

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

*The Second Sunday in Advent
Communion Sunday*

Love God · Love People · Grow

Hymnal Helps: UMH (red) United Methodist Hymnal - #s below 1000
TFWS (black) The Faith We Sing - #s above 2000
Bold = Congregation / *Stand as you are able.

Greetings/Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

People: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

People: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

Leader: Come, draw near to God in faith.

People: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

All: Amen

Hymn ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** **UMH 196***

Passing the Peace*

**Lighting the Advent
Candle** **Advent Song v. 2** **TFWS 2090***

Children's Sermon

Anthem *Seekers of the Light* Martin & Angerman

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10 Old Testament p. 640

Sermon *Not What We Expected* Pastor Lee Seibert

Hymn ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** **UMH 216 ***

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed UMH 881*

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Offertory *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Craig Courtney
 Women in Song 8:30
 How Great Our Joy arr. Tom Fettke
 Men's Choir, 11:00

Doxology ***In the Bleak Midwinter v. 4*** **UMH 221***

Explanation of Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** **UMH 213***

Benediction

Liturgist Pastor Brian
Head Usher Peyton Neatrou (8:30), Dick Jarvis (11:00)
Acolytes Walker and Macrae Hope (8:30)
 Brandon Sinues (11:00)
Children's Sermon Jannette Clavez

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Hanging of the Greens Service (10:30)	360
Sunday School	55

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are due by noon, Tues., to cumc@cumcvb.org. Please limit your announcement to 3 lines and 3 weeks, specifying dates for publication.

POWER POINT REQUESTS - All persons requiring power point presentations, especially for worship services, should submit information to the office by the previous Wed. morning. Questions? Drop us a line at worshipleader@cumcvb.org.

IN THE HOSPITAL –Shirley Kendall at Heron Cove Rehabilitation; Annie Laurie Broadwell at Pr. Anne Health and Rehab, Room 117, 1948 Landstown Centre Way, VB 23456; Marilu Temple at Lake Taylor

RESTING AT HOME – Charlie Temple, Dixie Johnson

Pastor Brian (615-6192) will be the primary pastor on call the weekend of December 10 & 11. Pastor Lee (995-1995) will also be available for emergencies. Stephen Ministers are available for prayer at all services on Sunday mornings by asking an usher.

CHURCH STAFF

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EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

Today: 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
 8:30 a.m. Church Photos (Conference Room)
 9:15 a.m. Breakfast Club Pancake Breakfast (Social Hall)
 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Class Note Card Sale (Crossroads)
 9:40 a.m. Sunday School for all ages*
 9:45 a.m. Advent Sunday School Study (Social Hall)
 11:00 a.m. Acts Sunday School (Room 207)
 11:00 a.m. Agape Sunday School (Room 120)
 4:00 p.m. Asbury Chorale (Choir Room)
 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 4068 (Room 210)
 5:00 p.m. Family Ministries (Conference Room)
 5:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir (Choir Room)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Social Hall)
 6:30 p.m. Methodist History Class (Room 122)*
 6:30 p.m. Narnia Study (Chapel)*

Monday: 6:00 p.m. Nurture Ministry Group (Conference Room)
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 362 (Youth Wing)
 6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Room 206)
 7:00 p.m. Community Knitting Hearts (Room 123)
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 210)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. MDO Christmas Concert Practice (Sanctuary)
 9:45 a.m. Women's Faith Focus (Room 207)
 10:00 a.m. Wenger Bible Study (Room 210)
 12:00 noon Children's Clothes Closet Open
 4:15 p.m. Dancelt (Room 117)
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee (Room 122)*

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. MDO Christmas Concert Practice (Sanctuary)
 10:00 a.m. Quilter's Fabric Prep (Room 122)
 5:15 p.m. Charles Wesley Choir (Choir Room)
 5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir (Room 119)
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 235 (Room 117)
 6:30 p.m. Dan Lovelace Memorial Ringers (Choir Room)*
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 828 (Room 206)
 6:30 p.m. Isaiah the Prophet Class (Conference Room)*
 7:00 p.m. H.U.G.S. (Room 210)
 7:30 p.m. 945 Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Out Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle
 10:00 a.m. Children's Clothes Closet Open

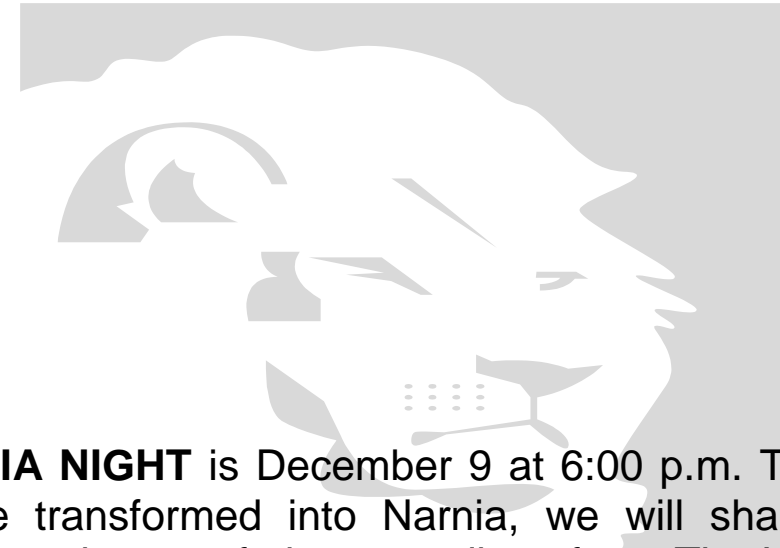
4:15 p.m. Dancelt (Social Hall)
 5:00 p.m. Susannah Wesley Class Christmas Party (Social Hall)
 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Ringers (Choir Room)
 6:00 p.m. Acredale Preservation Civic League (Rooms 205/207)
 6:30 p.m. Music Academy Board (Room 208)*
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 362 (Elementary Wing)
 7:00 p.m. Tidewater Chrysalis Board (Room 209)
 7:30 p.m. Men's Choir (Choir Room)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Narnia Night (Kitchen, Social Hall)

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast and Installation of Officers (Social Hall)
 8:00 a.m. Boy Scout Training
 (Conference Room, Rooms 122, 210, 206, 205, 207)
 4:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Diner (Social Hall, Kitchen)

* The nursery will be open during these events.

Children are welcomed in the nursery from ages 0 through kindergarten graduation according to the Virginia Beach School Calendar while parents are attending church programs on church property.



NARNIA NIGHT is December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The social hall will be transformed into Narnia, we will share a pot-luck dinner, make a craft, have readings from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, share some Turkish delight, whack away the witch's power (piñata), and sing some carols. A good time to be had by all, our Church Christmas Party!

WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to become a member of God's family here at Community United Methodist Church. You may speak to either pastor after worship, or indicate your desire when you register your attendance. We're glad you're here!

PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED of receiving Communion in their seats should inform an usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available for all Community worship services. Please ask the ushers for one if you wish.

TODAY'S COMMUNION ELEMENTS are sponsored to the glory of God for His greatest gift and in memory of Dan and his birthday month by Alva Chopp.

PARISH NOTICES

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. as the choirs and orchestra present "Invitation to a Miracle" by Joseph Martin. This moving piece will enhance your worship and put you in the Christmas spirit. Bring a friend!

PANCAKES! Please join the Brat Pack for a pancake breakfast this morning. They are serving gingerbread pancakes, chocolate chip and regular pancakes from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. This month's mission is the CUMC Food Pantry. The cost is \$5/person, \$20/family.

THE LAST DATE TO MAKE 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS for tax purposes is Sun., 12/25. IRS regulations forbid using donations made and deposited in 2017 as tax deductions in 2016. Please make sure all 2016 contributions arrive no later than Dec. 25. Thank you.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY - Thanks to your enthusiastic participation in our Brown Bag Sunday, we were able to deliver 51 turkeys and 123 bags of groceries to St. Columba Ministries! Your generosity was greatly appreciated by this vital ministry. A special thank you to the Agape Class for the pretty decorations on the bags and to our Boy Scout Troop for their hard work assisting us that morning.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Sometimes it's hard to "be jolly" in this "most wonderful time of the year." Whether it's sadness over a loss or fear of what the future may hold, this service offers a way to bring that sadness or fear to God in a loving and supportive atmosphere. Please join us Sun., 12/18, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel for this annual service of remembrance and hope. Following the service there will be a brief time of fellowship with light refreshments in the parlor.

GET YOUR PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY TAKEN TODAY! Photographs will be taken in the conference room (next to church office) today between 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Please go by and smile for our camera.

NURTURE MINISTRY GROUP (NMG)

LOOKING FOR AN ADVENT STUDY TAUGHT DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR?

Come and join the Susanna Wesley Sunday school class at 9:45 a.m. in room 206 starting 11/20 through 12/18. *Awaiting the Already* by Magrey R. deVega takes us through the four Gospels where we will recognize an invitation from each writer to prepare for a fresh experience of Christ in the present and future. No books, no homework, just come, learn and share with our small but mighty group.

IT'S ADVENT TIME and Women's Faith Focus started a 4-week DVD study, *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado on 11/22. Rekindle your connection to Christ and heal your heartache by receiving what Jesus has already done for you. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. All women are invited to join in on Tuesdays in room 207 from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Email Sandi at www.grangr5@cox.net if you want to purchase a book. Child care is available upon request by calling the office, 495-1021. Come and make this Advent season a special reconnection to our Lord.

OUTREACH MINISTRY GROUP (OMG)

BEACH BAGS FOR COLLEGE PARK ES helps children in VA BCH who do not have enough to eat on weekends. Monthly, our youth pack brown bags that include 10 items from the list posted on our collection cart, mission bulletin board, or website. We need individual cereal boxes, shelf stable milk, ravioli, and other main courses. Place the items on the designated cart in the tower area, or make a monetary donation by writing *Beach Bags* on your check memo line. Thank you!

OUR CHRISTMAS ANGELS know when it's time to fly on to our trees! They each have a request for a gift or cash donation for local organizations that strive to fill the many needs of children and adults in our community. Please follow the directions on the angel. The gift angels are due 12/11 and cash angels are due 12/18. When you return your angel please place a hat, gloves, or socks for children or adults on the tree. Thank you for spreading Christmas cheer!

VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY MATTHEW: There are still opportunities to help those affected by Matthew here in our community by volunteering via UVMIM. Bob Pihlcrantz leads our local efforts and can be reached at Virginiaumvim@gmail.com to help.

FEEDING THE HOMELESS - We will feed the homeless on Mon., 12/12, at the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center, and request donations. Meal preparation at the Center is at 3:00 p.m.; the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers for preparation and serving. Sign up to donate items on the large bulletin board outside the narthex. Place checks made out to CUMC with the memo "feed homeless" in the offering plate.

THE CUMC FOOD PANTRY is an outreach mission project that helps to take care of our neighbors in need of food assistance. We have continued to see an increased need this past year, but have also seen an increase in donations from our congregation. For this we are grateful and want to say thank you for both the food items and monetary donations. Our recipients are now receiving a more nutritional, well-balanced bag of groceries. At the present time, we could use cereal, peanut butter, or canned fruit. Also, brown grocery bags with or without handles, would be appreciated. REMINDER: "Stock the Food Pantry Sunday" is the 4th Sunday of the month, but donations are accepted anytime. The grocery cart is now located directly opposite the door to the church office.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES welcomes your mission ideas to our meetings. Join us any 3rd Tues. each month in the conference room to share with eager listening ears at 7:00 p.m. Please let Peyton know in advance via email gpn@beacheyecare.com if you desire to share. Thank you.

MEALS ON WHEELS needs teams of two volunteers Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30. Volunteers should report to Sentara Nursing Ctr. off Rosemont Rd. by 9:30 a.m. and deliver meals. Please keep the delivery bags until the next time you volunteer. Sign up on the large bulletin board outside the narthex. For more information, call the church office, 495-1021.

STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

TO SHOW OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION for the pastors and staff at CUMC and all they do to make our church the great family of faith we are, a love offering is being collected through 12/20. Please indicate your contribution to this offering by writing "love offering" on the memo line of your check, designating your offering envelope, or use the envelopes in the pew racks, writing "love offering" on the line. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOYALTY CIRCLE meets the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:00 p.m. from Sept. through May. Please contact Debi Lupton for locations.

UMW HOPE CIRCLE meets the 2nd Tues. evening each month. If you would like to join us, please contact Linda Rowland at 467-1835 for monthly locations.

GRACE CIRCLE will have its annual Christmas potluck dinner and revealing of prayer partners on Tues., 12/13, at 6:30 p.m., in the home of Dee Mills.

FAITH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES – FALL 2016

Sunday, 12/4 - **Methodist History:** 6:30–7:30 p.m., TONIGHT, History of the Upper Room Devotional Book. Teacher – Rockie McKee in room 122.

11/30 – **Isaiah the Prophet:** 6:30–7:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings for 4 weeks. An Advent Study examining the themes of Isaiah & looking forward to the coming Messiah. Teacher - Pastor Brian in the conference room.

On-Going Studies:

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - **United Methodist Men Bible Study** meets in room 210. Topics vary. Come when you are able.

Tuesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. - **Women's Faith Focus** is led by Alice Konchuba & Sandy Granger in room 207. A 4-week Max Lucado Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*, started 11/22.

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. - **The Wenger Bible Study** is studying the lectionary, led by Eric Potter in room 210.

WANNA RING? Every Saturday in Advent from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., in two hour increments, our church will ring the bells, helping the Salvation Army collect donations at the Providence Square Kroger to help the needy throughout the year. This is especially true at Christmas with gifts of food, clothing, and presents. We've been doing this for over 15 years and if you've never been a part, this is your chance to brighten the holiday for the needy, those generous givers, as well as you! Sign up on the narthex bulletin board or contact Andrew Kissell at 839-0790 for a spot. Get one soon because they fill up fast!