

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016**

*Christmas Day*

**Love God - Love People - Grow**

Greetings/Announcements

Choral Introit *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. Stan Pethel  
Karen Farquer, flute

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: Jesus Christ is born today!*

**People: Alleluia!**

*Leader: Let the world in every corner sing.*

**People: Our God and King!**

Hymns\* *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* **UMH 218**  
*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **UMH 224**

**Unison Prayer\***

Passing of the Peace\*

Children's Time – Blessing of the Toys

Hymn *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* **UMH 244**

**Prayer of Illumination\***

Gospel Reading John 1:1-2 New Testament p. 91

Hymns\* *Love Came Down at Christmas* **UMH 242**  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem* **UMH 230**

**Prayer\***

*Leader: God calls us this Christmas morning to become new.*

**People: To make room for our own nativity, even where there is no room at the inn.**

*Leader: Where we are busy ...*

**People: Peace.**

*Leader: Where we are lost ...*

**People: Salvation.**

*Leader: Where we are sad ...*

**People: Joy.**

*Leader: Where we are bitter ...*

**People: Love.**

Gospel Reading John 1: 3-5 New Testament p. 91

**Praise Band** *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Tomlin  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. 33 Miles

Gospel Reading John 1: 6-8 New Testament p. 91

**Hymns** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* **UMH 251**  
*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* **UMH 229**

Gospel Reading John 1: 9-11 New Testament p. 91

Anthem *Love Came Down* arr. Brian Buda

**Prayers\***

Gospel Reading John 1: 12-14 New Testament p. 91-92

Hymns\* *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **UMH 240**  
*Away in a Manger* **UMH 217**

Prayer Lord's Prayer

**Reflection**

**Offertory Prayer\***

Hymn\* *Sing We Now of Christmas* stanzas 1-3 **UMH 237**

Dismissal

*Leader: We have seen his glory, the glory as of God's only-begotten, full of grace and truth. How great our joy! Go forth, and proclaim it!*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Praise Band\* *Joy to the World* arr. Tomlin

**All prayers will be congregational response. Look to the screen.**

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

Pastor Brian

Dick Jarvis

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Director of Music  
Worship Leader  
Dir. of Program Ministries  
Organist  
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John Elmore, Virginia Conference, Chile  
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Brian Boettcher  
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Cody Froelich  
Jannette Clavez  
Mary Letson  
Julie Chapman  
Rita Waldeck  
Park Allen  
Walter Dozier  
Melissa Snow

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Sunday 8:30 Traditional Worship	143
Sunday 9:45 Modern Worship	54
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Worship	<u>182</u>
Total Worship Attendance	379
Sunday School	177

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** are due by noon, Tues., to [cumc@cumcvb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. 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 Debbie Forehand and her family on the death of her father, Gary Koontz, on 12/15.

**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 LAST DATE TO MAKE 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS** for tax purposes is today. 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, today, 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](mailto: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.

**BRAT (Bringing Responsible Adults Together for Service)** Pack's last pancake breakfast was served on December 4, 2016. The mission of this small group was to raise money for missions and tithe to the glory of God. From its inception over 3 years ago, the group raised \$8,284 for charities/missions and tithed \$911 to the church. It has been a joy and a labor of love to serve our church. A sincere thank you to all who supported our cause.

**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](mailto:johnnie.draughon@cox.net). Brought to you by your United Methodist Men.

**SWING AND RING** and 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 vigorously, 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!

**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.

**STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS TODAY** – 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:psteele4@cox.net).

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25**

Today: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)\*  
Monday Church Office Closed

\* 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](http://cumcvb.org) or contact [krhill@verizon.net](mailto:krhill@verizon.net). Makes a great Christmas present for a romantic New Year!