



**Frostburg United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, November 27, 2011      First Sunday of Advent  
Acolytes: Shelby Holt and Ella Snyder  
Greeters: Darrell and Janet Harden, Kay Nelson  
Lay Reader: Meg Roque

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Words of Welcome and Announcements

**A TIME OF PREPARATION**

Prelude

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

J. Mansfield

\*Call to Worship and Prayer

One: We enter this season with great hope and anticipation.

**All We wait for the Lord, our soul waits.**

One: We put our hope in the Lord

**All: We wait for the Lord!**

One: More than watchmen wait for the morning.

**All: More than watchmen wait for the morning.**

One: Congregation, put your hope in the Lord for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**All: He, himself, will redeem us from our sins! We will wait on the Lord!**

\*Praise Hymn    *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

UMH 196

Advent Wreath    Isaiah 60:2-3

Stephanie, Halle and Tess Bond

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

Ritual of Friendship      (Please greet others at this time)

Prayer of Confession

**Oh Lord, we live in a fast paced world where we rush through each day determined to complete our daily chores. There is never enough time to stop or be still. We want instant gratification. This is also true in our spiritual lives. We confess to you, today, that we have not been patient, nor have we waited for you. Forgive us, God, teach us to be patient and let us know that it is in waiting that our spiritual lives are strengthened. 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**

Special Music

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Bill Dormer, Soloist

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-23

(Page 57 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

"Will You Wait?"

Rev. Jennifer Webber

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn of Response

*"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

UMH 216

Offering

*"Pastorale Symphony"*

G.F. Handel

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 211

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

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Lord, it's so easy for us to hold on tightly to the money we earn, but we realize that it is in giving we help to expand God's Kingdom. We thank you, Lord, for the gifts that have been given today. We especially thank you for the 2012 pledge cards which we consecrate at this time. We ask for your blessing on all who contribute to support the mission and vision of your church! Amen.**

**SENT FORTH TO DO THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

\*Challenge Hymn      *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*      UMH 213

\*Benediction

One: Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

Postlude      *"Hark, The Glad Sound!"*      E. Broughton

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

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### **CIRCLE OF CONCERN**

Drew Avey (grandson of Bill and Ruth Dormer), 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), 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, John Vannieuwal (friend of Bill Dormer).

**Frostburg Nursing and Rehab Center (St. Vincent DePaul):** Eleanor Kenny, 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.

### **CHURCH DECORATING, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

It's that time of year again – to Celebrate Advent and Christmas! Everyone is invited to begin celebrating the season by decorating the church on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. And what celebration wouldn't be complete without food! We will be having Sloppy Joes, cookies and homemade hot chocolate. If you wish to bring your own favorite treats, they will be more than welcome. More importantly, we just want to celebrate with you and decorate for Christ's birthday! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jen, Kelly Griffin or Dave Fell.

### **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**

We begin the journey of Advent by discovering ways that we might begin *Passing the Peace* of Jesus to others. This devotion booklet has two purposes. First, it will help prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas with a daily devotion message to remind us that we are once again welcoming the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, into our lives. Second, by sharing of your financial blessings, you can be a blessing to others who are less fortunate. Congregations are invited to make the journey to the manger through the daily scripture and devotion readings that are offered each day through the Advent Season. Participants are also encouraged to share of their financial blessings so together we might feed our hungry brothers and sisters. Sharing gifts of food for the body and God's word for the spirit will remind us of Jesus' mission to bring Good News to the poor. Pick up your Advent booklets today.

### **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BAGS!**

There are still plenty of gift bags ready for pick up in Fellowship Hall. If you want a certain age, and that age gifts are gone, just take any gift bag and change the age on it for the child's age that you want. Take as many bags as you wish to fill. Please return the filled bags to Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 11. It is helpful when the bags are returned early.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>? We will actually be packing the baskets on Saturday morning, December 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### **PLEASE NOTE**

There are items on the pew in Fellowship Hall that are from the closets that were cleaned out. The items are free for the taking. Anything left over after church today will be discarded.

### **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.

### **2012 CALENDARS**

Each year about this time many different organizations are sending out their 2012 calendars requesting donations from the general public. Many church members have received numerous calendars for 2012 and probably will not be using 90% of them. On December 4<sup>th</sup> any member who has extra 2012 calendars they won't be using (wall calendars, pocket calendars, etc.) is requested to bring them to church and drop them off on a table in Fellowship Hall. After the morning worship service, anyone needing 2012 calendars can look through the ones available and help themselves. The calendars would be available for two weeks. Any calendars remaining after December 11<sup>th</sup> will be taken to the local nursing homes, senior center, etc. for anyone there that may need them.

### **THANK YOU!**

Dear FUMC Congregation,

With grateful appreciation, many thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers for Jason and Weston Boroff and family while they are in the service. Your prayers are the ones that get us all through our rough times!

Sincerely,  
Jane Durst

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I want to thank everyone for their support for our Thanksgiving dinner and service. We had fruitful fellowship and fun!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jen

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS**

To avoid a conflict with church decorating night, Finance Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29 (instead of December 1) and again on Thursday night, December 8 at 7 p.m. to review Stewardship results and build a 2012 budget proposal. Please make every effort to attend both meetings.

Dave Fell  
Finance Chair

## **CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Costume Preparation - Fellowship Hall. We will order pizza and put together the simple, crafty costumes for the Christmas Program.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Wolf Pack - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011**

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Decorating - Fellowship Hall