



Frostburg United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 4, 2011 Second Sunday of Advent

Acolytes: Chiara Fiorita and Ava Snyder

Greeter: Jackie Bond

Lay Reader: Dave Bohnert

Words of Welcome and Announcements

A TIME OF PREPARATION

Prelude *"Scherzino on a French Carol"* D. Paxton

*Call to Worship and Prayer (Psalm 89:1-5)

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

All with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

All: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one. I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

All: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of holy ones.

*Praise Hymn *"People, Look East"* UMH 202

Advent Wreath Mark 1:4 Tom, Gretchen and Isaiah

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Advent Wreath Hymn

"Light the Advent Candle" (v.2) FWS 2090

Ritual of Friendship (Please greet others at this time)

Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning asking for your forgiveness as we have not recognized that we are the sons and daughters of You, One True God. We have failed to honor you, serve you, and fully devote our lives to you. And even though we have forgotten you, you have not forgotten us. Great Father in Heaven, you had adopted us into your kingdom and continue to love, protect, and provide for us. Today, Lord, we give you our lives in thanksgiving. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: **In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven.**

Glory to God. Amen.

Prayers of Joy and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

"An Advent Credo"

J. Martin

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

(Page 194 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Children's Chorus

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Webber

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

"The Boy-Child of Mary"

UMH 241

Offering

"The Coventry Carol"

J. Southbridge

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 211

Tune: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

The money we give you today speaks of our identity as your children, tells of our commitment to Jesus, proclaims your Spirit's generous presence here. God of all good gifts, hear our thankfulness in these offerings. Amen. (Author Unknown).

The Lord's Supper

UMH 13

SENT FORTH TO DO THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM

*Challenge Hymn *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* UMH 206

*Benediction

One: Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

Postlude

Episode on "Truro"

L. Smith

*Please stand with your posture or your heart.

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

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 in the pews. Please give signed sheets to the ushers during the offering.

FLORAL MINISTRY

The Floral Ministry is given in memory of James Joseph Linn, David Morrison Linn, and Morey L. Linn by the Linn Family.

LEADERSHIP TEAM AND CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CIRCLE OF CONCERN

Matt Bittner (friend of the church), Marion Boettner, 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), Alleene Plummer, Jim Poland, Ruth Smith, United Campus Ministry

WMRHS: Bruce Morgan

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

Goodwill Mennonite Home, Grantsville: Charlie Sigler

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.

FUMC DINNER THEATER

Make your reservations early for FUMC Dinner Theater's production of Nativity: Lights! Camera! Action! Please join us on Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for an evening of holiday entertainment and fellowship. There is no charge for the Dinner Theater, but we do need for you to make reservations and obtain your tickets in advance for planning purposes. Reservations can be made after worship in Fellowship Hall. Sunday, December 11, 2011, will be the last day to make reservations. All church families are invited to join in the production. Anyone interested in participating in and/or volunteering for the event should contact Jayci Duncan at 301-697-0112 or jsduncan@skidmore-alderson.com.

PASSING THE PEACE: AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Today, many congregations will share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As you come to the table, open your heart and open your mind to new ways that you might Pass the Peace that you experienced through the Eucharist to others. When you get home, don't forget to pick up your booklet and read the day's devotion. Through the Society of St. Andrew, you can share the love and peace that you received by using the change in your pocket to provide nutritious fruits and vegetables for someone who doesn't have enough to eat.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BAGS!

Please have all gift bags returned to Fellowship Hall by next Sunday, December 11. There are still a few empty gift bags left for anyone to take. Thanks so much!

METHODIST MEN TO COORDINATE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The UMM are gratified with the many folks who have signed up to bring food items or to provide cash donations for the Christmas baskets. We still hope for more donations. But, because we have no space to store pre-purchased items, would you please keep them at home until at least Wednesday, December 14th? We will actually be packing the baskets on Saturday morning, December 17th. If you bring items between December 14 and December 16, we will have spots marked on the Fellowship Hall stage floor for putting each type of purchased item. Thank you!

MITTEN TREE

Our Advent Mitten Tree for mittens, gloves, hats and scarves has been set up at the rear of Fellowship Hall. These donations will go to needy children in our area. If you wish, please bring in new items and hang them on the tree.

TRUSTEES CORNER

The next Trustees meeting will be Monday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Special thanks to all our wonderful Trustees for a very productive 2011!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 18th during worship, the chancel choir will present the Christmas cantata, *The Promise of a King* by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. This will be a wonderful opportunity to invite your family and friends to come and celebrate the coming of our Lord!

2012 CALENDARS

2012 calendars are now available in Fellowship Hall. Anyone needing 2012 calendars may look through the ones available and help themselves. The calendars would be available for two weeks. Any calendars remaining after December 11th will be taken to the local nursing homes, senior center, etc. for anyone there that may need them.

COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING

Our Communion offering this morning will go toward the support of Jeff and Ellen Hoover, our missionaries in the Congo.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED

Thanks to everyone for being so generous in giving with open hands this fall. We have collected over 60 coats for the Safe and Snug program for the Department of Social Services. Also, the outpouring of coins, etc. for the basket for Pennies into Potatoes has been tremendous. We raised over \$60 in September; over \$200 in October; and we're still counting for November. We appreciate everyone who has answered the call for those who are in need.

Tony Crosby, Outreach Chair

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Even though poinsettia orders were due last Monday, there is still time to make a Christmas Offering to one of our special funds in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Additional forms have been placed in Fellowship Hall for your convenience or you may email Helen for help. All gifts must be in by December 15th so they can be included in our Christmas Memorial list. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

An informal Christmas gathering will be held on December 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for retirees and senior members of our church family. The program will feature Charlotte Folk and Kay Nelson telling Christmas jokes and short stories. All can participate in playing Christmas games, singing carols, and reminiscing about Christmas from years past. The gentlemen are asked to bring salty snacks (nuts, chips, pretzels, etc.) and the ladies are asked to provide sweet treats (cookies, brownies, fruit, candy). Drinks will be provided. Transportation assistance will be provided by calling the church office at 301-689-6626 or Dot Workman at 301-689-6484. All are welcome, even if you aren't a senior yet. Experience some Christmas joy with your church family. Snow date cancellation: December 20, 2011.

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers! We are both home now and doing better. Thanks also for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner that was delivered to our home on November 20th. It was delicious! Bill and Ruth Smith

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. Garden Club - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

5:30 p.m. SPRC - Office Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - Office Meeting Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men - Fellowship Hall