

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

Monday, December 12, 2011

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Staff party	6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Christmas Party Dinner	5:45—6:30 pm
Fellowship	7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	8:00 pm

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Preschool	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Prayer Team	10:00 am
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm
Adult Fellowship Lights Trip	6:00 pm
Youth Christmas Party in L.O.F.T.	6:30—10:00 pm

Friday, December 16, 2011

Teacher Workday— Holiday break until January	
Upward in Gym	4:00—8:00 pm

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Upward in Gym	8:00 am —5:00 pm
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SUNDAY, December 18, 2011—4th Sunday of Advent

Worship Service	9:00 and 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45 am
Christmas Cantata	7:00 pm

Altar Flowers

The Beautiful Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Georgiann Horton by her Mother, Betty Hardy, And In Honor of Gary Cooper's Birthday by Toni.



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.



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Sheryl Gable, Pianist ~ David Brown, Organist



“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Luke 1:42

“Elizabeth’s Encouragement”

An Order of Worship
Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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 Mark and Kim Powell

Meet and Greet

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

***Call to Worship: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 2)** 211

**O Come thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
 To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Lesley Langford

Ancient of Days, blessed child of God, be with us this day. Guide us in your path of peace. Lead us on the journey of faith that will bring us to rejoice on Christmas Day. Help us so to believe where we have not seen, that we may trust in your promises and respond with joy like Elizabeth when she greeted Mary. Help us to live as an advent people, hopefully expectant, and patiently diligent, that we may be encourage others into the fullness of life that you bring, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation: "There's a Song in the Air"** 249

***Affirmation of Faith** 881

***Gloria Patri** 70

Praise and Prayer Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
 Rev. Sheila Crowe

The Journey Advent Monologue—Elizabeth

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.

Second Chance Thrift Shop ~ All Christmas items are now half off!
The shop will be closed Dec. 23rd & 24th and Dec. 30th & 31st due to renovations. Come see the improvements in January!



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 Nursery Furnishings \$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)

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



**Christmas Party
 Wednesday Night Dinner
 December 14, 2011**

**Turkey and Dressing,
 Sweet Potatoes,
 Green Beans, Corn, Rolls,
 Peppermint Cake**

Please 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.

There will be no cost for the meal, but please bring a canned good for the preschool food drive.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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: 32
 11:00: 117

Last Sunday:
 Gen Fund: \$6,768.50
 Bldg Fund: \$70.00

We received 41 pledges out of 98 families.



**Keep
 in Christ
 in Christmas**

Offertory (Music by Andy Waits)

***Doxology** 95

Children's Message Rev. Sheila Crowe
(Preschool Children grade may exit with leaders to Kidstreet room 102 and K- 4th grade may exit Kidstreet room 106 after message.)

***Hymn of Praise: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"** 218

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56 Rev. Sheila Crowe
 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Morning Message: "The Journey—Elizabeth's Encouragement" Rev. Crowe

***Hymn of Response: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"** 223

***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

Announcement



Youth Ice Skating Outing ~ All youth are invited to go ice skating with us this afternoon at 2:00 pm at Centennial Olympic Park. 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.

Mission Impossible Kids ~ Join us for a special mission today from 3:00—4:30 pm!

Finance Meeting ~ The Finance meeting for the 12th has been cancelled.

Adult Fellowship ~ All adults who would like to go on the bus to see the “Gift of Lights” at Atlanta Motor Speedway, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will go on December 15th at 6:00 pm. 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.

Youth Christmas Party ~ All youth are invited to a night of food, fun and fellowship! We will have an ‘Elf’ Themed progressive dinner, play a “gift for someone special” swapping game, and watch the movie “Elf.” Bring a gift costing \$10.00 or less for the game.

Radio Time ~ Tune into ‘The Bear’ on station 92.5 on December 22nd to hear Rev. Sheila and Santa discuss last minute gift giving.

Christmas Day Dinner ~ Please sign up to bring side dishes such as dessert, salad, vegetable etc. to go with our Christmas day dinner which will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for a nice meal with those who may not have family or a place to share a Christmas meal. If you cannot join us, but can provide food, please sign up and then drop it off prior to the meal. Thank you for your help.

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!*

Poinsettias

Today is the deadline to order Poinsettias. Please fill out the inserted form and give it and your payment to David Brown.



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. Please make a reservation by filling out the form so we will know how many to cook for. If you have an ongoing reservation, we will count you unless you cancel. Thanks for your help!



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.