

Advent & Christmas Events at FUMCBV

- Nov. 26 Advent Begins
12:00pm ~ Pipes Aplenty in the Sanctuary
- Nov. 27 5:00pm ~ Family Decorating Night & Dinner
- Dec. 3 8:30am ~ Deck the Halls ~ all-church
12:00pm ~ A Taste of Taizé in the Chapel
5:00pm ~ Carols in the Sanctuary
5:30pm ~ Children's Dinner Theater
"An Emoji Christmas" ~ Santa visits
- Dec. 6 11:45am ~ UMW Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 9 10:00am ~ Parents Day Out
- Dec. 10 All services ~ Lessons & Carols
12:00pm ~ Voices of Bella Vista in Becker Hall
7:00pm ~ Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 13 6:30pm ~ UMM Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 17 12:00pm ~ Christmas on the Ivories in Becker Hall
5:30pm ~ YouthLife all-church Chili Cook-off
- Dec. 21 5:30pm ~ Service of the Longest Night
- Dec. 24 10:45am ~ Carols, Communion, Candlelight
5:30pm ~ Contemporary Carols, Communion,
Candlelight
6:30pm ~ Carols in the Sanctuary
7:00pm ~ Carols, Communion, Candlelight
- Dec. 25 11:30am ~ Christmas Day Potluck Dinner



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*First United Methodist Church
Advent Noon Series
presents*

Christmas on the Ivories

*Sunday, December 17
Noon ~ Becker Hall*

*Broc Hite
playing the piano
for your pleasure*

Commentary from the Artist

The suite of 12 pieces comprising the Weihnachtsbaum of Liszt were composed between 1873-76, with revisions in 1881. The first performance was by Liszt for his granddaughter Daniela von Bülow in her hotel room on Christmas Day 1881. I chose several pieces that I thought were interesting, since some of the pieces are just bland arrangements of well-known carols. Of this set of four, only the Scherzoso presents technical challenges, due largely to the “Presto” tempo marking.

The arrangements by Dan Coates are from a single volume I discovered when contemplating doing this recital. I was indeed lucky to find this book, since there are not many arrangements composed at this particular level of difficulty. Typically, there are tons of less difficult arrangements, intended for piano students; and at the other end, virtuosic arrangements that would have been impossible to prepare in time for this event.

Enjoy!

Broc Hite

Program

From “The Christmas Tree” by Franz Liszt:

3. *In Dulci Jubilo - The Shepherds at the Manger*
5. *Scherzoso - Lighting the Candles on the Tree at Last*
7. *Slumber Song*
8. *Old Provençal Christmas Song*

From “It’s Christmas!” by Arranger Dan Coates

The Birthday of a King - Neidlinger

Mary, Did You Know? - Lowry and Greene

Gesù Bambino - Yon

We Three Kings of Orient Are - Hopkins

Frosty the Snow man - Nelson and Rollins

Home for the Holidays - Allen

It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Pola and Wyle

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Martin and Blane