

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Love God · Love People · Grow

Greetings/Announcements

Prelude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
(Joyful Noise Ringers)

Call to Worship*

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

People: That sign is in the One to come – the one that God is sending.

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

People: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard!

God is responding in love and hope.

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

People: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN

Hymns*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Advent Song (v.4)

UMH 218
TFWS 2090

Passing the Peace

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Dick and Marie Mimna

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Sophia Marie, Child of Alli and Mark Price

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Long Awaited One
(Youth Choir 8:30)

Douglas Nolan

Joy to the World
(Charles Wesley Choir 11:00)

arr. Watts

Finance Mission Moment

John Moreau

Morning Prayer

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Ding Dong Merrily on High
(Dan Lovelace Memorial Ringers)

arr. Wagner

Doxology*

In the Bleak Midwinter v. 4

UMH 221

Hymn*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

Affirmation of Faith*

Psalter (Response 1)*

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

UMH p. 801

Anthem

Mary, Did You Know?
(Soloist Linda Roeser)

arr. Martin and Anger

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10

Old Testament p. 663

Sermon

Hope that Hangs in There

Pastor Lee

Hymn*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

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

Pastor Brian

Head Usher

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

Children's Sermon

Liz Griffin

CHURCH STAFF

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Worship Leader
Dir. of Program Ministries
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Lee Seibert
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Ruth Pfeil
Tiffany Moore, Miranda Seligman, Kay Dorsch, Sheryl Ghiloni
John Elmore, Virginia Conference, Chile
Director: Rev. Linda Stransky, Jubilee Project, Sneedville, TN

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Sunday 8:30 Traditional Worship	145
Sunday 9:45 Modern Worship	42
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Worship	<u>259</u>
Total Worship Attendance	446
Sunday School	177

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, Pat Phillips

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



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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.

THE FOOD BASKET ON THE ALTAR is sponsored to the glory of Jesus Christ and in honor of Christmas by Bill and Vickie Gibbs.

PARISH NOTICES

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Jim Anderson and his family on the death of his brother, Wallace V. Anderson (Skeet), on 12/07 in Chesapeake.

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 today 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 me 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 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.

SNOWBALL THANKS YOU! We had incredible CUMC support for both fundraising, set up and Snowball party activities. Through your generosity we supported 220 special needs folks during this event. Your love and kindness was evident during the evening as we provided a holiday event for residents who might not otherwise get a chance to enjoy such a wonderful experience. We are looking for ways to accommodate more residents in 2017 as we had to turn away almost 200 guests. Please contact Pierre Granger, Pierre.granger@cox.net, 757-651-6234, if you want to help organize Snowball 2017. Again, thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

SKIERS, if you are interested in planning some spirit-filled mid-week day trips to Wintergreen or Massanutten this winter, please contact Johnnie Draughon at johnnie.draughon@cox.net. Brought to you by your United Methodist Men.

SWING AND RING help raise up to \$ 100/hr tax free with fantastic fringe benefits! Now recruiting for 2017. Hours flexible, work only 2 hours every Saturday during Advent. Benefits always exceed pay- including smiles, stories, running into neighbors, making new friends, and a spiritual fill-up. Dress code: festive and seasonal clothes recommended, preferably red and/or green. Funny hats optional. Must be willing to work outdoors in all weather, swing one arm rigorously, smile, and say four mystical and magical words enthusiastically: Merry, Christmas, Thank, and you. Inquire within, no previous experience required. Scrooges need not apply. Thanks to all who were "Doing the Most Good" by swinging and ringing at the red kettles in 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy Holydays!

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. Cash angels are due today. 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!

STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS 12/25 – Non-perishable food items are needed for those coming to CUMC for food assistance. Suggested donations include canned fruit, vegetables, pinto or kidney beans, canned meat, pasta, rice, canned tomatoes or sauce, peanut butter, jelly, boxed mac and cheese, and Chunky soups. Especially needed are tuna helper and yellow canned vegetables. Your generosity is appreciated!

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 PARISH 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 MEN

ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT MEN'S MINISTRY WINTER BANQUET - The annual District Men's Ministry Winter Banquet will be 01/12/17 at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage UMC. Cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Please join us for a delicious chicken dinner & special music. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Scott D. Miller, President of Virginia Wesleyan College. You can sign up on the UMM bulletin board or email David Collins, djcoll@icloud.com.

WITNESS MINISTRY GROUP

USHERING – Have you ever considered being an usher? It's not hard. It's fun, rewarding, a chance to meet and greet and to get to know our church family. Please consider joining our usher teams. Some of our teams are understaffed and need help. We need 4-5 new ushers, male, female, young, or adult. Meet-first time visitors, share a smile, and be involved. Each team ushers for a month 3 times a year. We have openings for both the 8:30 & 11:00 services. Please consider helping to usher in 2017. Please contact Paul Steele at 479-2174 or email psteele4@cox.net.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

Today:	8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)*
	8:30 a.m. Church Photos (Conference Room)
	9:40 a.m. Sunday School for all ages*
	9:45 a.m. Advent Sunday School Study (Social Hall)
	9:45 a.m. UMM Sweetheart dinner ticket sales (cross roads)
	11:00 a.m. Acts Sunday School (Room 207)
	11:00 a.m. Agape Sunday School (Room 120)
	3:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service (Chapel, Parlor)
	4:00 p.m. Asbury Chorale (Choir Room)
	4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 4068 (Room 210)
	5:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Social Hall, Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m. Narnia Study (Chapel)*
Monday	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)
	7:30 p.m. SPRC (Room 122)
Tuesday:	9:45 a.m. Women's Faith Focus Christmas Brunch (Room 207)
	12:00 noon Children's Clothes Closet Open
	6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle (Room 123) *
Wednesday:	6:30 p.m. Isaiah the Prophet Class (Conference Room) *
	6:30 p.m. Dan Lovelace Memorial Ringers (Choir Room) *
	7:00 p.m. H.U.G.S. (Room 210)
	7:30 p.m. 945 Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. Children's Clothes Closet Open
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Ringers (Choir Room)
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 362 (Elementary Wing)
	7:30 p.m. CUMC Men's Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday:	7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)*
	9:00 p.m. Modern Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)*
	11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

* 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.

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!

SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE

Tickets are now on sale for this special event to be held on Sat., 02/25/17, 7:00-9:30 p.m., in our social hall. We will have a delicious dinner followed by ballroom dancing with a dance instructor and professional dance exhibition. Tickets are \$20/single, \$39/couple, available via the church website at cumcvb.org or contact krhill@verizon.net. Makes a great Christmas present for a romantic New Year!