

SUNDAY, December 4, 2011—2nd Sunday of Advent

Men's Breakfast	7:30 am
Worship Service	9:00 and 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am
Children's Shopping Day Thrift Shop	2:00—4:30 pm
Youth Drama Practice	4:45—8:00 pm

Monday, December 5, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Scouts	7:00 pm
SPR Committee Meeting	7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Food for the Journey Dinner	5:45—6:30 pm
Youth Drama	7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Prayer Team	10:00 am
Ladies' Lunch	11:30 am
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm

Friday, December 9, 2011

Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
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Saturday, December 10, 2011

Upward in Gym	8:00 am —5:00 pm
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SUNDAY, December 11, 2011—3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship Service	9:00 and 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am
Youth Ice Skating	2:00 pm
Mission Possible Kids	3:00 pm



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Lynn Lee, Director of Early Childhood Ministries
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Sheryl Gable, Pianist ~ David Brown, Organist

Altar Flowers

Sign up to honor or remember a loved one with flowers.

The new flower calendar will be up soon and you can sign up for your special date in 2012.

Recycle

There is a recycling box in the hallway. Please deposit cell phones and batteries in it for recycling. Remember the Boy Scouts have a trailer behind the church for aluminum cans.

Put small used printer cartridges on Jill's desk. We get \$2.00 credit for each cartridge.



You are to give him the name

JESUS

Because he will save

His people

From their SINS

Matthew 1:21b

*An Order of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011*

We have large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices for our worship services. You can get them from an usher. Please remember to silence your cell phones!

* = please stand as able

Centering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheila Crowe

Meet and Greet

*Chimes *(Please return to your seat for worship.)*

*Call to Worship: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1) 211

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Lesley Langford

God of Mary and Joseph, keep alive in us the faith that you are still at work in ordinary people, accomplishing extraordinary things. When we become anxious and afraid, and cannot discern your pattern in the jigsaw of our affairs, help us to remember the trust and obedience of Joseph. Lead us forward as your messengers of mercy and peace, bearing the presence of Immanuel, "God with us", in our community and the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "Angels We Have Heard on High" 238

The Journey Advent Monologue—Joseph

Offertory

*Doxology 95

Children's Message Rev. Lesley Langford

(Children remain with Parents today.)

Youth Confirmation

Beginning January 8th @ 4:30pm

Confirmation is a time when Youth who are in the sixth grade and older have the opportunity to make a firm decision whether they will claim the name "Christian" for themselves.

If you were baptized as an infant, you will now have the opportunity to claim the vows that your parents have made on your behalf. As a teen or pre-teen, you are at a special age when you are not only making more decisions for yourself but also may find yourself questioning what you believe. The confirmation preparation classes are a great time to ask those questions.

We will meet for 7 weeks and discuss the meaning of the Christian faith, the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church, and what it means to commit to becoming a member of the church. We will also participate in a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Glisson the weekend of February 24th – 26th. Contact Rev. Lesley Langford to sign up. (678-491-6721 or email her at lela9194@email.com.



Please note that federal regulations require that checks must be dated on or before December 31, 2011 for them to apply to your 2011 tax returns. The last deposit will be on December 26th. Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping lead people to Christ through the many ministries at Brooks UMC. God bless you!

Christmas Wish List



Blinds or Shutters for Sanctuary \$300.00

Plants for Kids Street \$200.00

2 Cribs for Nursery \$400.00

Sign for Corner of Brooks-Woolsey & Morgan Mill Rd \$300.00

64 Hymnals for Sanctuary \$600.00

Flat Screen TV for Double Room \$500.00

8 6' Plastic Tables \$450.00 (non-folding)

Kathy Robinson
 Nancy Currier
 Arleen Sellers
 Mike Jenkins
 Bob Rucker
 Bob Peterson
 Rhonda Stapleton
 Marge Price
 Pat Schubert (Mother of Kimbo Daniel)
 Tom Giacobello (Father of Tony)
 Elijah Kimaru (Nephew of Shimshicks)
 Chris Brown
 Larry Thomas
 Gary Cooper
 Rondah Hardy
 Rev. Sheila and Gene Crowe
 Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford
 Rev. Carol Cook (D.S.)
 Michael Watson (Bishop)
 The Sims Family (Missionaries)



Prayer
Concerns

**Wednesday Night Dinner
 December 7, 2011**

**Lasagna, Salad,
 Garlic Bread, Broccoli,
 Pumpkin Pie**

Remember to make your reservations by filling out the form in the bulletin or call the office (770-719-7593) or you can email brookschurch@bellsouth.net before noon on Monday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Misty Crowe	12/2
Jessica Speer	12/2
Sylvia Cottingham	12/3
Sue Hardy	12/3
Andrew Mitchell	12/4
Brian Mitchell	12/4
John Sellers	12/4
David Spradlin	12/5
Ray Stanton	12/5
Hampton Langford	12/7
Amy-Christina Giacobello	12/8
Dan Langford	12/9
Bruce Quinnell	12/10
Ron Shaw	12/14
Gary Cooper	12/15
Tom Bartlett	12/19
Earl Gable	12/21
David Piper	12/21
Doug Hamrick	12/22
Preston Stapleton	12/26
Jesse Crowe	12/27
Meredith Triimble	12/28
Bob Mask	12/29
Carole DeMine	12/30

If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please leave a note on Jill's desk or email, us at brookschurch@bellsouth.net. Requests will be left on for 6 weeks and taken off unless renewed.

Attendance Last Sunday:

9:00: 19
 11:00: 116

Last Sunday:

Gen Fund: \$4,072.51
 Bldg Fund: \$0



**Keep
 in Christ
 Christmas**

***Hymn of Praise: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

240

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-24

Rev. Lesley Langford

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Special Music: "Ukrainian Bell Carol"

Morning Message: "The Journey—Joseph's Mercy"

Rev. Sheila Crowe

Celebration of Holy Communion, (see insert) Rev. Crowe, Rev. Langford
"Since the time of John Wesley, parishioners were encouraged to bring a small offering to the altar during Holy Communion. This offering is used to help the poor and disadvantaged in our community, who appeal to our congregation for emergency financial assistance. May each of us respond in faith as we are led and blessed in life."

***Hymn of Response:** "Once in Royal David's City"

250

***Benediction**

Rev. Sheila Crowe

***Closing Chorus:** (Please stand and join hands.)

**O how He loves you and me. O how He loves you and me.
 He gave His life, what more could He give?
 O how He loves you; O how He loves me;
 O how He loves you and me!**

***Postlude**



L.I.F.T.

Loving People, Inspiring Worship, Fulfilling Service, Transforming Prayer

Announcements



Children's Shopping Day at Thrift Shop ~ Our annual Kid's Christmas Shopping Day will be today, Dec. 4th. We've been saving lots of brand new items for this special event...you won't want to miss it. We'll have elves helping the kids pick out Christmas gifts they can purchase for their families. Drop by anytime between 2:00 and 4:30 (parents need to stay outside). We are looking forward to a fun afternoon with our littlest shoppers!

SPR Meeting ~ We will meet on Monday (12/5) at 7:00 pm.

Ladies' Lunch ~ The ladies will not go out to lunch in December because of the busy season! We are scheduled to go out January 12th—details tba.

Angel Tree ~ We have been so blessed by the response to the angel tree this year! AGAIN we have surpassed our goal! What a generous people we have at Brooks UMC! Just please remember that all gifts either wrapped or unwrapped need to be under the tree by *Wednesday, December 7th*. Thanks so much!

Youth Ice Skating Outing ~ All youth are invited to go ice skating with us on December 11th at 2:00 pm. We will go to Centennial Olympic Park to Atlanta's only outdoor rink. Admission is \$7 per person and skate rental is an additional \$2 for 90 minutes of skate time. We will then go to the Varsity for dinner.

Adult Fellowship ~ If any adults would like to see the "Gift of Lights" at Atlanta Motor Speedway, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let Cindilu Clancy know. We would like to go on December 15th. We need enough to take the bus. There are more than one million lights and hundreds of individual displays. The cost will only be \$1.00 per person if we can get enough people to go.

Preschool Collecting Hats and Canned Goods ~ Please join the preschool in providing hats, scarves and gloves for children in need in Brooks. Please bring in new warm hats, scarves and gloves and place them on the white Christmas tree in the hall by the new building by December 15th. We are also collecting canned goods for the needy if you can bring canned goods.

Next Generation Christmas Family Outing ~ December 21st, 6:30 pm
Inviting all children, youth, and their families to attend Gift of Lights Drive Thru Experience at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The cost is \$2.00 each which includes admission, gas for the bus and snacks. *We only have 28 seats on the bus so sign up early to reserve your seat!*

Youth Christmas Play Wednesday, December 7th @ 7:00pm

Join the hillbilly Taylor clan and their city cousins for a humorous twist of Dicken's "Christmas Carol"!



Church-Wide Christmas Party Wednesday, December 14th

There will be no charge for dinner which will be Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, and Peppermint Cake which will be served at the normal 5:45—6:30 pm time. Please bring canned goods for the preschool's canned food drive. We will then enjoy fun and fellowship.



Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 18, 2011 7:00 pm

*Invite your friends and neighbors to our annual Cantata.
Refreshments will be served afterwards.*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE December 24th

5:00 PM
(Nursery provided)

Christmas Day Worship 11:00 AM

There will only be one worship service at 11:00 am on Christmas morning. We will continue our celebration of Christmas that morning by sharing in Christmas hymns and listening to God's Word proclaimed.