

**Wake Forest United Methodist Church**  
*Reaching Out To All In The Name of Jesus Christ*  
**December 7, 2008**

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<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Today</b> Meaghan	<b>December 14th</b> John, Virginia
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Caitlin, Casey, Jack	Zachary, Daniel, Joseph
<b>Nursery</b>		Erin & Kevin Dzielecki	Anna Elliot
<b>Kid's Kingdom</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	No Kid's Kingdom	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	No Kid's Kingdom	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
<b>Sound</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Dave Wolfe	Dave Wolfe
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Tom Dillard	Scott Harris
<b>Money Counters</b>		Joan Freeman, Edna Powers	Jane Howle, Laura Smith
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Scott & Nell Yates	Steve & Jewell Stallings
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Parker & Lynn Woebke	Kim Haston, Lisa Hargesheimer
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Chris Galde, Dan Linstruth, Dan Russell, Andreas Flach	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Greg Coghill, William Leonard, Don Lewis	
		Balcony: Joe & Michele Nowak, Alex Snotherly	

**TODAY**

**11:00 a.m.** Children's Cantata  
**2:00 p.m.** Christmas Gift Shop  
**6:00 p.m.** Birth Narrative

**Monday**

**9:15 a.m.** Parent's Morning Out  
**7:00 p.m.** Advent Study  
**7:00 p.m.** Stephen Ministry Class

**Tuesday**

**9:00 a.m.** Cracked Pots  
**10:00 a.m.** Prayer Group  
**7:00 p.m.** SPRC  
**7:00 p.m.** Trustees

**Wednesday**

**9:15 a.m.** Parent's Morning Out  
**7:00 p.m.** UMW

**Thursday**

**9:30 a.m.** Advent Study  
**7:00 p.m.** Cantata Practice

**Friday**

**6:00 a.m.** Men of Faith  
**9:15 a.m.** Parents Morning Out  
**6:30 p.m.** Youth Lock-In

**Saturday**

**8:30 a.m.** Stephen Ministry Class  
**10:00 a.m.** Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00 p.m.** Choir Cantata

**NEXT SUNDAY**

RETURN ANGEL TREE GIFTS  
**11:00 a.m.** Choir Cantata  
**3:30 p.m.** Stephen Ministry  
**6:00 p.m.** Birth Narrative

<i>Donald Warren, Pastor</i>	<i>Barina Blackwelder, Children &amp; Youth Music Director</i>
<i>Helen Champion, Minister of Christian Education</i>	<i>Elsie Shuler, Music Director</i>
<i>Zack Moser, Youth Director</i>	<i>Allen Bailey, Organist</i>
<i>Sharon Southard, Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Nicole Bassett, Salena Handley, Kamila Rogers, Nursery</i>

**Weekly Contributions as of 11/30/08**

Operating \$ 6,334.75  
 Building \$ 1,390.00  
 Designated \$ 2,602.50  
 Total \$ 10,317.25

**General Fund YTD**

Collected \$433,855.62  
 Needed \$460,793.76  
 Difference \$ (26,938.14)  
 Percent +/- -5.85

**Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 317; Sunday School: 152**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Introit** *O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain)* 234  
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**\*Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Ellen Family

**Leader:** On this Lord's day, we hear the prophets of God saying to us: "Prepare the way of the Lord." But are we prepared? Are we living holy lives devoted to God? As we light the second candle of this Advent season in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, let us listen again to the message of the prophets. Prepare the way of the Lord!

**People: Amen.**

**Leader:** Make straight the paths.

**People: Amen.**

**Leader:** Lift every valley.

**People: Amen.**

**Leader:** Smooth out the rough places.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**\*Advent Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* 203

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Offering Ourselves** (our time, talents, tithes/gifts and service)

**\*Community Response** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 95

**Community Prayer**

After each petition and followed by these words, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond, **Hear our prayer.**

**Call to Prayer** *Away in a Manger (3)* 217

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
 bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**Scripture**

*Isaiah 40:1-5*

**Children's Cantata** *On Our Way to Bethlehem* See Inside

**\*Hymn** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* 209

**Benediction**

**\*Choral Response** *Let us Now Depart in Thy Peace* 668

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord of thee.

**\*Postlude**

# ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM

By

John Jacobson and Roger Emerson

Directed by Barina Blackwelder

Assistant Director, Karen Blakely

Acting Coaches, Joan and Alan Felton

## ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM

Soloists: Emily Stephens, Samantha Russell and Caitlin Collins

## MARY'S SONG

Spoken Solos: Sam Fletcher and Corinne Harry

## ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM, REPRIS 1

### INNKEEPER

Soloist: Joseph Haston

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING ON HIGH (with Congregation)

*Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled. Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King; Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

## RISE UP, SHEPHERD, AND FOLLOW

## ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM, REPRIS 2

### THE GIFTS WE BRING

Soloists: Hailey Nipper, Hannah Escala, Aislinn Schepers, Virginia Felton and Julia Ellen

Spoken Soloist: Emily Stephens

## ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM, REPRIS 3

Soloists: John Alan Felton and Dylan Haston

## CAROL MEDLEY

## Choir Members

<b>Narrators:</b>	Caitlin Collins Summer Coby Corinne Harry Taylor Roberts Emily Smith	<b>Cows:</b>	Emma Thigpen Austin Bassett
<b>Joseph:</b>	Joseph Haston	<b>Rooster:</b>	Coleman Rambo
<b>Mary:</b>	Kinsey Ness	<b>Hen:</b>	Taylor Lawrence
<b>Donkey:</b>	Austin Rambo	<b>Townspeople:</b>	Rebecca Sarpong Emily Stephens
<b>Innkeeper's Wife:</b>	Abby Lawrence	<b>Barnyard Animals:</b>	Mackenzie Anderson Sara Frances Anderson Ashley Bassett Caitlyn Bitner Eva Bofenkamp Mikayla Bradley Lexi Crank Hope Dominique Luke Gustafson Ava Harry Ethan King Paige Manley Luke Mitchell Joshua Nipper Olie Perret-Gentil Andrew Russell Joey Sakowski Evelyn Sarpong Sarah Sarpong Larkan Schepers Emma Truckenbrod Olivia Zito
<b>Innkeeper:</b>	Sam Fletcher		
<b>Shepherds:</b>	Dylan Haston John Alan Felton Jeffrey Strickland		
<b>Angels:</b>	Sophia Donovan Alexandra Flach Ashton Perret-Gentil		
<b>Sheep:</b>	Virginia Felton Julia Ellen Samantha Russell		
<b>Queens:</b>	Hailey Nipper Hannah Escala Aislinn Schepers		

*Special Thanks goes to our wonderful parents who have given of their time and talents helping their children learn their music and lines, as well as bringing them to our rehearsals. I am so grateful for these special children who let Jesus shine in and through their lives!!*  
-Barina Blackwelder

**Save the Date** – The next Children’s Council meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 12 pm (immediately following the 11 am service). Grab a friend and join us for lunch. We will plan our children’s events for the first half of 2009. Please consider serving our church through this very important ministry to our youngest members. Please RSVP by January 6<sup>th</sup> to Tricia Ellen at [triciaellen@earthlink.net](mailto:triciaellen@earthlink.net) or 453-0160.

*The UMM would like to acknowledge & thank those who came out in support of our Annual Chicken BBQ event.*

**Christmas Gift Shop Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** sponsored by Children’s Council and Youth group. Come & celebrate the season with your church family.

*The poster to sign up for flowers for next year is in the narthex (behind the Angel Tree). It will be in the narthex through the end of December. Please sign up now for your special date.*

**Hand in Hand Angel Tree:** If you have not picked up an angel it is not too late. Pick an angel from the tree in the narthex. We have a poster board located near the tree with all the Angel numbers and letters (example 23 C). Please note the number written on the Angel you selected and write your name and telephone number next to the corresponding number on the poster board.

Please return the Angel with **your wrapped gift to the church by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you purchase a grocery store gift certificate, please return the tag from the tree with your gift certificate. A basket will be labeled for these gift certificates.

*A donation was given to the Building Fund in memory of Ella Beach by John & Barbara Lyon.*

*A Love Offering was given in memory of Sue Strickland by Paul Strickland.*

*A Love Offering was given in memory of Peter Childs by Carol Childs.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Choir Cantata** – Saturday, December 13th (7:00 p.m.)

**Choir Cantata** – Sunday, December 14th (11:00 a.m.)

**Family Christmas Eve Service** – Wednesday, December 24th (6:00 p.m.)

**Visitors:** *Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! If you would like to receive more information about our church, please feel free to stop by our display stand in the Narthex for copies of our current newsletter, Sunday School and nursery information, as well as monthly devotional material. You may also contact Kathy Galde, Evangelism Chair, at 562-3318 or [kgalde@aol.com](mailto:kgalde@aol.com).*

*We thank Evelyn Blake for playing piano and organ for this morning’s worship services.*

**Keep in Prayer:** Our Nation, the leaders, our service men & women; Estelle Hill; Elaine Barbee; Willard Bailey; Howard & Pauline Mosier; Maddison Sargent; Ben Beasley, *Beth Dickerson’s brother*; Alexander Massey, *Elizabeth Tippetts’ father*; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher’s father*; Joe & Alice Annadale, *Helen Champion’s parents*; Irene Crews, *Edna Powers’ sister-in-law*; Tom Baker; Herb Klose, *Bill Klose’s father*; Ted Jones, *Marilyn Steigler’s father*; Laura Steigler, *Ken Steigler’s mother*; Don Shafford, *Joyce & Gary Miller’s nephew*; Joyce Jones, *Sharon O’Kelley’s mother*.

The food items so generously donated today have been given to assist those in need. With the economic problems more people are in need of assistance. If you know of someone, perhaps a friend, neighbor, or family member that is struggling to make ends meet please feel free to fill a bag (or bags) with food items and take them with you to give to those requiring help. The food items left at the end of the day will be distributed to the local food pantries. Thank you to all you have brought in food to share with those in need.

We have a few **children’s baskets** left in the narthex. The prices have now been reduced to \$12.00 a basket. Please consider a basket for one of your angels ages 6-9 years old. They have educational as well as entertaining items in them. Your check can be made out to Wake Forest United Methodist Church.

The **UMW** is holding our annual Christmas Party/Meeting this Wed Dec. 10th at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please remember to bring something good to eat and your present for your prayer partner. If you did not have a prayer partner this year please bring a small gift to exchange with others who did not have prayer partners. Please contact Susan Snotherly with questions. 217-1986 or [suzeroo217@yahoo.com](mailto:suzeroo217@yahoo.com)