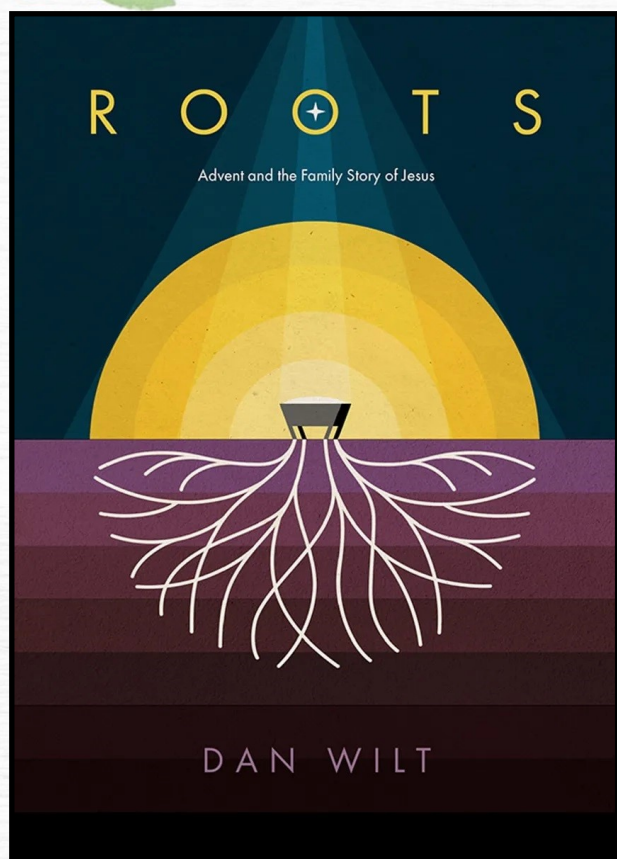


December 2022

CORNER CONNECTIONS

Roots



Several years ago my father became interested in genealogy. He bought an account at ancestry.com and ended up tracing our family roots back to the 17th century in Scotland and England. He enjoyed sitting down with me at the computer and looking back at our ancestors and learning as much as we could about where they lived and how they ultimately settled in America. I was struck by how their stories were a part of my story, even though I had not been aware of them.

We all come from a family line of people who were shaped by where they lived and what they did. And we can learn more fully about the story of our lives by learning about the story of their lives.

The same is true of Jesus. Author Dan Wilt of Seedbed has written a daily Advent devotional that explores how we can more profoundly understand Jesus' heart and mission by exploring the stories of people in Jesus' family tree. Jesus is fully God, of course, yet he is also fully human, with ancestors and a family tree that is rooted in the land of Israel and the story of how God worked in and through them.

We'll explore how Jesus, his mother Mary, and his adopted father Joseph all come from the family vine of the great King David, the son of Jesse. We'll use as a map the idea known as a "Jesse Tree", which is an approach to the preparation season of Advent, leading us toward Christmas, that encourages us to revisit stories from the Old Testament to help us gain insights into the family line of Jesus and the spiritual mandate of the child born to save the world.

I look forward to exploring Jesus' roots during this Advent season! If you would like to read along using Dan Wilt's daily devotional, you can [order the eBook from Amazon](#), or [directly from Seedbed](#).

Grace and peace,
Clint



Christmas Services

Schedule

Child of Light - December 11, 6:00 pm

Our Shadow Drama Christmas program will include Scripture readings and traditional music of the season as the Nativity story is portrayed through shadow theatre.

Christmas Caroling - December 14, 5:45 pm

Join us for community Christmas caroling. All are welcome to join. Be at the church at 5:45.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 5 pm

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service. This service will close with Holy Communion, candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night."

Christmas Morning Service - December 25, 10 am

We will have Christmas morning worship at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Children are invited to bring their favorite gift that they received for Christmas. Sunday school classes will meet at 9 AM.

New Year's Service - January 1, 10 am

Begin the new year with John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service at 10 AM in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to start 2023 with a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving ourselves to God. Sunday school classes will meet at 9 AM.



Be the **light**

White Christmas

From now until December 18, we will be collecting donations for the United Methodist Children's Home, which provides help and hope for abandoned and neglected children within the geographical bounds of our conference. Please make checks payable to "FUMC" with "White Christmas" in the memo line, or donate online at embracealkids.org

Youth & Kids

YOUTH NEWS: We will continue to have youth through December. Please join our Facebook page to stay updated with activities and times. We will be going on our youth ski trip December 17-21. Please be in prayer for safe travels as we head to West Virginia. We will be taking 15 youth this year!

LAMP NEWS: LAMP is a program for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. LAMP will meet every Wednesday night in the LAMP room on the 3rd floor. We will continue to have LAMP through December. Please join our Facebook page to stay updated with activities and times!

Keep a check on Facebook for youth and kids activities during the holidays.

Chrismons



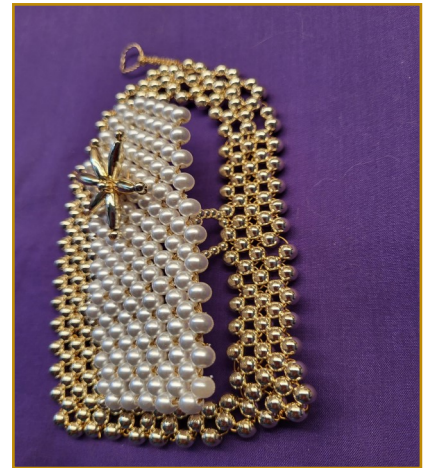
Dove

Represents Peace & Purity



Rooster

Peter denied Christ 3 times & the rooster crows



Door

"Knock and the door will be open unto you." (Matthew 7:7)



Grape & Vine

Grapes symbolizes plenty, prosperity & abundance



Alpha & Omega

"I am the first and the last" (Revelation 22:15)



I Am the Life

Symbolizes the Creation & the Messianic promise

We will have a Chrismon tree downstairs with all new ornaments. Many are Christian ornaments which stand for Bible stories or certain scriptures. These are handmade by the Chrismon ladies at this church. If you do not know what the Chrismon is or what it stands for, ask Ida Turner.

December Birthdays

- 01 Brue Milner
- 02 Emily Bryant
- 03 Sydney Bass
Ida Turner
- 04 Marie Milam
- 05 Frankie Scott
- 07 Shirley Jackson
- 08 Adam Hill
- 10 Cue Eckstein
Keith Holt
- 12 Michael Butler
Jill Manning
- 13 Katherine Robinson
- 14 Sadie Davis
Cecilia Johnson
- 15 Gail Moseley
- 16 Karen Cunningham
Kelley Hill
Audrey Weldon
- 17 Ramona Lackey
- 18 Ruby Crain
Theron Shipman
Beckey Youngblood
- 21 Hunter Miller
- 22 Amy McBroom
- 23 Margaret Erb
- 26 Steven Turner
- 27 Charles Peppers
- 28 Revere Tosch
- 30 Michael Weldon

December Anniversaries

- 14 Sam & Cecilia Johnson, II
Charles & Ida McCartha
- 15 Wayne & Cindy Pressley
- 17 Dave & Dana Metz
- 27 Joe & Linda Williams, Sr.
- 31 Marlon & Heather Johnson

When you watch this year's Christmas Program, and any subsequent special concerts and performances, you'll be seeing something new (though you may not realize it)!

The FUMC Music Ministry has decided to use the funds given in memory of Leslye Ames toward the purchase of special lighting for this year's Child of Light Shadow Nativity Drama. In previous years, the church has been able to rent or borrow lights from Tallassee High School; as these have now been permanently installed in the middle school, we no longer have the flexibility to use them. The newly-purchased lights will belong to FUMC. They are portable and pragmatic, and can be used for many different programs and functions throughout the church year.

The Child of Light program was conceived and initiated by Leslye and myself to offer a different worship experience for our church and community. This program--along with other musical worship experiences such as Choir Camp, cantatas, and concerts--were very dear to Leslye's heart, and so we feel that the purchase of lighting to illuminate these special events would be a wise use of the funds in honor of her memory.

Jerry Cunningham

FUMC Music



Endowment Committee

Would like to extend its appreciation to those who contribute to our Endowment Fund on a regular basis, as well as to the many individuals who have made donations in memory of Judy Coan, Miriam Parker, Ron Linville, and Jon Clark over the past month. THANK YOU!

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

Restaurant Supper Club

Is making a new supper club list. If you want to be a member and on our new list please text Karen Waller at 334-303-1471

Thank you

We would like to thank all of you who prayed for us, thought about us, sent a card or made a call. We felt your prayers while going through the hard time of saying goodbye to Alan's mother. She was my mother, too. From Jeannine

Thank you

Thank you for the cards and the gifts for Pastor's Appreciation month, and thank you for all of the encouragement and support that you give to me, Amy and Emma! In Christ, Clint

Stewardship Summary - November 2022 (to 11/19)

	Budgeted	Actual
Monthly Contributions	\$31,250	\$20,693
Monthly Total Income	\$36,021	\$20,693
Year to Date Income	\$385,442	\$376,469
Monthly Expenses	\$36,690	\$17,081
Year to Date Expenses	\$388,754	\$367,848

Avg. total worship attendance per Sunday: 118

Clint

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Ladies Circle Luncheon, 11:00 am, FH Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm Discernment Meeting 6:00 pm, FH	6 Restaurant Supper Club 5:30 pm Meet at church	7	8	9	10
11 Child of Light Christmas Program 6:00 pm	12 Church Council 6:00pm, FH	13	14 Christmas Caroling 5:45 Meet at Church	15 Home Supper Club 6:00 pm	16	17 Youth leave For Ski Trip
18	19 Crafty Christians 1:00 - 2:30 pm	20	21	22	23	24 Candle Light Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> One Service 10:00 am	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 04 None
 Dec. 11 Ida McCartha
 Dec. 18 Open
 Dec. 25 Sandra Patterson



**HAVE A BLESSED
 CHRISTMAS AND A BOUNTIFUL
 NEW YEAR!**



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:50 am - contemporary worship
10 am - Sunday School, **all ages**
11 am - traditional worship

KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sundays - 5 to 6:30 pm
Wednesdays - 6 to 7:15 pm



Facebook.com/FUMCTallassee

The service for the preceding week is broadcast each Sunday at **11 am**. Listen to Clint's daily devotions at **7:15 am** each weekday morning.

