

REVOLUTION SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
AT 7:00PM

*Not against the grain,
but coming full circle,
all encompassing!*

*It's all about
creating connections,
it's about self, it's about life!*

Come as you are!

Join us on December 18th
at 7:00pm for a new kind of
worship experience. Join
the revolution and bring your
friends. It's all about living
what you believe!

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Sermon Series for December

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday

"The Wonder of the Season"

DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday

"The Wonder of the Promise"

DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday

"The Wonder of the Message"

DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday

"The Wonder of the Hope"

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve 6:30pm

"The Wonder of the Christmas"

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Service I I am

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THE MESSENGER

December
2011

The Pastor's Reflection

Anticipation

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Our Purpose:
"To build relationships with all people that help them know, love, and serve God in Christian Community."

It is that time again. Advent begins and so does the Christmas rush. We anticipate family and friends, turkeys and hams, gift giving, and so much more. I can tell you I have at least four Christmas parties to attend and several things on my calendar that are put there by others. I anticipate being busy, drained, and tired.

I have to say that I get a little annoyed by what we have made Christmas into. It seems to come earlier each year. I believe it is October when I start seeing the lights and decorations showing up in the seasonal sections of stores. It seems as though we have over commercialized the holiday. We have made Christmas into a reason to buy and consume rather than celebrate and rest.

I know many plan to travel for the holiday and yet, I hear so many that dread that part of it. We have to put on faces of cheer even after hours of exhausting car rides with people talking our ear off or whining from the back seat. The joy seems to be eaten up in the journey to and fro. The malls are crowded. People get stampeded in the big box stores that offer early morning specials.

Is this what Christmas has come to? It seems to fit our churches as well. We program and plan. Cantatas, nativities, and special services . . . all this is done to oblige what we have always done or the expectations of others. We go through motions so we say we have done it. Why?

Is this what we anticipate?

I pray this holiday season, through the clutter and junk that we add to our lives, we can find joy, hope, and peace. Search your hearts and homes for the anticipated child. Anticipate the hope of the world. Celebrate the birth of a Savior. Share joy with all you meet.

Anticipate the promises of God that come to life this holiday season. Help the world see the gift of Jesus that brings meaning and grace to our lives. Merry Christmas!

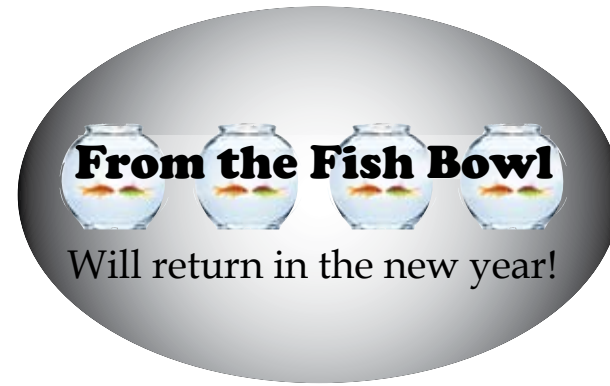
In Christ,

Pastor Mike

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The Spirit of Christmas

The crowds asked John, "What should we do?" John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." Luke 3:10-11 (CEV)

Words are taken from Luke 3:7-11 (NLT).



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baptism	give	poor	share	tree
crowds	good	produce	shirts	turned
food	hungry	prove	sins	two
fruit	live	repent	snakes	warned

Regular Calendar Events:
 Zumba Mondays 7:00pm
 T.O.P.S. Tuesdays 5:30pm
 Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00pm
 N.A. Fridays 7:00pm

DECEMBER 2011

Weekly Sunday Schedule:
 9:30am Prayer Group
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:40am Refreshments
 11:00am Worship
 6:00pm Room In The Inn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Youth 4:00pm Velda Avant & Reid Crook's Birthdays	5 Laura Dunn's Birthday ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	6 Cub Scouts 6:30pm	7 Carolyn Hancock's Birthday	8	9 Katie Cadenhead's Birthday	10 <i>Suanna Circle Christmas Party 6pm</i> Marry Jordan's Birthday
11 Communion <i>Christmas Cantata 6pm</i> Nathan Harris' Birthday	12 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	13 Girl Scouts 6:00pm Andy Andrews' Birthday Finance/Budget Meeting 6:30pm	14	15 NEUTRAL INFO DUE!	16	17
18 Youth 4:00pm REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM USO COOKIES Julie Blackwelder's Birthday	19 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	20 Cub Scouts 6:30pm	21	22	23	24 Don Beane's Birthday <i>Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 8:30pm</i>
25 <i>Christmas Worship 10am</i>	26 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	27 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	28 Gabby McGee & Joshua Harris' Birthdays	29 Lorraine Long's Birthday	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE



... Warren Harris, father of Pastor Mike, is retiring (for the second time) at the end of December.

... Room In The Inn begins

December 4th and we need helpers, especially van drivers and breakfast cooks. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

... Center for Children is holding a Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale on December 10th from 11am - 1pm. To enter your chili call Judy Fennema at 704-375-1600. To donate pies, cakes, cookies or breads call Carolyn Hancock at 704-531-8393.

... our Christmas Cantata, "Shout the Good News", will be presented on December 11th at 6pm.

... The Christmas Eve Service will be Saturday, December 24th at 6:30pm.

... Christmas day worship will be at 11:00am.

... Revolution Service will be on December 18th at 7pm.

... Chelsea Blackwelder, granddaughter of Becky Kirkpatrick, made the Dean's List for the Fall term at Kings College.

... The Friends of Kilgo work day was a success! We now have several new rose bushes in the garden and lots of other repairs and improvements around the church. Thank you Friends!

... We had a Fellowship Hall full on November 20th for our Co-operative Parish Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch. We are blessed to have such a great parish family.

... I need your news.

Becky Kirkpatrick

The Joanna Circle

Will not meet in December.

The Susanna Wesley Circle

Will meet for their annual Christmas gathering at the home of Alice Turner at 5500 Robinhood Road, Charlotte on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 pm.

Important CMS Dates:

December 19th - 30th	Christmas Break
January 16th	MLK Jr Holiday
January 23rd	Teacher Workday

Visitation Teams

Every second Sunday we continue our visits to our Kilgo family that has had a hard time coming to church on a regular basis due to health issues.

We have had a good time visiting friends and making new ones.

Continue to keep our home bound members in your prayers.

If you feel a calling to help in this ministry, please let us know!



DON'T FORGET THE FINANCE/BUDGET MEETING ON DECEMBER 13TH AT 6:30PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

Shout the Good News!

Christmas Messengers in Scripture and Song

Come hear the beautiful music at our Cantata!

Sunday, December 11th at 6:00pm

Community Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th at 6:30pm

Our Christmas Eve service is always family friendly. Every child attending will leave with a special gift.

We will sing traditional songs, hear a message of Christmas Joy, and leave with the light of Christ in our hearts. Join us again this year and bring friends and family.



CHILI COOK-OFF TASTERS NEEDED!

Saturday, December 10th from 11am until 1pm

Bring your appetite and get ready for tasting! Tasting fee is \$8 per person (Drinks for sale for \$1 each)

Help choose who wins 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MARY SPRAY CENTER FOR CHILDREN SO BE SURE TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO ENTER AND COME FOR THE TASTING! WE WILL ALSO HAVE SWEETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE BAKE SALE!

JUST FOR THE KIDS: HOT DOG, JUICE BOX, & CHIPS MEAL FOR ONLY \$2 AND A BOUNCE HOUSE FOR ONLY \$1!

THE COOK-OFF WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE UNLESS IT IS TOO COLD, THEN WE WILL MOVE INSIDE.

THE NATIVITY . . .



I am so thankful for another opportunity to welcome our neighbors out to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We held our 4th annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Live Nativity on Sunday November 27th. We had another record breaking crowd and a great time of sharing the Christmas message with all who came.

We again welcomed our animal friends from 2 by 2 Petting Zoo in Monroe. We had a brand new tree planted this year with the help of our friends Laurel Holtzapfle, RLA of groundworks studio landscape architecture & urban design at www.groundworksstudio.us and Aaron Gay of Commonwealth Landscape Management at commonwealthnc.com. They both dedicated their time and expertise to find the right tree and help get it transplanted. Hopefully we will enjoy this tree for years to come. Also, thanks to Kim April of Natural Wonders Playgroup for sponsoring and helping with our ornament making craft this year.

We would like to thank all of our helpers for the nativity and tree lighting and a special thank you to Aaron, Laurel, and Kim!! See you next year!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Mills
Eunice Scott
Velda Avant
Aline Killough
Virginia Bailey
Christine Oliver
Helen Culbertson
Chuck & Sue Paty
Libby Robertson
Dale Harris
Eddie Griggs

Rev. Reggie Cook
Dr. James Mackey
Rev. Mark Plummer
Irving & Helene Cheek
Joe & Ruby Lemmond
John Jordon
David Thompson
Military Families
Martha O'Neill
Johnny Mallard
Don & Lucille Beane

Noisy Offering



For the month of December the Noisy Offering will go to help purchase toiletry items for Room In The Inn.

If you would like to donate the actual items, please see Betty Davis for a list. Please give generously.



COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY

Keep clipping!

The soldiers appreciate your time and effort. As always, if you can, sort them by expiration month and then separate food from non-food items. This is helpful for the families that we aid.

Thanks for your help!

USO COOKIES

December 18th is USO Cookie Sunday.

These cookies are served at the USO Welcome Center at Charlotte

Douglas Airport. This was a project started by Bob Dula and we continue it in his memory.

Room In The Inn begins this month. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help with this very important mission. Sometimes the meals we provide these neighbors are the only hot meal they have had for days or weeks. Sometimes they just need a word of inspiration, a caring ear to listen, or a smiling face. Please help Kilgo be that for them this season. We will begin on December 4th and run through March so there are plenty of opportunities to help.

Please sign up on the sheet in the church narthex for the duties where we need the most help. You may call Betty Davis at 704-375-2007 or e-mail the church office at kilgoumc@gmail.com if you are interested.



Ms. Betty Davis is still available for child or elder sitting. Her rates and hours are negotiable so just give her a call! (704-375-2007)



Join us for **ZUMBA** every Monday night at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall downstairs.

Lori, our certified Zumba teacher, leads for all who want to have fun and get a good workout!

No experience or registration needed, just show up! Class cost is only \$2 per person.

FREE CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED.

Have you filled a stocking yet?



We are now filling the red stockings for the Salvation Army. Last year we filled a record number of stockings. Can we beat it this year? You can never out-give God! What a blessing it will be for a child whose main gift will be this gift given to them because Kilgo cares for all children. Stockings are available now and will need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 11th.

Please call Sharon Pearson 704-365-00951 or Betty Davis 704-375-2007 for more info.



Peace On Earth



Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Friends of Kilgo, a non-profit entity of neighbors that gives back to Kilgo for reaching out to the community over the years. They had a community work day at Kilgo UMC on Saturday, November 19th, and re-landscaped some of our rose garden, did some painting, and much more! Come see the wonderful improvements we're enjoying thanks to their efforts!

Thank you again!

Want to be a part of the Friends of Kilgo? Check out their Facebook page and sign up!