

Millie and I would like to thank everyone who baked all the delicious cookies. We had such a great selection and so many more than we had expected. We had a few leftover lots more to sell than just our pre-orders. We had a few leftover so they went to Heritage Manor. We would like to thank all the workers and everyone who bought cookies. We are sure everyone will be pleased to know the profit was \$500. Thank You Millie and Ellen.

The stained glass window in memory of Frank Jeffery has been completed. A dedication ceremony will be held in the spring.

Please have information for the January 2007 newsletter to Bev by December 27th.

Greeters: Today Vaughn & Emma DeWinter
12-31 Liz Maacks & Shirley Schroeder

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will resume on January 7, 2007.

Worship Attendance

Fillmore: 64
Ransomville: 61

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**Fillmore Chapel
&
Ransomville
United Methodist Church**

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God

As the music begins, prepare yourself for worship in silence and prayer
9:30 & 11:00 AM **December 24, 2006**

The Gathering

The prelude

The Greeting & Announcements

The sign of peace (RC)

***Carol** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs. 1,2,3,4) No. 234

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sacrament of Baptism

Act of Baptism Isabella Grace Standish No. 33

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Bidding Prayer **The Lord's Prayer**

First Lesson **Genesis: 22: 15 - 18**

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessings.

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1 - 4) No. 211

Second Lesson **Isaiah 9: 2, 6 - 7**

The prophet announces the birth of a King to a people in darkness.

Carol *Away in a Manger* No. 217

Third Lesson **Micah 5: 2 - 5**

The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation.

Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* No. 230

Fourth Lesson **Luke 1 26 - 35, 38**

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end.

Carol *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* No. 218

Time of Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Cares Chorus *Red Praise Book*

No. 48

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Fifth Lesson **Luke 2: 1 - 7**

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Choral Anthem

Christmas Grace

Philip Kern

Giving Thanks to God

The Sign of Peace (FC)

The Giving of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory

*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sixth Lesson **Luke 2: 8 - 16**

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

No. 240

Seventh Lesson **Matthew 2: 1 - 11**

The Wisemen follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol *We Three Kings*

No. 254

Eighth Lesson **John 1: 1 - 14**

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night*

No. 239

Christmas Prayer

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, world without end. Amen.

Carol *Joy to the World*

No. 246

*** Dismissal with Blessing**

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

***Carol** *Love Came Down at Christmas* vs. 1

No. 242

*The postlude

Remember in Prayer

Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marjorie Jeffords, Dorothy Lane, Janet Fedek, Rick Diez, Gary Alger, Fred Lederhouse, Marge Rushton, David Bills, Shirley Williams, Jeff Jesson, Doug Canfield, Todd & Amy Hauser, Evann Hauser, Elaine Baia, Diane Cameron, Gloria Wiefert, Nancy Trank, Philo Brooks, Hap Skellen, Rhonda Sortorte, George & Charlotte Mayer, on the death of Charlotte's mother. Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces (Bruce Schultz, Timothy Truesdell, Jeff Kramer, Ian Zerby, Kurt Mieth, Chris Hamby, Christopher Smith & Benjamin Smith, Christopher Latta.) and the families of those who have lost loved ones in this conflict.

Announcements, Activities & Meetings

Flowers on the Alter are in loving memory of Dick Skellen and Duke Lederhouse.

Ladies Prayer & Support Group will meet on Mondays at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to join.

Bible Study will meet on Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Ransomville Church.

Fillmore Chapel paper retriever bin is here and is located behind the church. We will be paid for recycling our newspapers, magazines, junk mail etc. Please start saving your newspapers and junk mail. There will be a cardboard box in Ransomville Church in the entrance, to put your papers in.

We will be collecting donations for Todd and Amy Hauser. Please give your donations to Millie Hillman or Bev Jeffery.

Christmas Eve Services: 7:00 PM Ransomville Church, 8:30 PM Fillmore Chapel.

* Congregation Please Stand

Organist/Pianist: Jeanette Brooks & Alan Spring

