

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

*The Third Sunday in Advent
Cantata Sunday*

Love God · Love People · Grow

Greetings/Announcements
Prelude

Lo, How a Rose
Jim McCandlish, bass;
Teri Dolsak, horn

Call to Worship*

Leader: This is a season of miracles and wonders: a time to celebrate the glorious impossible of God's magnificent gift of grace.

People: Celebrate faith as God speaks the living Word into the darkness and awakens the world to His promise of grace.

Leader: Celebrate hope as God's glory bursts into the darkness.

People: Celebrate peace as God speaks to a young girl who embraces the Divine with gentle obedience.

Leader: Celebrate love as heaven's King has chosen a cradle of compassion rather than a throne of power.

People: Celebrate joy as the Judean hillsides echo with the voices of angels proclaiming good tidings to simple shepherds.

Leader: Celebrate light as a sacred star shines. Walk with the dreamers and seekers to a place of devotion and worship.

People: Celebrate life and walk the path of service. Humble your hearts with thanksgiving, worship and prayer.

All: Let those in darkness, see and believe. Let the shadows surrender to the light. Let the miracle begin! Come celebrate Jesus! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymns*

*Once in Royal David's City
Advent Song v. 3*

**UMH 250
TFWS 2090**

Passing the Peace*

Cherub Choir (11:00)

Baby Jesus

Nathan Corbitt

Children's Sermon

Morning Prayer

Offering Prayer

INVITATION TO A MIRACLE

By Joseph M. Martin

Narrated by Betsy and David Boling

We respectfully request no applause between sections.

Overture

A Processional of Hope

Joy Arising

Your Light Has Come

My Soul Rejoices in the Lord

A Celtic Cradle Carol

Alleluia! Christ Is Born

Would I Miss the Miracle?

A Gloria Gathering

Choir

Choir

Choir

Claire Lundberg

Maysie Alder

Choir

Choir

Choir & Congregation (sing as directed)

Benediction and Postlude*

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.

Liturgist

Head Usher

Children's Sermon

Pastor Brian

Peyton Neatrour (8:30), Dick Jarvis (11:00)

Julie Kissell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Sunday 8:30 Traditional Worship	132
Sunday 9:45 Modern Worship	61
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Worship	<u>152</u>
Total Worship Attendance	345
Sunday School	189

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Lee Seibert
Associate Pastor	Brian Boettcher
Director of Music	Dr. Martha Springstead
Worship Leader	Cody Froelich
Dir. of Program Ministries	Jannette Clavez
Organist	Mary Letson
Treasurer/Admin. Assoc.	Julie Chapman
Church Secretary/Website/Vine	Rita Waldeck
Facilities Manager	Park Allen
Custodian	Walter Dozier
Office Manager	Ruth Pfeil
Nursery Workers	Tiffany Moore, Miranda Seligman, Kay Dorsch, Sheryl Ghiloni
Our Missionaries	John Elmore, Virginia Conference, Chile
	Director: Rev. Linda Stransky, Jubilee Project, Sneedville, TN

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 – Dixie Johnson

Pastor Lee (995-1995) will be the primary pastor on call the weekend of December 17 & 18. Pastor Brian (615-6192) will also be available. Stephen Ministers are available for prayer at all services on Sunday mornings by asking an usher.

CHRISTMAS *Cantata*



INVITATION TO A MIRACLE

**Community United Methodist Church
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Virginia Beach, VA 23464
(757) 495-1021**

**Prayer Mail: prayermail@cumcvb.org
www.cumcvb.org**

WELCOME! We are thankful for all who are able to worship with us today. May the Lord richly bless each one of you.

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

PARISH NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark and Erica Rorrer on the birth of Landon Samuel on 12/01. The proud grandparents are Sam and Robin Meekins.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Rich Gottlick and his family on the death of his mother, Mary Joan Gottlick, on 12/04 in New Jersey.

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.

EVANGELISM DOESN'T HAVE TO BE FRUSTRATING OR INTIMIDATING. This may be hard to believe but effectively communicating our faith in Christ should be the most natural thing in the world. Come join Pastor Lee for a five-week series entitled "Becoming a Contagious Christian" on Sun. nights starting 01/15 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to have an opportunity to see how you can overcome shyness or fears in talking about your faith.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES for the Jan. edition of the VINE will be Thurs., 12/15. Please submit your article of 300 words or less in an editable format to VINE@cumcvb.org.

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 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.granqr5@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 onto 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 today, 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 UMVIM. 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 nutritious, 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.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet 12/14 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Fran Patterson.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets the 3rd Tues. at 6:30 p.m. in room 123. Contact Katie Heine at Katieheine98@yahoo.com or at 304-488-7649 for more information. Look for our Facebook Group Priscilla's.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Today: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Cantata (Sanctuary)*
 8:30 a.m. Church Photos (Conference Room)
 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)
 9:45 a.m. Meet the Pastor (Conference Room)
 9:45 a.m. Modern Worship Service (Sanctuary)

	11:00 a.m.	Meet the Pastor (Conference Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Acts Sunday School (Room 207)
	11:00 a.m.	Agape Sunday School (Room 120)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Social Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Narnia Study (Chapel)*
Monday:	3:00 p.m.	Feeding the Homeless (Judeo-Christian Outreach Center)
	6:00 p.m.	Tidewater Quilters Guild Chapter Meeting (Social Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 362 (Youth Wing)
	6:30 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (Room 206)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (Room 210)
Tuesday:	7:00 a.m.	Reaching New People (Kemps River IHOP)
	9:45 a.m.	Women's Faith Focus (Room 207)
	10:00 a.m.	Wenger Bible Study (Room 210)
	10:00 a.m.	Douglas Newman Circle (Room 122)
	11:30 a.m.	Robert Rose Circle (Off-Site)
	12:00 noon	Children's Clothes Closet Open
	4:15 p.m.	Dancelt (Social Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Hope Circle
	6:30 p.m.	Grace Circle (Home of Dee Mills)
	7:00 p.m.	Loyalty Circle
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle (Home of Fran P.)
	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)*
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision (Home of the Ellikers)
	7:30 p.m.	945 Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room))
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	Children's Clothes Closet Open
	4:15 p.m.	Dancelt (Social Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise Ringers (Choir Room)
	6:00 p.m.	TQG Executive Board (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 362 (Elementary Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Circle
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.	Susanna Wesley Circle (Home of Betsy B.)
	10:00 a.m.	LuLaRue Fundraiser Sale (Social Hall, Hallways)

* 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.

FAITH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES – FALL 2016

11/30 – **Isaiah the Prophet:** 6:30–7:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings through 12/21. 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!

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.

ONE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.
COME AND SING CAROLS TO PRAISE
THE NEWBORN KING



WINTER SHELTER 2016: FINAL NOTES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

CUMC was blessed to be able to house and serve the area's needy during the week of 10/26 to 11/02 for 7 days with an average of 36 guests per day. We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the groups and individuals that provided for, prepared and served meals, as well as all the others behind the scenes that provided support. The church members provided over \$3,900 to support the program this year and through the efforts of many we served 3 meals a day for 7 days to our guests. To all of you who graciously donated your time and money to the program which provided over 756 meals as well as bag lunches you have our thanks. Without everyone's effort and support this annual event would not have been possible. May God bless all!