



GIVE THANKS, FEAST WITH YOUR FAMILY, AND LET US PREPARE FOR ADVENT

King's College Lessons and Carols Service

November 29 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary ☆ This beautiful service is celebrated around the world following the example of King's College in Cambridge, England. It is a service of scripture readings and corresponding Christmas carols. We hope the reading of the scriptures and singing of the carols will begin your Advent season filled with cheer and hope.

"A Taste of Christmas" Women's Tea

December 1 at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall ☆ Christmas comes but once a year, but we can all agree that the magic of the season stays with us all year round. A holiday tea party is the perfect occasion for the ladies to get together and celebrate the season together while sipping tea and eating yummy holiday treats. A holiday tea is sure to warm not only your body, but also your soul. All proceeds will be dedicated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank's "Backpack Program." Childcare is available upon request.

Campus Candlelight Christmas Service

December 3 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary ☆ Since most students and many faculty members travel over Christmas, we would like to offer the campus community a chance to celebrate the birth of Christ with their Aggie family. This service is open to the entire community and we hope to reach capacity so that hundreds of Aggie students and faculty can sing carols, take communion, and light candles; all in remembrance of the newborn Savior.

Many Moods of Christmas

December 6 during the 11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary ☆ Join the choirs of A&M United Methodist Church and members of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra for an hour of familiar Christmas carols set for choir and symphony orchestra. If you are new to classical music, this is the piece for you!

Nothing But Nets Christmas Celebration

December 6, 12 Noon ☆ Santa will be at A&M UMC along with athletes from our local schools and Texas A&M for a celebration and to raise funds for Nothing But Nets - www.nothingbutnets.net ! There will be hamburgers and sausage on a stick for lunch! Activities will include cake walks, "wrap your favorite athlete," gift making, volleyball serving and basketball free-throw competitions, big toys, kettle corn, pictures with Santa, and many, many more activities for folks of all ages to enjoy. Come and enjoy this event and know that your day has made a difference in the lives of the children of Africa!

Story Time with Mrs. Claus

December 12 at 10:30 am in the Great Hall ☆ Join Mrs. Claus and Children's Ministries for a fun-filled morning of games, crafts and food to celebrate the Advent season!

Live Nativity

December 13 at 6:00 pm on A&M UMC Campus ☆ Join Youth Ministries as the nativity story of our Lord is portrayed live, recreating the atmosphere of the time with costumes, animals, and beautiful music.

Tu Ra Lu Ra Lu: Brazos Breeze Flute Choir Christmas Concert

December 20 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary ☆ Our resident professional flute ensemble will pipe in the holidays with their Christmas favorites!



Happy

Thanksgiving

Dates to Remember

- November 19 - Charge Conference at Aldersgate
- November 20 - Parents' Nite Out
- November 22 - Core Leadership Meeting
- November 22 - WDS Board Meeting
- November 23 - Susannah Wesley Circle
- November 25 - No Wednesday Family Supper
- November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
- November 29 - Lessons and Carols Concert
- December 1 - A Taste of Christmas, Women's Tea
- December 2 - DMA Luncheon
- December 3 - Campus Candlelight Christmas
- December 4 - Coventry Handbell Choir plays at First Friday in Bryan
- December 6 - Many Moods of Christmas
- December 6 - Nothing But Nets Christmas Celebration
- December 11 - Golden Rule Class Christmas Social
- December 12 - Story Time with Mrs. Claus
- December 13 - Live Nativity
- December 16 - Men's Prayer Breakfast

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL CLOSE
at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 25
and re-open on Monday, November 30 at 8:00 a.m.
FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS



A Taste of Christmas Women's Tea

December 1, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale after worship services in the Welcome Area for \$5.00 per person. Proceeds will be dedicated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank's "Backpack Program." Childcare is available upon request. Please contact Pat Gideon at texaspatticakes@yahoo.com for further information.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



Every Year we display poinsettias in the sanctuary beginning on the first Sunday of Advent which is November 29 this year. Poinsettias may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$15 per plant.

Order forms can be found in the bulletins, on

the Information Table in the Welcome Area, or on the announcements section on the church webpage - www.am-umc.org. Complete the Poinsettia Order Form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made out to: A&M UMC with "POINSETTIA" noted in the memo space, or you can mail the form with your check to:

A&M United Methodist Church
417 University Drive, College Station, Texas 77840

The DEADLINE to order is Sunday, November 22.

Parents' Nite Out

Friday, November 20 is the next Parent's Nite Out. Parents' Nite Out (PNO) is from 6:00 to 10:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. Children ages six months through sixth grade are eligible to participate. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 max per family. Registration forms are available on our

website, www.am-umc.org. **Deadline to register is Tuesday, November 17 at 5:00 pm.**

Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Healing for Sara (Kathy and Mort Kothmann's daughter) and Kelsi Cade.

Prayers of Joy for the birth of : Addisyn Wyatt Patton born on November 10 to David and Jan Patton. Proud grandparents are Carol and Larry Patton; Chloe Elizabeth Dietz, daughter of Greg and Phyllis Dietz and great granddaughter of Bobbie and Cleve Walkup.

Prayers of Comfort for Rachel Markham and her family on the passing of her grandfather, Jim Tom House, on November 8.

Ongoing Prayers for: Hazel Owens, Elaine Waggoner, Harriette Horner (daughter of Charlie Horner and Ellen's step-daughter), Alice Edwards, Jenny Barker, Glenna Brundidge, Gordon LeBleu, Rev. Kip Gilts' mother, Kathy Giesey, and his stepfather, Jim Giesey, Billy Sherman (Sandy Bennett's step-father), Joe Powers' sister; Pam Walkup (Cleve and Bobbie Walkup's daughter-in-law); Martha McLemore (Rachel Markham's mother); Saralyn Morris (daughter of Liz Miller), and Liz's friend, Finis Horne; Bob Gallaway, Bill Ward, Pearl Kiser, Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), Susan Gililand (Tricia Lander's mother), Loyd Smith (Beth Cade's father), Ethel Choate (Tammy Gilts' grandmother), Bob and Toby Hoffman, Frances Henry, Virginia Read (Eva Read-Warden's mother), M. R. Calliham, Nelson and Annie Durst, Pat Sargent, Jean Gresham, Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones), and Fred Kettleborough.

Please continue to pray for peace as you keep our troops around the world and their families in your prayers.

Decorate the Sanctuary

Monday, November 23



A&M UMC's Sanctuary will be decorated for the Advent season. You are invited beginning at 9:00 am. Help make the Sanctuary beautiful for a beautiful season.



It Starts with a Gift, But It's So Much More.

In recent years, we have participated in the Giving Tree, where members of the church "adopt" a child, buy Christmas presents for them, and youth deliver these presents to CPS. This year we will be participating in the Angel Tree program. We can help reconcile families

within our community by buying presents on behalf of parents, and giving these to the children, letting them know that they are not forgotten during the Christmas season. The primary benefit of this program is that it allows us the opportunity to meet the children for whom we buy the gifts. This year, when you pick a name off of the Christmas tree and buy the presents, you will also be asked to attend a free Dinner Party in the Great Hall on December 16 at 6:30 pm. This will allow a much more personal touch to accompany the experience for all involved. Participants are asked to buy one toy and one article of clothing. If you have any questions about this ministry opportunity, please contact Lindsay at Lindsay-Kirkpatrick@am-umc.org.

Story Time with Mrs. Claus



Mrs. Claus has invited you to bring the whole family and all your friends to celebrate the season with bounce houses, games, crafts, face painting, PB&J, cookie decorating and more! Join Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 12 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Huge Investment in the Youth Group!

by Clay Horton

Thank you to everyone who invested in the youth group. We were able to raise \$6,200 to help send youth on mission trips, to summer camp, and to retreats. The middle school/high school world can be a tough and scary place sometimes. Your investment in the youth group will give youth an opportunity to find Christ and grow closer to Him during these important years of their life. This congregation truly blesses the youth group by loving them with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service. Watching these youth grow in their faith makes me, excited about the future of the church. By investing in the youth, you have shown them that you too are excited about where God is leading them.

Confirmation Retreat by Joy Williams



November 6-8 the 6th grade confirmands had a great time away from their busy schedules to focus on God and how He wants us to live. Over the weekend

we concentrated on 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." And I learned of the responsibilities Christians have to be an example for Christ.

Devotional Guides Now Online

For your convenience, the weekly devotional guides are now available online as well as in the Sunday Worship bulletins. Go to www.am-umc.org to view, print, or download.

Nothing But Nets Christmas Celebration, December 6 at Noon



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BUY A NET, SAVE A LIFE

www.nothingbutnets.net

-Sponsored by the youth of A&M UMC, along with the Invest Team & Nothing But Nets Team

College Ministry Holiday Hours

College Boxer Exchange - Friday, Dec 4 at 6:00 pm


Holiday Coffee House Hours:

- Closed: Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Sunday, Nov. 29 (Reopening Monday, November 30 at 9am)
- Closed: Wednesday, December 16 for the semester and will reopen in January

Holiday Mosaic Schedule:

Mosaic will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 25- Happy Thanksgiving --- The last Mosaic of the semester is Wednesday, December 2, and is an All Worship Service.

Coventry Bells to play at First Friday in Downtown Bryan



On Friday, December 4 A&M UMC's Coventry Bells are playing Christmas tunes at First Friday in Downtown Bryan. They will be stationed at "Must Be Heaven" and ring from 7-8 pm. First Friday is becoming a big event for families in downtown Bryan. It's a nice place to hang out, grab a bite to eat, and stroll along the streets to check out artwork by local artists. There is also a free kids' movie in the outdoor pavilion.

Movin' On Up. . . .



... to a place on the second or third floor. Sunday, November 8th the Church Conference approved the installation of an Elevator in the Sanctuary building. We are excited to see this project moving forward. The elevator will be located roughly in the middle of the building and will be right next to a new entrance across from the main entrance to the Christian Life Center. It will have stops on all three floors, making our entire building accessible to all. By completing the elevator, we are opening up 16,000 square feet of space that will no longer be restricted to those who can climb stairs. This will make life easier for people in ministries that already use the upper floors, and it will make it possible for other ministries to use the upper floors. We expect the project to begin after Thanksgiving and take about five months to complete. Join us in watching this exciting improvement take shape.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Benefitting the Artistic Adventures Children's Choir and the Music&Arts Ministry



Homemade Pies \$10 each

Choose from Texas Pecan, Chocolate-Pecan, Sweet Potato-Praline, and Pumpkin Pies

Pies will be made to order and available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 25 at the Christian Life Center. Order forms are available in the Welcome Area and online at the A&M UMC webpage.

www.am-umc.org/announcements.htm

Bud Vases for BV Hospice

The **Posey Express** is a group of volunteers who come in weekly to create bud vases filled with fresh flowers. They need vases. Donations can be dropped off in Bryan – 502 West 26th Street, or the Thrift Store 2814 Cavitt in Bryan.

Christmas Eve Worship Services • Thursday, December 24

- 5:00 pm – Family Service in the Great Hall
- 7:00 pm – Festival Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 pm – Contemporary Candlelight Service in the Great Hall
- 11:00 pm – Meditative Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve

Hope you will join in!

Scripture Readers

We would like to offer the opportunity for church members to read the Scripture



passages during worship services. If you would be interested in this new ministry opportunity, please contact Lindsay at

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