

## Angel Tree

We are thankful to those of you who have taken Angels from the tree and are allowing God to make a miraculous Christmas for those less fortunate. Please have your unwrapped gifts to the church before next Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) so we can get them to the families. If you did not get an angel and would like to be blessed through giving this year, please see Devin or Jennifer for other needs in our community.

## Make it Awesome for Someone

As we move into the Christmas season, please remember that as United Methodists, we have a great opportunity to support our great ministry to kids that have been displaced from their homes for their own safety. There are currently 7 girls (age 12-17) in the Arabella home in Waverly Hall and 19 boys (age 10-18) at The Carpenter's Way Ranch just outside Columbus who will not have Christmas if not for the generosity of Methodists! Please pray and encourage one another to be generous. Gift cards (to be used by the staff to purchase gifts) are welcome.

## Disciple Covenant Conference

Our Bishop will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DCC on February 24-25<sup>th</sup>. This conference is for clergy and laity who desire to help formulate a plan for making disciples in the local church. The activities begin at 6:30 pm and end at noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> and are held in the Macon Centreplex. Registration (b4 Jan 18) is \$35. Please let Devin know if you would like to attend to represent your church.

## Get Involved: learn, grow, become!

- † Sunday School with Jerry Chandler: meets every Sunday at 10:00
- † Women's Discipleship: 4pm Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall
- † Men's Discipleship: 7:30 am Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall

## St John-Pitts Memorial CME Church Enrichment Fund

"Mission Possible" is the theme for St John-Pitts' annual needy children's Christmas Fund drive. If you would like to donate or participate, please contact Michael Harris, 706-984-4747



# Waverly Hall United Methodist Church December 18, 2011



**Worship: 11:00am**                      **Sunday School: 10:00 am**  
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# Order of Worship

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## WELCOME to Waverly Hall UMC!

*We're excited you chose to worship here today. It is our deepest prayer that you will encounter the Living God through song, prayer, and Word in your experience. Please let us know if there is any way we can be of service to you!*

### Gathering Music and Lighting of the Candles

#### Announcements and Invocation (Prayer of Advent UMH #201)

*Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen!*

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

**\*Hymn of Praise and Adoration** #240  
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

#### Children's Message

**\*Hymn of Preparation** #250  
"Once in Royal David's City"

#### Prayer

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen!*

#### Special Music

**\*Welcome your neighbor** (Choir joins the congregation)

**Offering and Doxology** #95  
*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen"*

**The Written Word** Luke 2:25-35

**The Spoken Word** Series: "Confessions" - Simeon

#### \*Hymn of Commitment

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

#238

*\*\* If you would like to join this church or need to speak to the pastor about baptism, please come forward during the final hymn, or see him after the service concludes.*

#### \*Sending Forth to Serve

\*Please stand as you are able.

#### Our Servants in Ministry for Today

Ushers/Acolytes: John Moore & Jesse Petty

#### Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Jane LOste-Brown to the Glory of God and remembrance of Christ's birth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Children's Sunday Morning Ministry

We offer a children's story before departing with for worship and activities geared just for them. Children's Church is for ages 4 - 12. We also offer a nursery downstairs in our Children's Center for 6-week olds up to 4-year olds.

### Christmas is around the corner!

Remember the supper today at 6pm. The church will supply the meat and we ask that you bring a side dish. There just may be a visit from someone special for the kids.

### Christmas Eve Services

We will enjoy our time together with singing and worship this Christmas Eve at 6pm at the Waverly Hall UMC. Come, bring a friend and your best Christmas spirit!

# YES

We ARE having church on Christmas Day...  
same time...  
same great channel!