

**St. James United Methodist Church**  
**Mid Week News**  
**November 28, 2018**

**Connecting Points**

One of the things I'm asking you to do during Advent is to look for connections between Christmas movies and our faith story or what we call the gospel. I am surprised at times by promotions or commercials that use our faith language or lift a phrase from a scripture. I'm glad they borrow our storyline or a sound bite but wonder how many people make the connection. You may wonder why I use things from our culture such as movies or humor in my messages. I am a fan of Andy Stanley and I think he is on target when he tells us preachers to, "**Engage Your Audience.**" In fact, he says that 3 times for emphasis. Engaging (sometimes) includes entertaining. I've heard some folks talk about entertaining or entertainment as if it was a sin. It's not! In fact the opposite is true. To bore is a sin. Why do we associate boring with spirituality. The definition for entertain is: provide someone with amusement or enjoyment. Synonyms include delight, please, charm, cheer, and yes, engage. To bore is to be excessively dull or uninteresting. Look at creation and God is anything but boring. The incarnation is anything but boring. The Spirit is the giver of life, not the cause of death. During Advent lets engage our Creator God who entertains us with such creativity that it captivates our hearts and enlivens our minds.

Lights, Camera, Action!  
Pastor Dean

**Wednesday Fellowship Meals**  
**December 5th**  
**\$6 per person or \$18 Max per family**

Menu:  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Corn  
Salad  
Children: Pizza

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_ Adults

# \_\_\_\_ Children

Clean-up Crew: Pairs & Spares Class



**MARK THE DATE! ALL  
CONNECT GROUPS  
ARE INVITED!**

**Children included!!!!**  
November 30th, 6:30pm  
FLC

Come learn country line dancing with your  
CONNECT group.

Cost is \$5.00 for dancers, no charge for  
watchers.

Bring finger food, snacks or sweets.  
Drinks will be provided.

**It's A Girl!!!!**

Sawyer Wren Pope was born November 16th weighing 7lbs 2oz. The parents are Alex & Olivia Pope The proud Grandparents are Roger & Lisa Pope and Aunt Caroline Pope

Stewardship Report	November 18th	November 25th
Budget	\$9,879.00	\$7,244.36
Santa Rosa Daycare	\$30.00	\$25.00
Impact	\$200.00	
Youth		\$38.98
Missions	\$12.00	\$26.00
Trustees	\$100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,221.00</b>	<b>\$7,334.34</b>
Sunday School Attendance	128	141
Sunday Worship	212	228

*Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to Peggy Mitchell & Family in the death of her husband, Fred Mitchell on November 26th.*

Have you ever asked yourself why someone is an addict? Why can't they just stop? Join us and learn why! "The Addicted Brain" November 29th 6pm—8pm First United Methodist Church Florence Hosted by Bradford Health Services Free Workshop

You are invited  
One Stop Christmas Shop  
Saturday, December 1st  
10am—6pm  
In the Family Life Center  
Local Crafters & Business Owners

**If you have any Christian Material for example: Upper Room, Sunday School Literature etc. Please bring to the Mission Center & place in the box.**

Prayer Concerns	
Members:	Non Members
Pat Bailey	James & Joann Abbott
Sam Brown	Lois Allen
Gene Call	Louis Broussard
Ben Carpenter	Susan Gargis
Amber & Blaine Delia	Jo McGuire
Andrew Duessel (deployment)	Fred Mitchell Family
Marjorie Glasscock (Rehab)	Katelin Murphy
Karen Grisham	Barbara Pace
Janice Retherford	Louise Patrick
Nancy Roberts	Mike Schaaf
Irene Sanders	Grady Smith
Sarah Triplett	
Vivian Wilson	