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## Happy Birthday

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Sunday, December 2—Carl Estes, Rodney Smallwood

Monday, December 3—Ethan Eberly

Tuesday, December 4—Charles Harold, Marion Newkirk, Connie Gilmer,  
David Parsley, Daniel Heatwole, Stuart Hill

Wednesday, December 5—Evelyn Thomas, Maggie Williams

Saturday, December 8—Tom Hyde

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,  
please contact the church office at 879-2102 or daytonumc@comcast.net.

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## Our Prayers

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“Four things let us ever keep in mind: **God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer.**”

~ E. M. Bounds

You are invited to share your prayer request in one of two ways. There is a prayer table in the narthex that you may place prayer requests and praises or you may use the form in the pew. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

### **Our Prayer & Christian sympathy are extended to:**

Josh & Jennifer Appleton on the death of Josh's grandmother, Margaret Appleton

Missy Gilmer on the death of her grandmother, Ellen Barnhardt on Friday

Jeanne Sinclair on the death of her husband on November 21

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Emory Thomas RMH - Blood clot

Connie Gilmer Out-patient surgery on Monday

Carolyn Bennington—Radiation treatment

Chris Sites Cancer

Pedro Sandoval -- Radiation and chemo treatment at UVA

### **Shut-in Friends:**

**Homebound:** Anna Lee Davis, Judy Estes, Russell Hampt, Helen Hoke, Elsie Hyde, Bob Koontz, Carroll Lough, Olin Ritchie

**Bridgewater Home:** Nellie Cline, Helen Lough, Carla Phibbs, Odessa Showalter

**Restin South:** Jack Callison

**VMRC:** Leona Armentrout, Esther Sprinkel, Emory Thomas

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## First Sunday of Advent - Affirmation of Faith

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I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, such as the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the energy with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I believe in the angels' message that we should not be afraid—that Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas—that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the One born in the stable, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

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## Announcements

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**Welcome to the first Sunday** in Advent, We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please let us know how we can assist you in any way.

**We want** to thank Linda Wine and her committee and Mary Glen and her committee for getting our sanctuary ready for the season of Advent and Christmas.

“**A Different Kind of Christmas**” brochures are available in the foyer for everyone who is looking to give a gift that gives back. Today is the last day you may purchase gift cards. The cards will be distributed next Sunday.

**All Middle and Senior High Youth** are invited to their Youth Meeting tonight. They will start with dinner, devotional and games from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **You are invited to:**

- Help out with our Harts ministry this week—see Steve for a time and a place—
- Go with the UM Women to Western State Hospital to serve a meal to residents at 6:15 on Wednesday, Dec. 5th
- Sign up for the Secret Pal program today—a sign-up sheet is in the foyer

- Our Family Night Program will be held on Sunday December 16 at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin in the sanctuary and then conclude with a “finger food” dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring some to share. Our children’s choirs will be sharing as well as others.

**The Missions Committee invites you** to sign up and ring for The Salvation Army on Friday and Saturday of December 14,15. or 21,22. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

**We will collect mittens again this year for our Mitten Tree.** Following Christmas, they will be delivered to a local charity.

**The U.M. Women** will be taking a party to Western State Hospital on Wed. Dec.5th. and you are invited you to join us! We will meet at the church at 6:15-if you have any questions call Mary Jane McCoy at 879-2153.

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**Events This Week at Dayton UMC**

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Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast  
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Children’s Choirs and Coffee Social  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Monday, December 3 – Monday December 10

7:00 p.m. HARTS

Thursday, December 6

6:15 p.m. Chancel Bells Practice  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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**Serving Us Today – Sunday, December 2, 2012**

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**Greeters:** 8:45 a.m. Shelia Holsinger & Nancy McDonaldson  
 11:00 a.m. Youth **Ushers:** Youth  
**Nursery:** 8:45 a.m. Brenda Legg; 11:00 a.m. Sally Parsley  
**Children’s Church:** Jackie Lohr  
**Coffee Social Hosts:** United Methodist Men  
**Offering Attendants:** Dennis Miller & Norma Snyder  
**Pew Steward:** Margaret Thornton

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**Advent and Christmas Calendar**

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**December 2 First Sunday of Advent**

8:45 & 11 Sermon: “Coming Soon?” Luke 21:25-36  
 Gift Card Forms Due in Church Office  
 Last day to sign up for U.M. Men’s Christmas Dinner

December 3 - 10 Hosting Harts: Have you volunteered?

**December 9 Second Sunday in Advent**

8:45 & 11 Sermon: Mary’s Gift Luke 1:68-79  
 7:00 United Methodist Men Christmas Dinner with Harts

**December 16 Third Sunday in Advent**

8:45 & 11 Changing our Ways Luke 3:7-18  
 5:30 Family Night Program

December 20

5:30 – 9:00 Youth and Young Followers going Christmas Caroling

**December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:45 Sermon: Mary’s Journey Luke 1: 46-55  
 11:00 Chancel Choir’s Cantata,  
 “Touched by a Child, Touched by a King”

December 24

8:00 Christmas Candle Light Service

**December 30**

11:00 One Service at 11 a.m.  
 (No Sunday School this day)

December 25 to January 2

Church Office Closed