



The Messenger

December 9, 2012

TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS SEEKING THE TRUTH

SEARCHING *for the* KING

A Dramatic Christmas Musical

*Script by Walter L. Black
Arranged and Orchestrated by David T. Clydesdale*

**Presented by
The Worship Arts Ministry**

Americus First United Methodist Church

December 9, 2012 — 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Mark Watford

GREETINGS

Rev. Jim Smith

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

Searching for the King

Drama by Walter L. Black

Arranged by David T. Clydesdale

Glory to the Newborn King with Hail to the King! Chorus

Searching for the King Rebekah, Mordecai and Chorus

Morning Star with Emmanuel Soloist and Chorus
Morgan Minick, Soloist

It Was a Starry Night Chorus

This Is God Soloists and Chorus
Diane Smith, Soprano and Ken DiNella, Tenor

Beautiful One with Sing, Sing, Sing Chorus

What Will You Do? Soloists, Elementary Choir and Chorus
Chandler Dragoin, Myer Bernstein, Morgan Minick,
Penny Clare Thompson, Kayla Hudgins and Madison Ellis — Soloists

Peace Rebekah and Chorus

Hail to the King! with
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing and
Joy to the World Chorus

TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Jim Smith

OFFERTORY — *Born in Bethlehem* (Powell, Carr, Avery, Lee and Anderson)
Praise Team

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim Smith

CAST

Narrator — Mike Jones
Rebekah — Christi Barr
Mordecai — Mark Ashby
Melchior — Chuck Huffman
Jessica — Elizabeth Huffman
Mrs. Carlyle — Ellen Hanson
The Nativity

Searching for the King

PERSONNEL

Director — Christi Barr
Musical Director — David Warlick
Technical Director — Travis Warlick
Sound Techs — Ricky Arnold and Sammy Bledsoe
Lighting Tech — Ross Youngdale
Videography — George Ellis, III and Chris Barr
Costumes — Christi Barr and Charles Barr
Sets and Props — Wade Barr

Special Thanks to Wade, Susan and Charles Barr

CHORUS

David Warlick, Director; Alwen Yeung, Accompanist
Stephen Thompson, Guitar; Paul Farr, Percussion

Soprano

Valerie Duff
Roberta Ford
Rosalind Gatian
JoeAnne Moore
Diane Smith
Debby Williams

Alto

Michelle Andrews
Brenda Davis
Robin Lowrey
Kalynn Partridge
Candy Riccardi
Sybil Smith
Michelle Smitherman
Edith West

Tenor

Ken DiNella
Walter Stapleton
Travis Warlick

Bass

Reggie Comer
Larry Kennedy
Frank Lowrey
Don Smith
Carl Tott
Jody Wade
Mike Yates

Elementary Choir

Tommie Thompson, Director; Kalynn Partridge, Assistant

Myer Bernstein
Mariana DeTitta
Chandler Dragoin
Parker Dragoin
Madison Ellis

Aubrey Hardin
Kayla Hudgins
Morgan Minick
Penny Clare Thompson

Welcome, Guests, to Americus First United Methodist Church!

We are glad you are here and hope you worship with us again.
We invite you to join our congregation. If you are interested
in membership, call Rev. Jim Smith at 924-3169.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Frank and Lynda Lee Purvis and family on the death of his brother, James Gilbert Purvis, on November 28, 2012, in Adairsville, Georgia.

To our members who are related to Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III who died on duty in California on December 2. They are his great uncle Billy Horne and cousin Tommie Thompson.

COOKIES FOR INMATES

Believe it or not, Christmas is almost here. A way to think of others is the Matthew 25 imperative of Jesus to remember those in prison. The annual Christmas Party at the local prison will be on December 16, and a Christian gesture is to bake **homemade cookies** for the inmates. We will be at the **FUMC parking lot on Saturday, December 15**, from **10am—noon** to receive the cookies.

May God bless you!

Harry Entrekin

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Holly Roquemore Bickel, Sue Bradley, Jule Brown, Beth Carroll, Freddie Dudley, Marnita Hinton, Bryan Keefer, Cooper Kurth, Walt Grant, Jessica Goddard, Steve Griffin, Carey Harbuck, Darrel Harbuck, Mary Hunt, Anne Hurst, Norinne Lowell, Jack Partain, Ginger Perkins, Jim Smith, Brenda Stanfield, Charlie Smith, Rodney Vance, Betty Teasley, Hazel Waller, and Julian Webb

Prayer Pagers: Norinne Lowell 931-1657 Walton Grant 928-1482

SUMTER FAITH CLINIC DONATION

Thanks to all who shopped at the Wesley Class Country Store or made donations to the Sumter Faith Clinic. As a result of the Country Store, at the December 5 Wednesday Night Supper, the Wesley Class presented Mary Wysochansky with a check for \$1,097.16 for the Sumter Faith Clinic.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Please make reservations on the back of your communications card or call the church office on Monday.

MENU DECEMBER 12: Chicken Alfredo, Peas, Salad, Biscuits, Cake.

OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Membership: 954

Total Worship Attendance: 386

9:00 Worship Attendance75
 11:00 Worship Attendance205
 UMYF21
 Growth Group (11/25-12/1).....61
 Benevolent Fund YTD\$9,486
 Budget Giving\$17,312
 Budget Giving YTD\$563,601

Sunday School Attendance 163
 Hispanic Worship Attendance..... 98
 Hispanic Offering (November 25) ...\$951
 Hispanic Offering (December 2)\$734
 Hispanic Offering YTD \$32,560

REMINDER: You may make donations to the church by automatic draft. To do so, just call Elaine in the finance office at 924-3169.

DECEMBER 9, 2012 GREETERS AND USHERS

11:00 Greeters for December 9, 2012

Front Door – Franklin Hardin and Mary Comer

North Door – Bobbie and Terry Duncan

South Door – Willie and Greg Maxwell

11:00 Ushers for December 9, 2012

John Argo, Justin Arnold, Horton Davis, Arnold Durham, Erwin Ford,
Buddy Guth, Bill Harris, Steve Hudson, Allen Ragan, Dan Rhyne,
Buzzy Smith, Steve Stanfield, Wes Wheeler

SAMA FOOD BANK DONATIONS



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD
& MONETARY DONATIONS.
KEEP IT COMING! (350+ items so far)**

BIRTHDAY OMISSION:

Please add Beau Carroll's birthday on December 19
to your December list.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEARCHING FOR THE KING Musical Drama

DECEMBER 9 — 11:00 AM WORSHIP (No 9:00 service)

DECEMBER 10 — 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 12 — 6:00 PM — SOCIAL HALL
ANGLO-HISPANIC CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG



DECEMBER 15 10 AM—NOON PARKING LOT
Bring cookies for Kairos prisoners

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 2:00-5:15 PM
CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS IN SOCIAL HALL
To volunteer to help, call Sallie Minick at 942-3727.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
IN SANCTUARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — 12:00 NOON
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SOCIAL HALL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BIG CHURCH BAGS: pick up one for your child and return it after
the service or take it with you to Children's Church.

AFUMC YOUTH

Fall Schedule

December 9: UMYF
December 12: McDevotionals
December 12: Bible Study in the Foundry

www.afumcyouth.com

Check out the website for photos, and videos.
facebook: americusfumcyouthgroup

Mark 404-406-7730

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 9, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. NO SERVICE
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. SEARCHING FOR THE KING: A Dramatic Christmas Musical
- 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service in the Hispanic Worship Center
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band Practice
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

No
9:00
Service

Monday, December 10, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. Ellis-Lanier Circle at Jarrett Hook's Home
- 12:00 p.m. Corinne Heys Circle at Joyce Perry's Home
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. SEARCHING FOR THE KING: A Dramatic Christmas Musical

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. Nimble Fingers
- 5:30 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

- 7:00 a.m. Youth McDevotionals
- 4:30 p.m. Elementary Choir
- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Anglo/Hispanic Christmas Sing-a-Long
- 6:00 p.m. Pioneer Club
- 6:00 p.m. Youth in the Foundry

Thursday, December 13, 2012

- 7:00 p.m. Bright Beginnings Christmas Program

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CIRCLES MEET IN DECEMBER

ELLIS-LANIER	December 10	11:00 am	Jarrett Hook's home
CORINNE HEYS	December 10	12:00 pm	Joyce Perry's home
MARY MARTHA	Does not meet in December		

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Sunday, December 16 Social Hall 7:45 a.m.
Steven Shellhouse will be the speaker. **Make your reservations**
by December 12 by calling the office at 924-3169.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our church is hosting the Community Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 25, at noon in the Social Hall. If you would like to bring a ham, turkey, side dish or dessert, please call the church office at 924-3169. Also let us know if you (and your family) will be here to serve.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful, soft shawl. Your thoughtful expression of sympathy was touching and meaningful.

That prayers were lifted while the "stitching" was being done means a lot.

Sincerely, Debbie Nessamar

The Huffman Family extends gratitude to all who messaged, called and expressed prayers of healing during Ru's recent hospitalization. A special "thank you" to Mark Ashby for coming to the ER that evening, praying with us and checking on Elizabeth. We are so blessed by our FUMC family.

Chuck, Ru & Elizabeth

Charge Conference TALKING POINTS

"Let the Redeemed Say So"

**2012 Spiritual Focus:
Evangelism & Witness**

"As the District Superintendent, I commit to pray for your church each day, be available to work with your pastor and leadership, and continue to encourage us to make a difference in the kingdom of God."

Dr. Wayne Mosley, Americus District

Bishop

James King and the Americus District Superintendent Wayne Moseley, in trying to encourage and support United Methodist Churches in the South Georgia Conference, have asked for input from as many people as possible. Every church has been asked to consider the following seven questions. **Please take some time to pray about and answer the questions below. Please bring or email your responses to the FUMC office by December 19 at the latest.**

1. *What are the needs of your church?*
2. *What are the needs of your community?*
3. *What do you do best as a church?*

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4. *What do you not do well?*
5. *What can your District Superintendent do to help resource your church?*
6. *What do you see as obstacles to growth (physically, spiritually) in your local church?*
7. *Where are the opportunities for your church to witness and make a difference in the kingdom of God?*

2012 Poinsettias Given in Honor of

Juanita Adams and Lester Adams by Vickie Dozier

****Kay Ansley by Sue Bailes**

LaVerne Comer by Mary and Reggie Comer and Family

****Valerie and Pat Duff by Ann Westbrook**

****Ann Entrekin by Sue Bailes**

Nyla, Jim, Jay, Joy and Abby Franklin by Virginia and Marion Franklin

Our Grandchildren Hawkins Raybon, Gates Raybon and Fleming Gatewood
by Billie and Jim Gatewood

Our Grandchildren by Reba and Sam Hunter

****Sunshine and Billy Key by Mary Lynn and Sonny Shealy**

Mary Earle Mackin by Mary and Reggie Comer and Family

Our granddaughter, Kathryn Nichols, by Sue and Bill Dupree

Liza Parker by Jean and Wes Wheeler

Nell and Carroll Purvis by Millie and Ricky Trussell

****Jerry Quillian by Black Kitty and Friends**

Lenette Roquemoire by MaryLen and Carson Walker and Family

Julie and Steven Shellhouse by Elaine and Donald Smith

****Diane and Jim Smith by Sue Bailes**

****Leslie and Matt Stewart by Anonymous**

Our Family by Janis and Julian Webb



2012 Poinsettias Given in Memory of

****The Honorable Judge Griffin Bell by Carolyn and Joe Daniel**

****Mr. and Mrs. James R. Blair by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blair and Family Our
Son and Our Parents by Stella and Louis Bridges**

Buell Carlan by Nancy Carlan

Cathy Carter by Robin and Frank Lowrey

Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Cliett, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hobbs

by Janice and Jay Cliett

Ben Easterlin III by Joyce Easterlin

Mary Hardin by Franklin Hardin and Family

Lin Hardin by Franklin Hardin and Family

2012 Poinsettias Given in Memory of

Our Parents by Ann and Bill Harris

****Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogg by Frances Scoggins**

Steve Hollis by Julie and Steven Shellhouse

****Norma Hooks by Sue Bradley and Family**

Leila and Paul House and Eunice and Hamp Franklin

by Virginia and Marion Franklin

Our Parents by Reba and Sam Hunter

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter, Sr.

by their Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Steve Jones and Adele and Ed Jones by Jo Jones

****Easton Hulme Kinnebrew by Carolyn and Joe Daniel**

Bob B. Mann, James Hawkins Gatewood and Virginia Crisp Gatewood

by Billie and Jim Gatewood

Eleanor Lowery by Sylvia and Donnie Roland

****Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton by Frances Scoggins**

Betty Moyd by Marilyn and Harold Jacobs

Mary Niblack by Lyn Dozier

Roy Parker III and Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Wheeler by Jean and Wes Wheeler

****Mrs. Roy Parker Jr. by Liza Parker**

****Roy Parker III by Lisa Parker**

Robert S. Perry by Lutrelle Perry

Becky, Jimmie and Jim Ray by Ann and Bill Harris

Becky Ray by Millie and Ricky Trussell

E.M. Roquemore, Sr., by MaryLen and Carson Walker and Family

Coy Lou Ryan by Robin and Frank Lowrey

****Coy Lou Ryan by Ann Westbrook**

****Matthew Scoggins by Frances Scoggins**

Rev. and Mrs. Travis A. Warlick by David and Travis Warlick

Our Parents by Janis and Julian Webb

Marthalyn and Wick Wetzel by Lyn, Billy and Will Dozier



You may pick up your poinsettias after the
Christmas Eve services, or you may leave your
poinsettias for the Christmas Day lunch at the church.

****Notes poinsettias added since December 2 bulletin.**

CALENDAR DATES FOR 2012 & 2013

2012

Tuesday, December 25, 2012
Christmas Day Community Dinner
Social Hall

December 9, 2012
Searching for a King
Christmas Cantata and Drama
Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

December 10, 2012
Searching for a King
Christmas Cantata and Drama
Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

December 12, 2012
Anglo/Hispanic Christmas Sing-a-long
Social Hall 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13, 2012
Bright Beginnings
Christmas Program
Social Hall

December 15, 2012
Cookies for Inmates
Parking Lot 10 a.m.—noon

Sunday, December 16, 2012
United Methodist Men
Breakfast & Speaker
Steven Shellhouse

December 17-January 3, 2012
Preschool Closed for Holidays
Bright Beginnings Preschool

December 19, 2012
Children's Birthday Party for Jesus
Social Hall 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 24, 2012
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service at 5:00 pm
Sanctuary

2013

January 11-13, 2013
**"A Summons to Ministry:
Is God Calling Me?"**
Epworth by the Sea

January 12 and 13, 2013
Lay Speaker Training
Basic and Advanced
Heritage/Bass UMC, Macon

January 21-23, 2013
"Poems, Prayers and Promises"
Warmth in Winter for Older Adults
Epworth by the Sea

January 27-30, 2013
"Let the Redeemed Say So"
Epworth Winter Camp Meeting
Epworth by the Sea

Friday, February 8, 2013
Valentine's Banquet
Music Arts Committee

February 8-9, 2013
Disciple Covenant Conference
Bishop James King

March 15-16, 2013
Spring Consignment Sale
Bright Beginnings Preschool

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00a to 5:00p
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to noon
Friday is

Jim's, David's, and Mark's day off.

Finance Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon