

### WELCOME GUESTS

*We hope that you feel warmly welcomed, and even more important that you experience the power and presence of God as we praise God's name, pray for God's world, and listen to God's voice together. Please let us know if there is anything we as a church can do for you! A Nursery is provided downstairs for infants. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Bill & Sandra Patterson, in commemoration of Wilson Patterson's birthday, and Wilson & Olive Patterson's anniversary, on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Monday **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** - 5:00 pm  
NEXT Sunday **ONE Worship Service at 10:00 am**, Sunday School at 9:00 am  
**Youth Ski Trip**

*Please note that the church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday this week.  
Wishing all of you a truly blessed and happy Christmas!*

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will have a candlelight Christmas Eve communion service tomorrow evening at 5:00 pm. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come as we share a few moments' reflection on the great love given to us through the birth of a tiny child.

### WHITE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Today is the last day we'll be taking up contributions for our annual "White Christmas" campaign supporting the United Methodist Children's Home. Donations can be made out to FUMC (indicate "White Christmas") or UMCH.

### FROM CORY & HILLARY

Church family,

We are so thankful for your love and support for our family as we adjust to becoming parents to Cue. We especially want to thank the church staff, parents and volunteers who have stepped up to fill in as Cue arrived earlier than anticipated. Thank you all for checking on us, praying for us, and constantly showing us God's grace and love. We feel so blessed to be a part of FUMC Tallassee!

-- Cory and Hillary

### YEAR-END GIVING

December is a perfect time to consider making a special year-end gift to First United Methodist Church. Our church is generally able to meet its financial obligations insofar as paying utilities, repairs, salaries, apportionments, and the like; however, we are left with relatively little room for expanding our efforts in ministry. Any increase in giving would be able to be used for ministry, which is what the Church is really about! Thank you all for your generous hearts and for giving of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness this past year.

### LAST CALL FOR FREE BOOKS!

Two boxes of books are sitting in the downstairs hallway, almost opposite the Coke machine-- they are available to anyone who's interested! Any unclaimed books will be sorted and dispersed after today.

### PRAYER LIST

Karen Cunningham, Amelia Barton, Keith Holt, Eckstein family, McCartha family, Sebastian Dykes, Billy Bearden, Jillian Clark, Jerry & Sandra Pendergrass, Tom Jackson, Jeanette Boles, Kenzie Ray, family of David Bentley, Gary Moore, Rodney Aldridge, unspoken, unspoken, Deborah Haggard, Ronald Brantley, the Brooks family, Chuck Golden and family, Jerri Barrington, praise for the birth of a new baby, our armed forces, our senior citizens, our military families, our veterans, our church, Tommy Causey, Sam Webster, CJ Ledbetter, those suffering from famine and war, Steve Hammond, Ron & Jean Roessner, Tammy Rich

*This prayer list was created by prayer requests written down on the attendance pads and inserts during Sunday morning's worship services.*

### STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 16-22

Sunday School -		Worship Attendance - 208
Wkly Budgeted Income 7,976	Mthly Budg Inc 34,855	YTD Budg Inc 407,136
Wkly Actual Income 5,231	Mthly Actual Inc 27,205	YTD Actual Inc 414,558
Wkly Budg. Expense 8,997	Mthly Budg. Exp 38,989	YTD Budg. Exp 458,847
Wkly Act. Expense 3,224	Mthly Act. Exp 27,436	YTD Act. Exp 425,679

The Endowment Committee would like to thank those who contributed to the Endowment Fund this past week in memory of Joby Gauntt.