


The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer

 "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6, NKJV)

'Tis the season...and so forth. As I write this article, Christmas is still two week away. But, this is the last chance I'll have this year to share with you in our newsletter.

Isaiah offers us some of the most famous words we associate with Christmas. They are filled with praise, joy and hope. These are the themes that run throughout this season as we prepare to greet the Christ child, again. We love hearing about the family that brings Jesus into the world and nurtures him along to manhood. We can't get enough of the shepherd stories and the angels singing. It really is a wonderful time of year.

I think it is important that we do our best to embrace as much joy as we possibly can. We live in a world that needs joy, needs hope. Those who have the ability to feel God's joy then have the obligation to share that joy with others who need to feel it. It may happen more readily at Christmastime, but it is something we need to be intentional about all year long. Sharing God's joy is the purest form of evangelism.

There are a couple reasons for me to bring this up this year. It is no secret that Linda and I have had some medical challenges this year that could easily have robbed us of our joy. Thankfully, we also had a church family who was willing to share their joy with us and keep us going through everything that has come our way in the last six months. We are thankful for your prayers and support, the generous meals, the cards and gifts, and your love and care for

us both.

While there is still a long road ahead for Linda's complete recovery, we are filled with joy to announce that her tumor is gone. Prayers and good medicine have done their job and she has cleared a major hurdle. There is more treatment ahead and she still has other issues that may require surgery and rehabilitation. But, the point is that we have reached a huge milestone. When things were darkest we were determined to keep our joy in knowing that God was with us. Now we celebrate with joy that God is still working hard for us. We want to share our joy with you because you have been such an important part of this journey so far. **Thank you!**

I also want us to realize how much our community and our culture needs the gifts we've been given by the God who gives us such joy. Throughout this Advent season we've talked about how we are blessed to be a blessing and how God sent Jesus to model a way of life for us. We've looked at the urgency in the Gospel and the challenge of following Jesus. All of this has been building to the culmination of our waiting – the acknowledgement of Jesus who is already here with us, calling us to share what we've been given.

Certainly, I hope that all of us will be generous this holiday season in helping with such things as the Angel Tree project, year-end donations to the church, and helping people who need a little extra this time of year. There are lots of worthy places to give your money at Christmas. But, I also hope that you will find ways to share your joy with people this year. In many ways, this is more important than how you choose to spend your money. Gifts for your loved ones are great, but they have a limited shelf-life. Sharing yourself is timeless and limitless. Joy to the world!

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Don and Linda

Musical Christmas Program
This Sunday, December 18
6:00 p.m.

The Kingdom Kids and The Chancel Choir will wrap us a little tighter in the Christmas Spirit this Sunday. You won't want to miss it!

Bundle up and come enjoy the music and narration.

There will be a Time of Celebration after the program. Birthday cake & punch will be provided. We hope you will bring your favorite goodies-sweet or non sweet.



We are seeking volunteers to assist with the nursery on Sunday mornings. We currently have only two nursery attendants and would like to have a pool of volunteers to be available to assist with care in the nursery as needed. We expect it will be minimal

commitment as many Sundays there are no children in that age range. The volunteers would need to commit to being present and available on the Sunday they are scheduled in case there is a need for another nursery attendant. If you are interested in helping or would like more details, please contact Daniel Comer at 918-245-0950. Thank you!

Mission Stitch

We turned in 310 caps as of September 1. Wow!! Keep up the good work ladies (and any gentlemen who want to join in!) This (fig 1) is what I am working on for January. Mission Stitch will not meet this month, the 21st due to Family Christmas activities. However, Cynthia needs all the Christmas hats for St. Francis by this week- 14th. She needs to get them to Olivia by the 18th. Call her if you have any more to turn in. (918-865-3645).



(fig 1)

UMW—2017 Yearbook

Would you believe Priscilla Circle has already turned in their yearbook updates for the 2017 yearbook??!!?? Great job ladies!! It's that time of year again. Everyone needs to get their 2016 books out and make all the changes necessary for the 2017 book. Please get those to me as soon as possible as I will start it as soon as I come back from Christmas break.

SENIORS in ACTION !

Please come to our Christmas Pot Luck and Carol Sing!

Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Ham & drinks provided.

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Let's fill a basket for Sand Springs Community Services...

Please bring one or more canned or boxed food items

Questions? Contact Max or Sharon Schuermann

At 918-246-9159



Hey Kids



You all did great practicing for our Christmas program. Next week during Kidzone we will be practicing again for our pro-

gram . Miss Cathy needs everyone to be there. Our program will be Sunday evening December 18th at 6:00. Everyone needs to meet in the Caleb House at 5:30.

Have a great week!

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—December 18

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Kat Katzung
 Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford

Sunday Volunteers—December 25

Visitors Center & Coffee-TNT
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Jo Fritts
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

January Coffee: CIA/Pathfinders Class

February Coffee: Harmony Class

March Coffee-Discovery Class

Here are your
2017 Newsletter
weeks. Please
remember-articles are
due by 11 a.m. on this
date. Please, mark
your calendars.

January 2, 2017	January 16
January 30	February 13
February 27	February 27
March 13	March 13
March 27	March 27

Here is some of your **2016/17 Youth Dinner Schedule**

December 14-Faith Circle
 December 21-TNT (Youth Christmas Party)
 December 28-NO YOUTH
 January 4-Ruth Esther
 January 11-Seniors In Action
 January 18-Priscilla Circle
 January 25-Noah/Searchers

Please Keep In Prayer



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Elsie Jones, Sue Shaw, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Mark Hill, Pauline Hanigar, Glenda Paul-Reyna, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Alberts mom & sister in law, Michelle Nelson, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The offices will be closed the week
 between Christmas and New Years.

We will re-open on

Monday, January 2nd, 2017.

A Very Merry Christmas

From Mom & I

*We hope your holidays are full of comfort and joy
 and*

we pray your 2017 is filled with lots of good news!

Judy & Tracey



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, December 12

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, December 13-SIA Set Up

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

5:45pm-Y4Y Christmas Party

6:30pm-Praise Team

6:30pm-Exodus House Christmas Party-1839 N. Boston Ave.

(Redemption Church)

7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, December 14

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café

11:30am-SIA Pot Luck Christmas Carol Party-F. Hall

6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth

7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15

11:30am-Ruth Esther carpool to Scarlets Tea Room

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, December 16

*4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall

*FLC in use

Saturday, December 17

*5:00pm-FLC in use

Sunday, December 18

8:30am-Contemporary Worship

9:45am-Communion Service

10:00am-Sunday School

11:00am-Traditional Worship

6:00pm-Kidzone & Chancel Choir Christmas Program

Monday, December 19

11:30am-Staff Christmas Luncheon

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, December 20

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC

5:45pm-NO Y4Y-Sanctuary

7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, December 21

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café

6:30pm-The Awakening Christmas Party

7:00pm-Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 22

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, December 23

No activities

FLC-Family Life Center
*-Not sponsored by
SSUMC but welcome

For more calendar
information, call the
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Saturday, December 24

5:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Sunday, December 25

10am-Fellowship/Snacks

11:00am-Christmas Worship

