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# The Lighthouse

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## No Room For Jesus *By: Taylor Cummings*

Luke 2:7, "And she gave birth to her Son, her Firstborn; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room or place for them in the inn."

It's almost Christmas time... eleven days until Christmas to be exact! The shopping is almost complete for some and just beginning for others. We have the trees up, the lights around our houses, and there are presents waiting to be unwrapped. There are people to see, places to go, and things to do.

Quite honestly, Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love the lights and the music. There's food and gift giving and time spent with loved ones. It feels so warm. It's Christmas.

It's easy for me to get so wrapped up in our American Christmas that I forget the point of it all. I forget the reason we're celebrating... the One

we're celebrating.

On K-LOVE, I heard a song called "Just A Girl" by Brandon Heath. He sang about the innkeeper who had



no room for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. They wound up in a manger and the Savior of the world was born in a stable.

I hear the nativity story and how there was no room for Jesus in the inn, and it is discouraging that in the world He came to save, they couldn't even find a suitable place for Him to be born.

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OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

Then God gently impresses upon my heart that over 2,000 years later, we oftentimes still don't have room for Jesus.

We get caught up in the business of life, and we tell Jesus that we'll have time for Him later. We'll have room for Him in our lives after our busy schedules settle down. We'll have room for Him after we've enjoyed doing things our own way for a while. Later, we will have room, but not tonight. It's shocking to us that our Savior would have to be born in a manger, yet we still send Him out to the manger today rather than inviting Him into our homes, our hearts, and our every detail of life.

What would life look like if we had room for Jesus?

What would our schools look like?

What would our marriages look like?

What would our friendships look like?

What would we look like?

I am humbled by the fact that I am no different than the innkeeper. I tell Jesus that there is no room all too often.

I don't want to stay that way, though. When Jesus shows up, I want to have room. If there isn't room, I want to get rid of anything that's taking His place.

It's time for us to have room for Jesus!

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for coming and walking in my shoes. Thank You for giving up heaven to come to earth to save me. Lord, I'm sorry for all the times You

showed up and I didn't have room. I'm sorry for sending You to the manger instead of inviting You in. Lord, please come into every area of my life and make Yourself at home. My heart is Your home. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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## *Christmas Tea*

Ladies! The annual Christmas Tea will be held on Monday, Dec. 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the home of Karlyn McPike, 138 East



Lynn. A variety of teas and treats will be served. Come and share in an evening of fellowship. You do not need

to be a member of United Methodist Women or the Bible Study to attend. No need to RSVP.



## *UMM Adopt-A-Family*



It's that time of year again! The Adopt A Family project is underway, and your financial support will help supply Christmas gifts to families in our community.

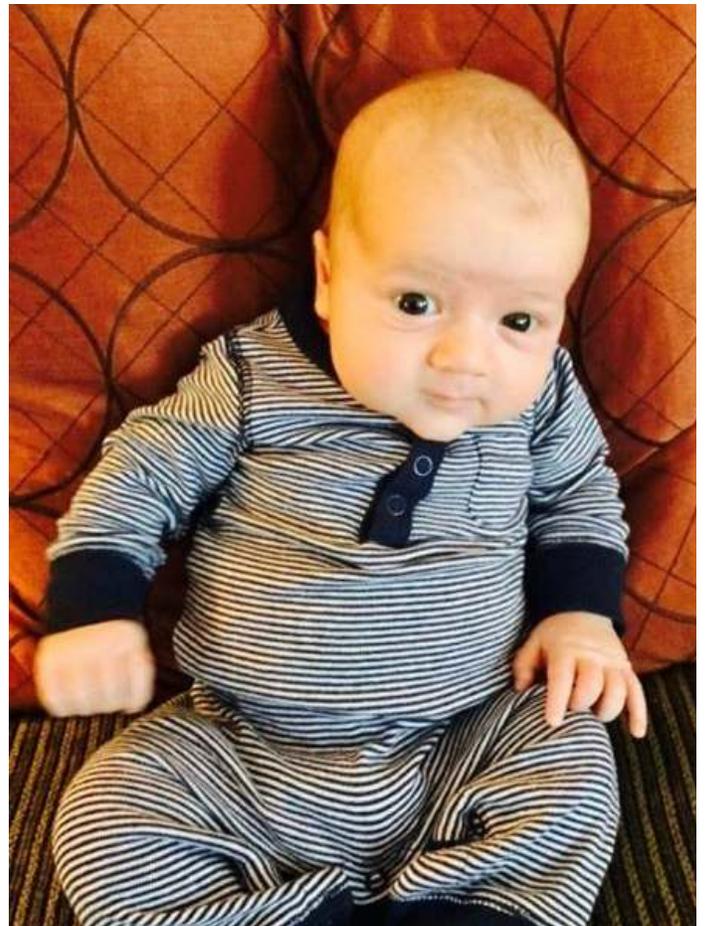
You can donate money through the offering plate on Sunday morning (please designate that this money is for the Adopt-A-Family Project, and make all checks out to 'Adopt-A-Family'), or by seeing Ted or Janice Hill. Your support & generosity is always so greatly appreciated by those behind the project, and most especially by the families that benefit from this project each year! Have a Merry Christmas & help spread the blessings to others, as God calls us to!

## *It's a Boy!*

Congratulations to Graham & Chelsa Blue, and big brother Kase, on the birth of

*Corban Cash Blue*

Corban was born at 4:17 PM on Friday, October 17, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz & was 19" long. Dave & Sandra Thiel are the proud grandparents, and Dale Krill is proud great-grandfather.



## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/3 Jim McPike  
12/6 Wayne Grandey  
12/7 Mary McCarthy  
12/8 John D. Casebere  
12/10 Harlan Poole  
12/14 Ronnie Richardson  
12/15 Karen Hahn  
12/17 Dave Thiel  
12/20 Matt Koerner  
12/21 Keira Anderson  
12/21 Rev. Rick Barnett  
12/22 Iva Peverly  
12/23 Hannah Courtney  
12/31 Delores Traxler

12/8 Bob & Marcella Koerner  
12/15 Lee & Elizabeth Gilbert  
12/26 Roger and Shirlee Strup



**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
We are here to pray for you!



Tom Nichols  
Sandy Castor  
Rob Pettit & family  
Chloe Merillat  
Jim Pringle  
Bessie Wright

Geina Lynn Carwile  
Cleon Krill  
Family & Friends of Dema Krill  
Family & Friends of John Koerner  
Family & Friends of Bronson Sanders

### Edgerton Liturgists

12/7– Denise Farnham  
12/14– Janice Hill  
12/21– Iva Peverly  
12/24 (Christmas Eve) Karlyn McPike, Dee Gilbert  
12/28– Shawn Kill

Coffee Hour  


**Dave &  
Sandra  
Thiel**

**At Emanuel**