

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** On the 1st Sunday of each month, you are asked to wear a peel and stick name tag during worship with your name clearly printed. This will be invaluable for us to welcome everyone. Badges and markers can be found at the Welcome Desk and on the table with the mirror in the hallway.

**POINSETTIAS:** Poinsettias are for sale through Sunday, December 9. Order forms are at the Welcome Desk carousel. Cost \$12.00/each. Completed order form can be left in the basket outside of Kim's office or in the offering plate.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9.**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** Sometimes Christmas hurts. Sometimes we can't find the joy in the Christmas season. Sometimes we long for the empty chair to be filled at the table by the loved one who has passed away. Sometimes our family dynamics aren't what you see on the Christmas movies. Sometimes divorce has altered our family structure. No matter why Christmas hurts, please join us as we seek Jesus amid the brokenness. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 5:30 PM.**

**CHRISTMAS GIVING CHALLENGE:** Will you help us make a difference? David Francis, Stewardship Chairman and your church leadership team have challenged you to give over and above your tithe to the Christmas Challenge this year. As a congregation, we are looking to give \$58,000 to be split equally between the United Methodist Children's Home and the retirement of the debt on the Grace Hall mortgage. Help us pay down our debt, and support foster children in Georgia.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Thursday, December 13 from 2-7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Your donation matters and you can help save a life! Please register in advance to donate online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: **wtkumc** or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**THE KING IS HERE:** Chancel Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 16 at 8:45 and 11 am. Come hear the sounds of the Season as we welcome the newborn King!

**MINISTERING TO YOU:** Pastors Emily & Kathleen would be honored to pray for you and your family in times of joy, trouble, need, illness, celebration or surgery. We hope you know how much this church family cares for you and your family. All requests are kept confidential unless indicated otherwise. Please contact the Church Office at 706.769.6088 or email [prayer@watkumc.org](mailto:prayer@watkumc.org) to let them know of your need.

**STAFF LOVE OFFERING:** It is a privilege for the 2018 SPR Committee to invite you to participate in our annual monetary love offering for the Church staff. Our Church Staff works for the congregation and community in ways that are both visible and not so visible. Please mark checks in the memo section Staff Love Offering. We request donations no later than Sunday, December 16.

**December 2, 2018, 2018**

**\*PRAYERS REQUESTED:**

Sheryl Bell, recovery from surgery and health concerns  
Jennifer McCannon, recovery from accident  
Mary Arbogast, prayer support  
Harry McCampbell, health concerns  
Ken Moorman, prayer support  
Wayne Eddowes, health concerns  
Sara Potts, health concerns  
Rev. Roy and Theresa Major, health concerns  
Bonna Steindl, prayer support  
Daphne Swint and family, prayer support  
Prayer Focus for the month: grief and separation  
Rev. John Walker and the congregation of Johnson UMC  
Rev. Chad Hill and the congregation of Jones Chapel UMC

Prayer Requests can be emailed confidentially to:  
[prayer@watkumc.org](mailto:prayer@watkumc.org)

\*Please note prayer requests are listed for approximately  
1 month unless otherwise requested.

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2018:

Worship Attendance: 235  
Sunday School Attendance: 131

Monthly Budget Needs: \$57,168  
Received to Date: \$65,002  
Grace Hall Loan Balance: \$826,993  
**Christmas Challenge Total: \$5,565.00**

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Dottie Sedlock on her birthday.  
Given by her husband, Bob Sedlock.

### CONTACT US:

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



**Watkinsville**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Even If Your Voice Cracks**  
**December 2, 2018**

*Childcare services are available for each worship service and  
the Sunday school hour for children 3 years and younger.*

*If you are visiting with us for the first time,  
please pick up a gift bag at the Welcome Desk.  
We are so very glad you joined us today!*

## December 2, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Inviting you to the intersection so you can meet Jesus

*\*Please stand as you are able*

Prelude Teresa Freitas

Welcome & Announcements

**\*Opening Hymn** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **UMH 211**

**\*Bringing in The Light** 8:45 am: Lily Reece Jenkins and Allison Winters  
11 am: Daniel Magee and Lena Williams

Advent Wreath Lighting 8:45 am: Brooke Robinson and Friends  
11 am: Peter, Zoe, and Simon Stekl and Mary Beth Lewis

Advent Song Emmanuel, Emmanuel

**\*Offertory Prayer** Rev. Emily J. Whiten

Offertory Advent Credo Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** **UMH 95**

Receiving of New Members 11 am: Jay Whiten, Ashley Cates

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Kathleen Deegan-Neal

Children's Moment Amanda Prochaska  
Dismissal to Children's Church (Room 208 ages 4—2nd Grade)

**\*Hymn** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **UMH 196**

Scripture Reading Luke 2:39-45

**Message** Even If Your Voice Cracks **Rev. Whiten**

**\*\*Holy Communion** **UMH 12**

The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn** O Little Town of Bethlehem **UMH 230**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing** **Rev. Whiten**

Postlude Ms. Freitas

### **\*\*HOLY COMMUNION:**

In the United Methodist Church, we believe in an open table, where everyone is invited to take Communion. This includes children, adults, members, and non-members alike! We will take Communion by intinction. You will be offered a piece of bread and the cup of grape juice. Take the bread, dip it in the cup. There are gluten-free elements available at the station to the far right, nearest the piano. The Communion Rail Offering is given to ACTS, a community outreach for those in need.

## YOUTH NEWS (6-12TH GRADE)

UMYF: UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**YOUTH:** Huge thanks to everyone who marched with the parade yesterday! Thanks for extending invitation to our town about Watkinsville FUMC.

Come join us tonight for UMYF, a time of food, fun, fellowship, games, and Bible study. We'll meet in upstairs Grace Hall from 5:00-6:30 pm. Hope you can make it!

**Also, be aware that the final QUEST of 2018 will be December 12.**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Thomas Hartley, Director of Youth at Thomas@watkumc.org

## BECOMING A WFUMC MEMBER:

Interested in publicly declaring your belief in Jesus and want to be part of what He is up to at Watkinsville First UMC?

Our next Membership Sunday is planned for **December 9** at both worship times. Please contact Pastor Emily to schedule which service for you (and your family) will join the church.

There is simple paperwork for you to complete, which can be found at the Welcome Desk Carousel (the booklet printed on blue paper).  
Email Pastor Emily at: PastorEmily@watkumc.org

## CHILDREN'S NEWS (PRE-K—5TH GRADE)

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - DECEMBER 19:** Join us Wednesday night from 5:15-6:15 pm. **ALL** children are invited to join in our preparations for the Christmas Pageant that will be held on Wednesday, December 19. We will have speaking parts along with singing parts. There are even spots for the youngest among us that don't require much practice. Even if you are not a part of our standard Wednesday night programming, join us for this season to share in the joy of Christ's birth!

**CHRISTMAS PARADE:** Thank you for participating in the parade! It was a fun time of community and outreach!

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Amanda Prochaska, Director of Children & Family Ministries at Amanda@watkumc.org

## THIS WEEK AT WFUMC

### **Sunday, December 2**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
8:45a - 9:45a Worship Services (Sanctuary)  
10a - 10:50a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)  
11a - 12p Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
1:30p - 3:30p Taras Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall Kitchen)  
2:30p - 4:30p GriefShare (Grace Hall Room D)  
3p - 4p Girl Scout Troop (Rooms 112-115)  
5p - 6:30p Sunday Night Youth (Grace Hall Youth Space)  
6:30p - 7:30p Al Anon (Room 108)

### **Monday, December 3**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
6:30p - 7:30p Boy Scout Troop 80 Mtg. (Scout Hut)  
6:30p - 8:30p AC MIN (Grace Hall Dining Room)  
7p - 8p Band of Brothers (Grace Hall Youth Space)

### **Tuesday, December 4**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
8:30a - 11a Financial Secretary Group  
10a - 11:30a Laura O'Bryant Circle (Not On Campus)  
1:30p - 2:30p Al Anon (Room 108)  
6:15p - 7:45p Zumba for Women (Grace Hall Dining Room)  
7p - 8p A.A. Meeting (Grace Hall Youth Space)

### **Wednesday, December 5**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
12p - 1p Staff Meeting (Grace Hall Family Room)  
3:30p - 6p Youth: QUEST (Church Van, Grace Hall Youth Space)  
5:15p - 6:15p Psalms Children's Ministry (Ball Field, FH, Children's Wing)  
6:30p - 7:30p Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30p - 8p Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, December 6**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
10:30a - 12p Prayer Force (Grace Hall Family Room)  
6p - 8p TOPS Weight Loss Group (Room 108, Room 111)  
6:15p - 7:15p Zumba for Women (Grace Hall Dining Room)  
6:30p - 7:30p N.A. Meeting (Rooms 112- 115)

### **Friday, December 7**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
7p - 8p A.A. Meeting (Grace Hall Youth Space)

### **Saturday, December 8**

ALL DAY Archive Clean Up (Room 101/Parlor)  
9a - 10a Zumba for Women (Grace Hall Dining Room)  
10a - 11a Core Conditioning for Women (Grace Hall Dining Room)  
11a - 2p Neal Family Reunion (Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall Kitchen)  
2p - 4p Sew Crafty Group (Rooms 112-115)  
6:30p - 7:30p N.A. Meeting (Rooms 112-115)

### **December Ushers:**

8:45 am: Jon Hobus, Taylor Jenkins, Morris Pender

11 am: Ronnie Silcox, Gerry Taylor, Stacy Webb