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*“The mission of Kavanaugh United Methodist Church is:
Learning from Christ, Living for Christ,
Loving as Christ and Leading to Christ.*”

*Kavanaugh Motto:
In the Spirit of Christ we seek to:
Learn, Live, Love, and Lead.*

Dear Members of the Kavanaugh Family,

The second week of Advent is the week of peace. The Messiah is coming in the little babe Jesus to bring “peace on earth, good will to all.” As the people of God, we are called to bring the peace of God into our family, our friends, our offices, our schools, our relationships, our communities and our world. We are the carriers of peace.

How are you doing at carrying peace into your relationships? Do you have a calming influence on the people around you? Bringing peace to our hurry up, in your face world is a challenge. We have to take an honest look at ourselves to see what is in us that brings peace to our relationships and what is in us that disrupts the peace of the people of our lives. Are we stressors or are we stress relievers?

When we keep the perspective of God’s love in our hearts and make love the foundation and focus of our relationships, we bring stress relief with us wherever we go. The love of God takes the pressure off relationships through patience, forgiveness, and perseverance. These are our tools for carrying peace into every situation we encounter. The presence of God within us can exude a peaceful attitude and demeanor, but only if we choose to submit our attitudes to God’s peace.

When we choose God’s peace, we become the heralds of Christ as sure as the heavenly choirs on that first Christmas. When we submit our wills to the Messiah’s will, we bring glory to God and peace to God’s people on earth. Let peace be your gift to those around you this week and throughout the year.

The peace and the glory of the first Christmas are beautifully portrayed in Handel’s Messiah being presented on Sunday, December 11th at 5:00 p.m. by the Chancel and Community Choirs joined with an orchestral ensemble. This will be in our sanctuary at Kavanaugh UMC. The choirs have been rehearsing for months. You do not want to miss this incredible concert opportunity. Invite your friends and family to hear the sounds of Christmas through one of the greatest compositions ever written.

You have much to share, much to give, after all, you are peace-full! Together, let’s bring peace to every person we see from now to Christmas.

God’s best to you and yours,

Stephen Cotten, Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS:



December 9

**Park Street Wagon Rides ~
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.
Texas A&M ~ Commerce ~
Annual Holiday Gala Concert ~
7:30 p.m.. ~ \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00
Children ~ See Randy Hooper for
ticket information**

December 10

**Park Street Wagon Rides ~
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.
Texas A&M ~ Commerce ~
Annual Holiday Gala Concert ~
7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00
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ticket information**

December 11

**Chancel Choir Presentation of
Handel’s “Messiah” ~ 5:00 p.m.**

December 16

**Park Street Wagon Rides ~
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.**

December 17

**Park Street Wagon Rides ~
6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m.**

December 18

**Kavanaugh Annual Christmas
Dinner and Christmas Program ~
5:30 p.m.. (Program immediately
following dinner)**

December 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE
Communion ~ Chapel ~ 5:30
Candlelight Service ~ Sanctuary
~ 6:30**

December 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
Lessons and Carols Worship
Service ~ 10:55**

All Aboard the Polar Express
Children’s
Polar Express Movie Night
Wednesday, December 21st
6:30 p.m.



Come in your pajamas, bring a blanket to sit on and have your Polar Express ticket stamped!! The biggest hot chocolate bar you ever have seen. Please bring your favorite snack!

Contact Heather Hamilton if you have any questions.

Prayer Concerns...

Church Members

Mary Lloyd Murray Pickens Lucy & Allen Stephenson Owen Felkel Joe & Bobbie Day
 Gary Reed Jerry Fuller Nellie Spradling

Family and Friends of our Church

James Bowie, *Jane Martyn's* Brother-in-law Cindy Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* daughter
 Howard Reese, *Perks Family* Friend Jennifer Edwards, *Beasley Family* Friend
 Kaitlyn Perry, Friends of *Shay & Natalie Walsh* Bill Buchanan, *Elaine Hooper's* Father
 Matt Skelton, Jean Andrews', Grandson Debra Howard, *Jo Cook's* Daughter
 Bobby & Anabela Nguyen, Family of *Jim & Sara Bobbitt*
 Amber Caceras, *Mary Lloyd's* Granddaughter-in-law
 Amy Estes, *Vernon & Nona Holzwarth's* Granddaughter
 Ken & Diane Steele, Friends of *Mike & Pat Brock*
 Marie Goodland, *Kristen Rapp-Parker's* Friend

Others to Remember in Prayer...

Briarcliff Center: Faye Wade Doris Faulkner
Colonial Lodge: Nell Johnston Aldene Williams
Colonial Lodge ~ Tender Care: Pete Coley
Harrison House: Merle Jamison Don & Carolyn Cartwright Jane Wood
Bentley Retirement Community ~ Dallas: Jean Adcock
Summer Ridge ~ Rockwall: Rosemary Grady
The Madison on Marsh ~ Carrollton: Motsie Ellis

Expectant Moms... Jennifer Oliver-McNulty

Remembering our Military Personnel...

- Adam McCaw, US Army, grandson of Katherine McCaw
- Jim Johnston, son of Diane Johnston
- Keith McBride, Son of Don & Beth McBride
- Matt Skelton, US Air Force, grandson of Jean Andrews
- George Whisler, US Air Force, grandson of Travis Kirk
- Tom Shuler, US Air Force, Son-in-law of Rick Porter
- Michael James Adcock, Grandson of Jean Adcock
- Kristen Ratcliff, Daughter of David Ratcliff and Granddaughter of Barbara Ratcliff
- Timothy Carraway, Grandson of Vernon and Nona Holzwarth
- Preston Russell Chapman, Grandson of Hollis Russell
- John Santiago, Jr., Grandson of Jane Martyn
- Tim Lewallen, Son-in-law of Rick Porter

Sunday~ December 11

Worship Service

10:55 a.m.

Worship Helpers

Greeters:

Sanctuary

Paula Talley

Choir Hall

Mollie Holland

Education Building

Beverly Griffin

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

LOOKING AHEAD....

Wednesday, December 7

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.
 KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.
 Solid Rock ~ 5:45 p.m.
 Finance Committee Meeting ~ 6:00 p.m.

Celebration Singers~ 6:15 p.m.

Trustees Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Cherub Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir ~ 6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

Cotton Strippers Quilt Circle ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9

Park Street Wagon Rides ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

TAMU~ Commerce Holiday Gala

Concert ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00

See Randy Hooper for tickets

Saturday, December 10

Park Street Wagon Rides ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

TAMU~ Commerce Holiday Gala

Concert ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ \$10.00

See Randy Hooper for tickets

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir presentation

"Messiah" ~ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 12

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Christian Believers ~ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

KKDO ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

Solid Rock ~ 5:45 p.m.

Celebration Singers~ 6:15 p.m.

Cherub Choir ~ 6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir ~ 6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Cotton Patch Quilt Guild ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 17

Exercise Class ~ 7:00 a.m.

SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

Wednesday, December 14

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu,
 Green beans,
 and Brownies

Under 6 ~ \$1.00,

6 and Over ~ \$5.00

Family of 4 or more \$15.00

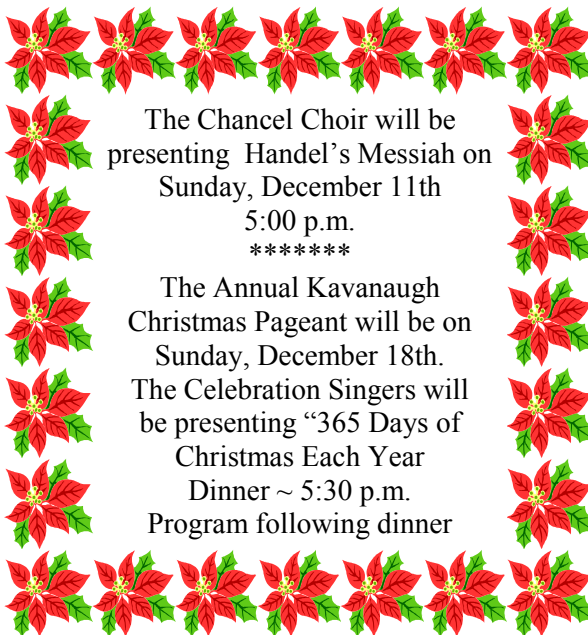
ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 13	104
Sunday, November 20	80
Sunday, November 27	96
Sunday, December 4	97

WELCOME VISITORS

December 4, 2011

Randy, Lisa and Parker Hooten
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hill



The Chancel Choir will be presenting Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 11th
 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Kavanaugh Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 18th.

The Celebration Singers will be presenting "365 Days of Christmas Each Year" Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.
 Program following dinner

Think Pink!!!

Thank you to Kavanaugh United Methodist Church for donating your Pink Yogurt lids for "SUSAN G. KOMEN" FOR THE CURE FOR CANCER

Thank you,
 Jeanne Adams

Welcome New Member

Angela Cross ~ Adame
 5001 Canton
 Greenville, Texas 75402

Texas A&M University-Commerce
 Department of Music
 Presents

The Third Annual Holiday Gala Concert

December 9, 2011

December 10, 2011

Music Building ~ Finney Concert Hall
 7:30 p.m.

Admission:

\$10.00 ~ Adults

\$7.00 ~ Children

Call 903-886-5284 for tickets

***proceeds to benefit the Department of Music



Socks and Undies

For

Travis Elementary School
 Students

Kindergarten thru Sixth grade

We will be collecting
 socks and undies

throughout the Christmas Season