

***Third Sunday of Advent***

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***We welcome the churches of the Hightower Charge  
to today's combined Christmas Cantata worship service  
at Union United Methodist Church.***

***We're glad you are here! If you are seeking a church home,  
we invite you to join one of these churches as we love and serve  
from this blessed place in God's Kingdom.***

Prelude

Greeting and Celebration of the Church's Ministries

**THE WORD IN PROMISE**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

\* ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (Verse 6) **Hymnal, # 211**

Opening Prayer

\*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ

***Prayer for Illumination:***

**Lord God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. Throughout our Advent worship, remind us that Jesus has come, is present among us, and will come again in glory. Amen.**

**THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

New Testament Lesson

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(Lighting of Memorial Candle for Deaths in Newtown, CT)

Pastoral Prayer and ***The Lord's Prayer*****Hymnal, # 895**

Offering of God's Tithes and our Gifts

\****Doxology*** and Dedication of the Offering**Hymnal, # 95****THE WORD IN SONG**

Christmas Cantata

The Choir

***His Name Is Jesus: A Worship Celebration for Christmas******Tell Me the Story Medley******Reflection******Narrators: Jim Powell &  
Lee-Anne Berdine******Abraham Rejoiced******Soloist: Carl Ratcliff******We Needed a Savior******In the Name of Love******What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?******Lovely Name Medley******Duet: Denise Bigelow &  
Margaret Ann Williams  
Soloist: Dixie Vernon******Run, Little Children******Go, Tell It on the Mountain******Follow the Star******Treasure These Moments******Soloist: Bob Way******O Holy Night***

Invitation to Receive God's Gifts

\*Hymn

**Hymnal, # 246*****Joy to the World*** (Verses 3, then 2)

\*Benediction and Lunch Blessing

Postlude

\*Please stand, as you are able.

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**Pastor: Bob Way**

## Prayer List

### Shut-In Members and Special Needs

(Names may be removed after three months, unless requested to be kept on list.)

James (Snake) Ashby	12	Keith Kirby	12	Janet Ratcliff	12
Tyffanie Berdine	12	Josh Lawson	12	Bill Richburg	12
<i>Our Bishop</i>		A. C. Long	12	Ashley Richmond	10
Beatrice Briggs	12	Kathy Mason	12	Jerry Richmond Family	11
Naomi Catlett	12	Ken (Mac) McIntyre	10	Paul Richmond	12
<i>Persecuted Christians</i>		<i>Military Members &amp; Families</i>		Janice Roland	12
Craig Church	10	<i>Missionaries &amp; Families</i>		Karl Roland	12
<i>Our Church &amp; Charge</i>		<i>Newtown, CT Families</i>	12	Lois & Franklin Rudd	10
David Cobb Family	11	Doris Nance	12	<i>Schools, Students &amp; Teachers</i>	
<i>Disaster Survivors &amp; Teams</i>		<i>Our Nation</i>		Dixie Vernon	12
<i>Our District Superintendent</i>		Howard Oakley	12	Edward Vernon	12
<i>First Responders</i>		<i>Elected/Appointed Officials</i>		Gypsy Vernon	12
Justin Frizzle	11	John Ooley	11	Daryl Webster	10
Marvin Hamlett	12	Cheryl Owen	12	Daniel Whited	10
Pete Hamlett	12	James Painter	12	John Whited, Jr.	10
Tristan Jett	12	Jay Pleasant	12	Clyde Willis	10

**Next Week's Scriptures:** Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55;  
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

### Announcements:

Soup & Sandwich Lunch: 12:15 pm **Today**

Sweet Rolls, Coffee & Fellowship (for Union UMC): 9:30-10:00 am  
Sun, Dec 23

Christmas Eve Communion (Drop-In): 4:00–7:00 pm Mon, Dec 24

Bethel UMC Church Council: 7:00 pm Tue, Jan 8

Bible Study: 7:00 pm Thu, Jan 10 (at Union UMC)

United Methodist Women (UMW): 11:00 am Sat, Jan 19, at Rosalyn  
Way's home

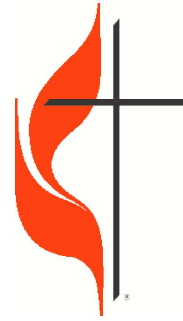
*Human Relations Day Special Offering:* Sun, Jan 20

Union UMC Church Council: 7:00 pm Wed, Feb 6

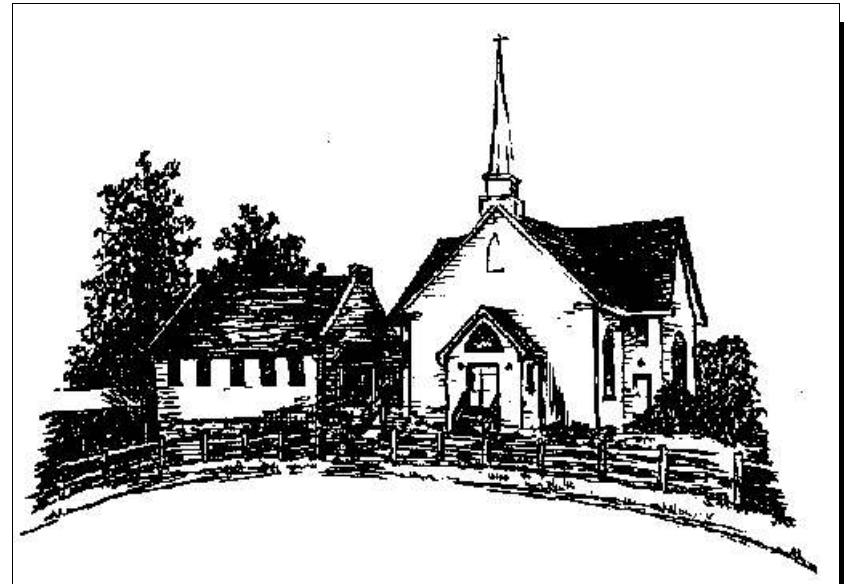
Union UMC Choir Practice: 6:00 pm Thu, Feb 7

Hurricane Sandy relief donations through UMCOR: write a check to  
your church (*Union UMC* or *Bethel UMC*) with *2012 Hurricanes*  
on the "Memo" line

**Please remember to bring items for  
the Caswell Parish food pantry.**



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