

**Frostburg United Methodist Church**

Sunday, December 18, 2011      Fourth Sunday of Advent

Acolytes: Abigail Duncan and Garrett Michael

Greeter: Charlotte Folk

Lay Reader: Julie Hardy

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*“Carol of the Bells”*

arr. C. Moglebust

Mountaintop Ringers

\*Call to Worship and Prayer

One: We sing of God’s mercy and grace shown to all generations.

**All: We praise God’s constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.**

One: We rejoice that God’s promise of an anointed one – the Messiah – is about to be fulfilled.

**All: O come, O come, Emmanuel – God with us – Forever!**

\*Praise Hymn

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

UMH 203

Advent Wreath

Isaiah 9:6-7

Kala Twigg, Bill and Julie Hardy, Kalyi and Wesley

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.

May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,

make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

(From Hope to Joy, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent. Alt)

Advent Wreath Hymn

*“Light the Advent Candle” (v.4)*

FWS 2090

Children’s Sermon

***CHRISTMAS CANTATA***

*“The Promise of a King”*

Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin

Presented by the Chancel Choir

Debi Beachy, Director



Responsive Reading and Prayer

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: A Holy Light!

**All: A Holy Night!**

One: A King was born!

**All: Our Savior Jesus Christ!**

**All: Most loving and gracious God, it is You who we owe our thanks. You sent us Your son, baby Jesus, who would be the long awaited Messiah. It was Your gift to us that brings light into the world. It is Jesus who shows us the way – the way to Your Kingdom filled with peace, joy, hope, and love! Let us celebrate with You and with the world at the birth of Your Son. Let us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us sing Alleluia to the Christ our King! Amen!**

Hymn of Promise/Offering      *“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”*      UMH 215

\*Benediction

One: May the Grace and Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you.

**All: And also with you. Amen.**

Postlude      *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*      G. Young

\*Please stand with your posture or your heart.

\*UMH - United Methodist Hymnal      \*FWS - Faith We Sing Hymnal

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We welcome all visitors this morning and ask you to fill out a yellow card and place it in the offering plate. For all attendees - please sign the Ritual of Friendship sheets located in the red folders. Please give signed sheets to the ushers during the offering.



Special thanks to Sean and Debi Beachy and the Chancel Choir for the beautiful and moving Christmas Cantata presented this morning. We are blessed to have such talented leaders and singers in our church family.

### **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

Marion Boettner, Nicki Bailey Brehm, Jane Diamond (friend of Ticia Shelton), Jeremiah Fairgrieve (nephew of Charlene Beeman), Cindy Folk, Judy Gribble (sister of Bev Fell) Dick Harvey (brother of Pat Brode), Eleanor Kenney, Sharon Koch, Katie Llewellyn (friend of Cindy Parsons), Lauren Luzier, (friend of Martha and Don Weser), Phyllis Morgan (grandmother of Kelly Griffin), Martha Meek, Dale Murray (friend of Elizabeth Myers), Tom Neat (brother-in-law of Dot Workman), Rev. Larry Neumark, Dolores Nizinski, Alleene Plummer, Jim Poland, Ruth Smith, United Campus Ministry

**Frostburg Nursing and Rehab Center (St. Vincent DePaul):** Olive Wilson

**Frostburg Village Nursing Center:** Arvil Garlitz, Colleen Gordon, Bernice Lucas, Jerry Reeves, James Myers

Assisted Living: Willard Harvey, Joline Nelson, Irene Strickler

**Serving our Country:** Jason Boroff (Afghanistan) Weston Boroff (S. Korea), Sergeant Ryan Clark (Ft. Campbell, Ky), Dan Conklin, Dimas Henriquez, Col. Lamar Hall, Jared Jacobs, Matthew C. Sisco, Bobby Smith, Matthew Sullivan.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Church school will not be held on Sunday, December 25, 2011, and Sunday, January 1, 2012. Church school will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2012.



### **PASSING THE PEACE: AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

*Peace!* During this season of hustle and bustle, have you found the peace of God within your heart? Make today different. Think of ways that you have been an instrument of God's peace in the world. The new year will soon be here, make a commitment to begin *Passing the Peace* every day. Through the work of the Society of St. Andrew, you can make a difference to so many by placing your coins in the SoSA coin banks. Bring your bank to church December 25 or January 1.

### **FUMC'S DINNER THEATER**

FUMC's Dinner Theater's production of Nativity: Lights! Camera! Action! will be presented this evening at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All families need to be at the church by 2:30 p.m. today for final rehearsals. Anyone who has not obtained tickets in advance and is interested in attending should see Jayci Duncan after worship.

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> VITAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Office Meeting Room (outside Helen's office) to further discuss the new goals for our church that were presented at Charge Conference. During this meeting we will specifically focus on our mission and vision statement and try to create a plan of action to ensure it gets incorporated into all our ministry areas. In the future, we will continue to discuss other plans of action for the remainder of the goals. If you are interested in taking part in these discussions, you are more than welcome to attend. We will be meeting every so often to revisit our goals to ensure that they are in line with the Lord's call for our church. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Pastor Jen.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

If Sunday School and/or Worship is cancelled, Helen will put a message on the church answering machine by 8:30 a.m. A message will also be announced on WCBC 107/FM radio. If possible, emails will also be sent.

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that the church office has your email address. Thank you!

## CALENDAR

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011**

Parish nurses are taking blood pressure readings after Worship in the Office Meeting Room

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. FUMC's Dinner Theater - Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. UMM handing out Christmas baskets

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### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011**

5:00 p.m. Vital Congregation Meeting - Office Meeting Room

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

8:00 p.m. Gathering at the Parsonage

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2011**

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011**

10:30 a.m. Church Worship