God's Generals: "The Story of Luke" Acts 16: 6-12</p> <p>December 12 Christmas Cantata - Night of the Father's Love both services</p> <p>December 19 Regular Sunday Schedule</p> <p>December 24 5:00 and 7:00 pm services</p> <p>December 26 Simeon's Dream presented by One Man Show Ministries 11:00 service only</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Church Supper</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">December Monthly Church Supper Menu</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 1 - Beef and Chicken Enchiladas, Taco Salad, Queso, Salsa, Chips, Dessert</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 8 - Lasagna, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 15 - Chicken and Dumplings, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No Church Supper 12/22 or 12/29</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank You!</i></p> <p>Jennifer (Detrick) asked me to extend a deep appreciation for all of the prayers, visits and concern after suffering a massive stroke. She is slowly getting better and is working very hard to regain use of her right side. It's comforting knowing she has such a wonder church family.. God Bless Kitty Hobbs</p> <hr/> <p>I am most grateful for the kindness and hospitality of FUMC in preparing for and handling my Dad's (Rudolph Looper) funeral. The food was great and appreciated. Each of those people in the kitchen were "holding the ropes" as they have done for years. That is the church's legacy. Pastor Posey did a remarkable job on the message at Dad's funeral. It was perfect, and most appreciated. God blessed him that day. And my dear friends there came through with support and love, including all Dad's Sunday School class, Fred Weir, Sue Wall, Ken and Betty Haas, Maggie and Charles, Nancy and Bubba...all were there to be the wall, helping in any way that they could. I so appreciate the HOME that FUMC gave to me. Donald Looper</p> |
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First United Methodist Church of Azle
 Worship 8:30 a.m. =Sunday School 9:45 a.m. =Worship 11:00 a.m.

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| Minister: Every Member | Pastor: Dr. Dean Posey | Youth Director: Mark Bennett |
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