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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
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to you!

"The First Noel"

these factors were present and the Lord brought each to a successful conclusion.

Most of us are probably not all that aware of the work that goes on before the culmination of these projects, but without the willing, talented hands forging

Time, coordination, willing hands, and much more are necessary components to any successful project. This Christmas season we at FUMC have seen a number of projects brought to successful completion. All of

ahead to make them happen, there would not be much for the rest of us to see.

The Christmas Pageant, "The First Noel", which we shared with the youth of our congregation on December 18 is a good

case in point, one

I can speak to because I was involved in the scenes "backstage". One person does not make something like this happen. It takes many people dedicating their time and effort.

The youth gave their time and skills to sing, dance, and act across the stage. You can't have a pageant without them. Thank you to all the young people and their parents who committed to the success of the pageant.

First Light provided the musical background which included transposing music, finding individuals to play and sing, and, of course,

practicing. Sound was necessary to complete this and was complemented by hands that saw to it that the microphones were where they were needed. Words were printed out on a screen to help the pageant choir with words. Choir provided back up singing.

Thank you, also, to all the adults who worked with the

youth to make "The First Noel" a glorious praise to the Lord. This was truly a work wrought by people of many ages working together as a church to the glory of our God.



Lay Speakers School

by Susan Nava

The Los Alamos First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Lay Speakers School the evening of January 27th and during the day on January 28th.

Who are Lay Speakers and what do they do? Lay speakers in the United Methodist Church are lay people who recognize the importance of ministry through action and the spoken word. The goal of lay speaking is to serve the church in ways that the witness of the spoken word can inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective churchmanship.

Purpose of the School: The purpose of the Lay Speakers' School is to provide participants with lay ministry skills including church leadership, public speaking, assisting in worship, leading Bible studies, visitation, and participating in caring ministries. Together

with other committed Christians, participants share ways to bring the Gospel to others.

Classes being offered include:

BASIC COURSE - This is the first course required of all individuals seeking certification as either a local church lay speaker or certified lay speaker. The course provides a historical perspective of lay ministries, guidelines for organizing and delivering public presentations, and includes opportunities to speak on faith-related topics. **INSTRUCTORS:** Susan Nava and Dennis Trumblee, active certified lay speakers and members of the First United Methodist Church.

ADVANCED COURSES - **LAY SPEAKERS COMMUNICATE COMPASSION** - This advanced course helps lay speakers discover how to interact with people in crisis. **INSTRUCTOR:** Terry Foxx, Pastor of Visitation Ministries at White

Rock United Methodist Church. She is an experienced certified Lay Speaker, local author, and storyteller.

LAY SPEAKERS LEAD BIBLE STUDY - This course helps lay speakers and others with the skill of leading bible study. **INSTRUCTOR:** Brent Collom, active certified lay speaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

If you have ever considered wanting to make the next step in your faith journey, this is a great opportunity to begin.

ADVANCE REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUIRED please see either Susan Nava or Dennis Trumblee for registration information



The Rousculp family - Christopher, Susannah, Caroline, Camille, and Catherine welcome their new addition, Timothy, born November 25, 2005

We Witness

Our Church Vows

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Our Prayers

There are many, many prayer needs in our church family and community. The caring board by the church office is filled to overflowing, and there are too many prayer needs to put in this space

without leaving out some other equally important needs. Having the complete prayer list is as simple as sending your email address to the church office and asking to be placed on the email list for prayer needs.

Our Presence

Our estimate for church on December 18th was between 250 and 300.

Special January Days



Birthdays:

Betty Terrell	01/01	Clara Leschnitzer	01/17
Dennis Gill	01/05	Al Blackstock	01/25
Robyn Collom	01/06	Jim Little	01/27
Craig Siebe	01/08	Carolyn Pearson	01/27
Martha Zumbro	01/08	Anniversaries:	
Clayton Pearson	01/16	January 12	
Kyle Cash	01/17	Kemp & Nancee Beebe	



Preparing Christmas Boxes for delivery

The next edition of Visions will be dated January 13.

The deadline for articles is Friday, January 6.

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Sunday Services & Activities

8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Activities

MYF 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7 p.m.

United Skates, Friday evenings

First Session 5:00-6:45 p.m. for children third grade and younger,

\$2.00 includes skate rental

Second Session for third grade and up, \$2.50 includes skate rental

Correction to the December 16th issue:

In the Bravo! article Sarah Kelly should have been acknowledged for 16 years of service to FUMC. Sarah said she has had the privilege of following Harold Kruse who had trained the choir so well for 27 years.



Our Applause

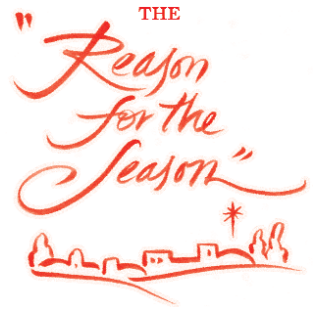
Many people at FUMC have striven wholeheartedly to make this Christmas season a great time for remembering Christ's birth. Thank you to everyone who planned and/or participated in any of our Christmas events.

We would especially like to remember the Chancel Choir, who joyously filled our church

the songs of Christ's birth and Harold Kruse, who set up the risers for the MESSIAH.

Thank you, Doris Jackson, for your tender care of the poinsettias.

Cheers to the team of Christmas Boxes organizers, preparers, and deliverers led by Al and Doris Blackstock.



ARK Christmas Program



The children of the Ark delighted a full house of parents and guests with their Christmas program on December 20. Lorri's first and second grade after-school class both wrote and acted a play based on the first Christmas. The other classes presented musical numbers at appropriate points in the play. We had dancing one-year old angels, a rhythm band of 2 year olds, singing stars, a class signing Silent Night, and story songs of the first Christmas. Even the tiny babies had a part as they strolled through the sanctuary in their buggies dressed as sheep. After the performance we celebrated with a birthday party for Jesus.

You can watch the event on PAC-8 on December 30 at 8:30 p.m. and December 31 at 8 p.m.

