



# FIRST WORD WEEKLY December 2016



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## This Sunday 12.11.16

**God in the Manger: Trust**                      **Luke 1:26-38**

**8:30 am - Roebuck Chapel - Rev. Bud Reeves**

Offertory

“Surely the Time Is Near”

Janie Weber, Soloist

Nancy W. Vernon, Organist

**11:00 am - Sanctuary - Rev. Bud Reeves**

Offertory Anthem “O How Shall We Receive You?”

Chancel Choir

Anthem “Mary’s Magnificat”

Chancel Choir

Keely Satazahn, Soloist

Gaye McClure, Chancel Choir Director

Nancy W. Vernon, Organist

Acolytes: Finley Rossi & Joseph Udouj

**11:00 am - Connexion FLC - Rev. Dane Womack**

“First Noel” “Hope of the World”

“Mary Did You Know?” “How Many Kings”

“O Come Emmanuel” “Once in Royal David’s City”

**5:00 pm—Children’s Choir Program, Sanctuary**

**6:00 pm—Youth Meal/Devo/Games, Loft**

## *In Our Prayers*

- Eldon Pence in Sparks Hospital.
- We mourn with Randy O’Kelley on the death of his aunt Azana O’Kelley.
- We celebrate the birth of Claire Elizabeth Reynolds on November 23. Her parents are Rustin and Caroline Reynolds. Grandparents are Cee Cee Holliman and Harold Mings Jr. and great-grandfather is Dr. Harold Mings.

## GOD IN THE MANGER

Celebrate Christmas with  
First United Methodist Church

Thursday | December 15

-7:30pm Hendrix Choir Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday | December 18

- 11am Chancel Choir presents Lessons and Carols

-5pm Longest Night Service | Roebuck Chapel

Christmas Eve | December 24

-12noon Holy Communion | Roebuck Chapel

- 4pm Communion & Candlelight | Family Life Center

-5:30pm Communion & Candlelight | Sanctuary

Christmas Day | December 25

-10am Come As You Are Service | Sanctuary



**HENDRIX**  
COLLEGE  
**HENDRIX COLLEGE CHOIR  
CANDLELIGHT CAROL  
SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 15 @ 7:30 PM IN  
THE SANCTUARY**

**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP 782-5068**

Hendrix President Bill Tsutsui invites Hendrix alumni and friends to barbecue dinner in FLC at 5:30 pm. Catered by Pink Flamingo. **Free, but RSVP by Friday, Dec. 9.** Enjoy food and fellowship and hear the latest on Hendrix College, one of our great United Methodist institutions of higher learning.

There was a tie among the friendly competition for canned goods—the Choir and Rev. Sara’s “Making Sense of the Bible” class were tied for most ounces of cans collected—good work to all! We were able to supply not only our Thanksgiving meal at church but to contribute to the Salvation Army’s meal as well. Way to go FSFUMC!

# Longest Night Service

A service of remembrance and hope

December 18/5 pm/Roebuck Chapel



## Attendance: December 4

Communion (Wednesday)	47
8:30am Roebuck Chapel	76
11:00am Family Life Center	127
11:00am Sanctuary	198
Nursery	16
5:00pm Youth	24
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>417</b>

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 11

8:30am Worship, Roebuck Chapel  
8:30am Holy Grounds, Narthex  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship, Sanctuary  
11:00am Worship, Family Life Center  
5:00pm Children's Choir Program, Sanctuary  
6:00pm Youth Meal/Devo/Games, Loft

### Monday, December 12

6:30pm Boy Scouts, 3rd Floor

### Tuesday, December 13

8:45am BSF, 3rd Floor  
9:30am Staff Meeting  
12:00pm CEC Christmas Program, Fireside Room

### Wednesday, December 14

10:00am Prayer Group, Prayer Room, 2nd Floor  
10:45am Weekday School Christmas Party  
5:30pm Holy Communion, Roebuck Chapel  
6:00pm Disciple Fast Track, Friends Class  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 15

7:00am Youth Breakfast Club, Chick-fil-A  
10:00am Knitters & Knotters/Mats that Matter, Narthex  
12:00pm UMM (Men's) Bible Study/Lunch, Fireside Room  
5:30pm Hendrix BBQ, Gym  
7:30pm Hendrix College Choir Candlelight Carol Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, December 16

6:30am UMM (Men's) Bible Study/Breakfast, Fireside Room  
10:00am Pacesetters, Fireside Room

### Saturday, December 17

9:00am Food at First Pick-up, FLC



Thank you to the Boy Scouts for setting up the manger scene on the church campus.

## HEADING FOR THE FINISH LINE!

We are nearing the end of the year, and we appreciate your contributions and commitments so much! They make a joyful season "joyful-er"!

End of the year contributions may be received until January 4, 2017. Thanks in advance for completing your commitment or making a gift to the church!

Commitment cards may also be turned in any time before the end of the year. So far we have received 229 cards totaling \$1,289,328.60. Seventy-four of these cards indicated they were increasing their giving. Last year we received 264 cards for a total of \$1,386,548. If you have not yet turned in a card, we encourage you to do so; our plans for ministry in 2017 depend on it.

Thanks so much for your loyal support of your church!

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merry *Christmas*  
to all, and to all  
a good *breakfast!*

**Last Sunday Breakfast will  
be December 18 @ 8:30am**