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THE FIRST WORD

First United Methodist Church, Canadian, Texas

December 2017

Our Mission: The Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

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The Pastor’s Pen

It’s Christ-Mas!! I love Christ-Mas!!

Ok, so you are looking at how I spelled Christ-Mas and wondering what goofy little point I’m trying to make by hyphenating it. Well, I’ll tell you; because that is the reason I’m writing this article. That, and Julene said, “Hey, I need a newsletter article.”

Christmas literally translates this way: Christ – which is self-explanatory, and mas - which means celebration or worship. Hence the Catholic Church has “Mass” instead of what we call “worship”. It’s essentially the same thing. They just use the word “Mass”.

Christ-Mas means “celebration of Christ”. It is, by its very name, a time to celebrate Jesus and what he came to do, which is to offer salvation to humanity. So this begs the question, “How, in the name of peanut butter, did we get to this point?”

Here is what Christ-Mas looks like to the world. Decorated trees (usually fake, which is ok), lights hanging on the house along with snowmen, Santa and reindeer in the yard, music about chestnuts and snow, Elf on the Shelf, going to the mall or Amazon and filling up the credit cards so to ensure the gifts are acceptable to persons receiving them, presents under the tree, cookies and milk set up for the Jolly Ol’ Elf, and the thrill and excitement of giving. Christmas, as it is in America, is a children’s holiday, and when the children are gone, the fun left with them. And where is Jesus? What is Christ-Mas without Christ?

I would challenge you to look for Jesus this Christ-mas. When I ask this of you, I mean that when you go to the mall, or to Walmart, or to Sears, or to Kohl’s, look around for anything that says Jesus. You will be hard pressed to find it.

Enjoy this Christ-mas season. Go ahead and shop, put up trees, hang lights, do all the stuff and have fun! Just remember that the most important thing about Christ-Mas is Christ. Then do something to make sure someone remembers Jesus amidst all the hustle and bustle.

By God’s Grace,
Larry

Offerings to General Operating Fund for November 2017: \$ 34,629.00
Monthly Budget for Contributions to General Fund: \$ 38,176.00
Year to Date Contributions for 2017: \$364,703.00
Year to Date Goal for 2017: \$419,936.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

Billy Westover	Sandra Gillmore	Tori Boydston	Denton Allen
Kim Thompson	Cecil Robertson	Eddie Cannon	Margaret Frederick
Betty Owens	Chris & Sarah Lay	Bill Cannon	Mary Waterfield
Carol Reid	Jerry & Nita Johnson	Rita Pearson	Linda Doshier
Hank McPherson	Lisa Jahnel	CISD Staff & Students	Susan Fike
Thomas Brown and Family	Benny Rupprecht	Jean Ross	Erbin & Dorothea Crowell
Marsha Diers	Addie Cisneros	Don Copley	Caden Cleveland
Shorty Jines	Raymond Gibson	Josh White	Abraham Home Residents
Dean Hawkins	Jim Hash	Keath Garrison	Keith McEntire
Isaac Lewis	Jonathan Cano	Claudette Hand	Jeff Monk
Bob & Marva Hohertz	Jack Martin	Sarah Anderson Collins	Dylan Collins

December

**Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday,
December 3rd, one service at 10:45 a.m.**

Annual Conference December 4th at 6 p.m. at FUMC Canadian

The Children's Christmas Play is Sunday, December 10th. We will have our 8:30 a.m. service, Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., the Christmas Play at 10:45 a.m. with a meal to follow. Please bring sides, salads, or desserts. The meat will be provided.

**Congratulations to Eric and Nicole Neumeier on
their newborn son Charlie Neumeier!**

Recent Baptisms

Walter Ward, Hannah Anderson, Flint Hill, Shaylee Hill, Ryder Province

**Circle Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12th
at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Scholarship applications are due in the church
office by Friday, December 29th.**

We will not have Committee Meetings in December.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sunday,
December 24th at 6 p.m.**

**The church office will be closed on Friday,
December 22nd and Monday, December 25th.**

Youth Groups will resume in January.

Kids Connect will meet until December 13th and then resume in January,

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and meal will resume in January.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume in January.

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March 11 - 14 Jr.High
March 15 - 18 Sr.High



two days of skiing at Durango, Co

Spots are very Limited!

Skier's Total Price: \$299.00
Non-Skiers Price: \$199.00

**Snowboards/Blades
upgrade \$15.00**

Deposits & Payments
\$75.00 due December 17 (Non-refundable Deposit)
\$75.00 due January 16
\$75.00 due February 11
\$74.00 due March 05

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Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Shoe Size: _____

Shoe Width: _____

Ski Length: _____

Ability: beginner____intermediate____
expert____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Email: _____

for office use only

Deposit: \$75.00

1st Payment: \$75.00

2nd Payment: \$75.00

Final Payment: \$74.00



Poinsettia Order Form

Each year we have an opportunity to honor our loved ones through presenting a Poinsettia either as a memorial, or as an expression of honor. The names of the donors and their loved one will be listed in the bulletin. If you would like to order a Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the information request printed below and return with payment to the church office by Monday, December 18th. We will order the Poinsettias, and the cost will be \$15.00. Please make plans to pick up your Poinsettia from the church after the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

*I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A POINSETTIA TO BE
PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS.*

In memory of

In honor of

Given by



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Candlelight
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CON NECTION corner

HELPING HANDS. An important part of any Body of Christ is to minister to those in our midst in Christian love and support.

“Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13: 1-2

We want to welcome new residents to Canadian with a gift basket from this congregation. We are in need of someone to lead this ministry. Please contact Kathy Province to volunteer. If you know of a family/person that is new to Canadian, and you think they might like a Welcome to Canadian gift basket, you can call Julene in the church office. You can also call if you would like to be a part of this ministry. This is a vital part of our outreach at FUMC.

The Connections Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 5 pm in the basement. We would love to hear your ideas as we strive to fulfill our new mission statement. “The Canadian FUMC is a church that is praying for God’s change within us so that we are transformed by the love of Christ, nurtured to grow as disciples, and empowered to bring Christ to our relationships, our families, our church, our community and our world.”

2017 DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3. Hanging of the Greens Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Combined Worship 10:45a.m.	4.	5.	6. <i>Kids Connect 6-7pm</i> Jr.High eat 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:00-7:00p.m. Sr.High eat 7:00 p.m. Youth 7:30-8:30 p.m.	7. <i>Chance Walker</i>	8. <i>Ruby McCarley</i>	9.
10. Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45a.m. <i>Christmas Play</i> <i>During Late Worship Service</i>	11.	12. <i>Cory Campbell</i> <i>Chris & Rosemary Koetting</i>	13. <i>Kids Connect 6-7pm</i>	14. <i>Cody McPherson</i> <i>Charlie Rankin</i>	15.	16.
17. Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. <i>Regan Adams</i>	18. <i>Pat Wilson</i>	19. <i>Jeff Isom</i> <i>Tim & Betsy Alexander</i> <i>Mickey & Penny Province</i>	20. <i>Sherry Lee</i>	21. <i>Teagan Ash</i>	22. <i>Karley Jenkins</i> <i>Lynard & Glenna Schafer</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	23.
24. Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45a.m. <i>Candlelight Service 6 p.m.</i> <i>Erbin & Dorothea Crowell</i>	25. Church Office Closed  <i>Christmas Day</i>	26.	27.	28. Ken King Matt Perry Pat Popham Brooke Richardson Benny & Connie Rupprecht	29. Shelby White Mike Gardiner Robert & Sherry Lee Scholarship Applications Due	30. Matt & Christa Perry
31. Averi Adams						