



Be Nourished  Go Nourish

The Hunger Church

Charles Wesley UMC

"Our mission is to be the helping hands of God, reaching out to all people with the love of Christ"

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*1st Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens*

December 2, 2018

Hearing devices are available, as well as large print hymnals. Please see an usher.
Those who are able are invited to stand for the acts of worship marked with an *

PRELUDE

Pastoral Air

MURSCHHAUSER/SMITH

WELCOME

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy,
telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

**People: By hearing again the words of the prophets,
who foretold the saving of God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

*UMH No. 211 (verses 1 & 2) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

THE HOLLY & THE IVY

Pat Cox

Reading: The use of greenery to decorate the church during Christmastime has its origin in other cultures. Their use was brought to us by those who saw in them a deeper, richer meaning for the church. Just as evergreens are always green, so our hope for eternity is always secure because it is based on Christ. Early Christians used holly as gifts, but fashioned it into wreaths to symbolize the crown of thorns, the red berries symbolic of drops of Christ's blood.

Carol

The Holly and the Ivy (verse 1 and refrain)

The Holly and the Ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.
O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Becky and Leslie Jane Fahrney

Reading: Advent is a penitential season, just as Lent. We are called to fast, to pray, and to perform good works to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of Christmas. The liturgical color of blue or purple, symbolizes humility and penitence. This is why the candles of our Advent wreath are purple. The candles remind us that Advent is a time to wait, to watch, to prepare and to praise. Finally, on Christmas Eve we light the center candle to proclaim the arrival of Jesus- the Light of the World.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – WAIT

Leader: Advent is a time to wait.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for light in darkness.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
Leader: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.
People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
Leader: During Advent we wait for power in weakness.
People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Leader: This morning we light the first candle. The first candle reminds us that, as we wait upon the Lord, God's light never ceases to shine, God's will never ceases to unfold, and God's grace never ceases to be felt. As we begin the journey of Advent, may we learn to wait upon the Lord with hopeful expectation by celebrating all God has done and anticipating all he will do.

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* COPLEY

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Gabriel's Message* ARR. CHERWIEN

***DOXOLOGY – UMH No. 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we wait for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

THE POINSETTIA

Dale and Jann Thompson

Reading: The poinsettia has become the most popular flower of the Christmas season. Dr. Joel Poinsett discovered the poinsettia in Mexico while serving there as Ambassador and brought it back to our country where its popularity spread. In Mexico, the plant is called the flower of the Holy Night. The flowers are small yellow clusters in the center of red leaves. Their star-shaped formation reminds us of the star which came to shine over the birthplace of Jesus and the red leaves remind us of the blood of Jesus shed for us.

Hymn No. 216 (verses 1 & 3) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sharon Pedersen

Reading: The Christmas tree probably originated from early medieval paradise plays that were performed in churches and town squares in Europe during the Advent season. The plays told the story of the human race from the creation of Adam and Eve in the garden paradise till the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. On stage was a green tree decorated with apples, symbolizing paradise. It soon became customary to place such trees in the home during the Christmas season to celebrate the paradise regained through the coming of Christ. As we light this tree, let us remember the glory and beauty of the star above Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth.

CAROL O Christmas Tree (Sing verse below)

O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
Your boughs can teach a lesson
That constant faith and hope sublime,
Lend strength and comfort through all time.
O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!
Your boughs can teach a lesson.

THE CHRISMONS

Sheila Frace

Reading:

The Chrismon tree has its origin in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia. The word “Chrismon” is derived by combining the words Christ and monogram. A Chrismon is a monogram for Christ, a symbol representing the One whose birth we celebrate. Decorating a tree in this manner emphasizes the true nature of this most holy season. Each ornament tells part of the story of God’s plan for salvation. Each Chrismon is white and gold. White symbolizes the Lord’s purity and perfection, and gold symbolizes the glory and majesty of the Son of God.

Our Chrismon tree features over 20 ornament designs. Today we only have time to tell the story behind four of the designs – the Dove, the Fish, the Crown, and the Cross & Chi.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE (Unison)

All: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Vicki Herrmann

HOMILY

Wait for It

Pastor Marti

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Served by Intinction)

*UMH No. 213 (verses 1 & 4)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Leslie Jane Fahrney
in memory of David Fahrney (her Dad)

SUNDAY WORSHIP RECEPTION

Following today's worship service, please join us for a reception in the Fellowship
Hall hosted by Becky & Leslie Jane Fahrney

Sermon Notes



WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

TODAY

- 9:00 am Advent Study - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Pre-School to 6th – Downstairs Sunday School Room
- 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30 am Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm Adventure Crew - Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, Dec 3

- 10:00 am AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room

TUESDAY, Dec 4

- 10:00 am AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1130 – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Dec 6

- 6:45 pm AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room

SATURDAY, Dec 8

- 7:00 pm AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 9

- 7:45 am UM Men's Breakfast - Disciple's Room
- 9:00 am Advent Study - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30 am Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm Cub Scout Den 1 - Fellowship Hall

JOIN WITH US IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Congregational Concerns: Soon Gil (Soon Young Carroll), Elaine Schneider, Sheila Frace and Family, Joanne Gheen Brooks (Barb Powell), Alex Rapavi (Todd Ringenbach), Carol Benjamin King (Barb Powell)

Christian Sympathy: We offer our love and prayers for Jennifer Baker and her family at the death of her Father Richard H Gentry,

Residential Care: Garnette Dupont, Rod Barnes

Local Concerns: The people SHARE, Inc. serves throughout the McLean area, the people in Appalachia who can't repair their own homes and the volunteer work teams from our church and around the US who go to help.

Church Concerns: Bishop Sharma Lewis, District Superintendent Cathy Abbot, and the General Conference (Feb 23 - 26, 2019)

Please let the office know if there is someone you wish to bring to the church's attention, or add to/remove from this prayer list. Unless advised otherwise, prayer concerns will remain here for one month.

- Pastor**.....Marti Ringenbach
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- Minister of Music** Matthew A. Duckery
- Organist**..... Mary Brown
- Administrative Assistant** Leslie Jane Fahrney
- Minister of Media** Greg Beard
- Ushers**Sharon Pedersen, Bob Schneider
- Greeter**Bob Schneider
- Altar Guild**.....Jennifer Baker
- Offering**.....Sharon Pedersen, Vicki Herrmann
- Steward of the Month**..... Dave Smith
- Children’s Church** Leslie Jane Fahrney



Missions Corner . . .

SHARE, Inc.

The SHARE's community ministry is asking for the following 'unexpired' items:

Toilet Paper	Mayo/Mustard/Catsup
Shampoo/conditioner	Ground Coffee/Black Tea
Disposable Diapers	White Sugar
Baby Wipes	Vegetable Oil
Toothpaste	100% Juice
White Rice	Grape/Strawberry Jam/Jelly
Laundry Detergent	Chunky Chicken Soups (only this kind)

SHARE GIVING FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

The Essentials Drive for SHARE – our local food bank is in serious need of non-food items such as paper goods and diapers. The Essentials Drive this year is going to focus on collecting these items. You may bring your donations of toilet paper, baby wipes, and disposable diapers to the church each Sunday in December, on Christmas Eve, or to the church office during the week. Items will be taken to SHARE for distribution to our neighbors in need.

Bi-District Leadership Training Day

Saturday, January 12, 2018

Floris UMC, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, VA

Bi-District Training Day 2019 will feature Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath as the keynote speaker.

More details to come soon.

Early Registration opened November 15.

Registration cost goes up December 15.

Register at BDTD.NoVaUMC.org

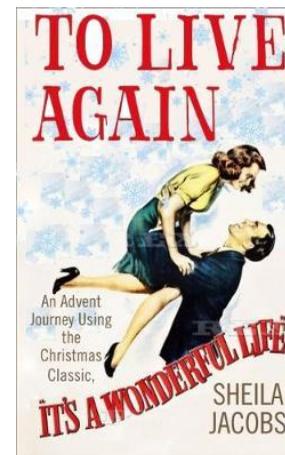
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars...

- Dec 2: Advent Study begins, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Dec 9: Men's Breakfast, 7:45 am, Disciple's Room
- Dec 15: Caroling
- Dec 16: Sandwich Making, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall
- Dec 19: Blue Christmas, 7:00, Trinity UMC, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm

CALLING ALL MEN! The UM-Men's Breakfast is next **Sunday, December 9**, at 7:45 am in the Disciple's Room - *all men of the church are invited!*

Pick-up Your Advent Devotional Book Today: Reclaim the spiritual dimensions of the Advent season this year with **Surprises Along the Way**, a timely devotional booklet from the Society of St. Andrew, as relevant as today's news. Make room in your heart and in your busy days throughout December for a few minutes each day reading scripture, reflecting on a brief meditation, and praying, in preparation for the Savior who is to come. They can be found in the Welcome Center this morning. *Take one for yourself - take one for a friend!*



Advent Study: Our advent study, *To Live Again* by Sheila Jacobs, will begin on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00AM on Sunday mornings for study and reflection based on the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*. Advent Study books are available in the church office. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the book.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You can place a dedicated poinsettia plant in the church for our Christmas Eve worship service by filling out the form below.

Return it to the church office with your payment no later than **December 18th**. In order to avoid confusion, **please use a separate form for each plant** if you want more than one. Cost for each plant is \$10 - please make your check out to CWUMC and mark 'poinsettia' on the memo line. Extra forms can be found in the Church Office.

Poinsettia Order Form

Red or White (please circle one.)

In (honor) or (memory) of: *circle one*

In the bulletin, please list me/us as:

Telephone number (for contact information)

Please plan to pick up your poinsettia(s) after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24th or sometime during the week after.

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT THE HUNGER CHURCH

CHARLES WESLEY UMC - 6817 Dean Dr., McLean
TheHungerChurch.org

"TO LIVE AGAIN" SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES:
Four Sundays, December 2 – December 23, 9:00 am

To Live Again, based on the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, discusses perfect Advent themes such as: how our lives can change other people's destinies without our truly knowing it, how God uses everything we've been through for his glory, and how what the enemy means for harm, God will turn for good.

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT: December 2 – December 23

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING: to be determined

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Bring your family and friends to celebrate Christmas Eve on Monday, December 24th, at 7:00 pm.

Advent Devotional Booklets from the Society of St. Andrew are available TODAY in the Welcome Center, please help yourself!



Please invite your friends and neighbors to these events!