

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**10:30**



**THE SOUTH END SOURCE  
 FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY**

**A Subversive, Surprising Song**

One of the things that makes the Advent and Christmas season so special for me is the music that has been composed, performed, sung and taken in to our lives. The author of the Advent study cited below uses the song as a wonderful metaphor for what is the calling of the Body of Christ -- in and for the world!

Despite what the secular voices may say, the church is far from weak, or powerless, or irrelevant. **Rather, the church can offer the very thing that would most remedy a world caught in an endless cycle of self-destructive behavior: a subversive, surprising song.**

A song whose lyrics speak of self-giving love rather than self-addicted agendas. ... A sacred harmony that pulses with God's unconditional love, calling us to forgiveness.

Yes, it is a dark and broken world. And the temptation might be to cower in fear. But "do not be afraid," the angels sing.

**For ours is a holy calling. We each have instruments to play. And God has stepped onto the podium, baton in hand.**

(Magrey R. deVega. *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels*, Abingdon Press, Nashville. 2015, pp. 60-61.)



**THE 24th ANNUAL LAST MINUTE TOY STORE**

Since our founding in 1993 by the community foundation and later run as a ministry of 61st Ave UMC, The Last Minute Toy Store has exploded into the wonderful ministry that it is today. Sadly, in 2016, 61st UMC closed its doors after hosting the toy store faithfully for many, many years.

In 2017, we are proud to announce LMTS will continue and we have found a new host site and a new LMTS Partner. Thanks to Sheriff Daron Hall and the Davidson County Sheriff's Office, LMTS will continue to help our Nashville community. Beginning this year our new host location is the Davidson County Sheriff's Office Service Center, 5117 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211.

As the name suggests, LMTS is the LAST CHANCE for families to receive toys who have not been helped by or missed the deadlines for Middle Tennessee's other Christmas charities and organizations. The LMTS is once again prepared to offer new, free Christmas presents, stocking stuffers, books, games, sporting goods, arts & crafts and more to over 5,000 children this Christmas.

**LMTS WILL BE OPEN FOR SHOPPERS FOR 3 DAYS IN 2017**

**DATES ARE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th**



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**South End Preschool Director  
 & Sunday School Nursery  
 Coordinator...**  
**Robert Dodd**

**Assistant Director...**  
**Sobiya Uddin**

Our heart felt prayers go out to Ruth Ann Looney and family in the death of her brother,  
James Robert (Bob) Bruce, Jr.,  
who died at the age of 87 on November 13, 2017 in Memphis, TN.

## Advent and Christmas Calendar



December 1 ~ (Friday)  
Room In The Inn

December 3 ~ (Sunday)  
First Sunday of Advent ~ Hanging of the Greens

December 6 ~ (Wednesday)  
6:15 p.m. ~ Decorating the Chrismon Tree

December 8 ~ (Friday)  
4:30 p.m. ~ Youth to Serve Meal  
at Resource Shelter/OTN (Hillcrest UMC)

December 10 ~ (Sunday)  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Last Day to bring gifts for Last Miinute Toy Store

December 12 ~ (Tuesday)  
6:00 pm. ~ UMW Christmas Party at SEUMC

December 14 ~ (Thursday)  
6:00 pm ~ Preschool Program

December 15 ~ (Friday)  
6:00 p.m. ~ Youth Christmas Party  
at Home of the Chiassons

December 16 ~ (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m. ~ Fellowship Class Christmas Party

December 17 ~ (Sunday)  
Third Sunday of Advent

December 20 ~ (Wednesday)  
9:30 a.m. ~ Children's Christmas  
Cookie Baking and other  
activities.



December 24 ~ (Sunday)  
10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service

6:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Service  
Service of Lessons and Carols, Communion and  
Candle Lighting

Week of December 26 ~ Movie Evening (TBA)  
Details being finalized

December 29 ~ (Friday)  
Room in the Inn (UMW backpacks given out)  
(Christmas Meal and UMW giving backpacks )

December 31 ~ (Sunday)  
10:30 a.m. ~ Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant  
within the Morning Worship Service



### Good Neighbor Update November

Total donations were \$1,097. Distributions in the amount of \$1791 (with a surplus from 10/17), were given to 13 families for assistance with gas, utilities, food, garden sweet potatoes & Thrift Smart cards.

### December

Angie Walker	12/3	Rick Rains	12/20
Joann Dawson	12/6	Kathy Maul	12/21
Gene Eason	12/8	Cathy Donaldson	12/24
Sharlet Panhalkar	12/10	Rebecca Lassiter	12/27
Abigail Dodd	12/11	David Eleazar	12/29
Bill Dawson	12/12		
Joshua Seiner	12/12		
Bob Nance	12/16		
Sarah Henderson	12/20		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



### January

Liz Sanders	1/11
Jimmy Dunbar	1/12
Nicolae Donaldson	1/16
Nick Green	1/19
Gail Sanders	1/23
Bill Burnett	1/25
Kay Bixler	1/27
Marshall Riley	1/30