



First United Methodist Church
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December 23, 2018

Purple

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas turns all wise souls from the surface which is time to the center which is eternity. ~E. Merrill Root

**Please stand if able.*

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

PRELUDE "O Come, Little Children" Organ
Edward Broughton/Based on a tune by J. P. A. Schulz

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: Through time and space, in the blink of the eye, the love of God stretched forth in the life of a young girl, asking that she become part of God's great plan of salvation.

P: Her name was Mary. She was not of wealth or power. She was a person, just like you and me.

L: The Good News came first to the lowly.

P: Even today, we believe that good news often comes only to the mighty. How wrong we are!

L: In a world where hatred and fear were commonplace, the Christ Child would be born.

P: Our world is held captive to hatred and fear; we are held captive to hatred and fear.

May the Christ Child be born anew in our hearts this day and ransom us for love.

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH No. 220

* INVOCATION

Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ANTHEM "Carol of the Manger" Chancel Choir
Jane Foster Knox and Mark Wilson

MORNING OFFERING

(If you have a prayer card for the pastor, please hand it to an usher during the offering.)

OFFERTORY "What Child Is This" Organ
June Carrier/An English Melody

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sheri Price

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH UMH No. 196

**All (singing): "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."**

Reader 1: God our shepherd, you chose a humble woman to bring your Messiah in to the world, one who will bring us security, joy, and peace.

Reader 2: God our shepherd, even children in the wombs of their mothers recognize you and delight in your presence.

**All: We, God's people, sing with Mary, "the mighty one has done great things for me.
Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God." (Luke 1.49-50, CEB)**

Reader 1: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of Love in joyful anticipation of welcoming Christ's coming to us with the love of God.

Reader 2 lights the candles of Hope and Peace and Joy and the candle of Love.

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PRAYER HYMN "He Made a Way in a Manger/Away in the Manger" Video

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:39-45

SERMON "Prepare the Way: Welcome" Rev. Thomas D. Carr

* CLOSING HYMN "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH No. 242

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”
Robert Hughes/Tune: *Antioch* by G. F. Handel

Organ



Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the honor and glory of God.



Harry McLeod
Christ-the-King Manor
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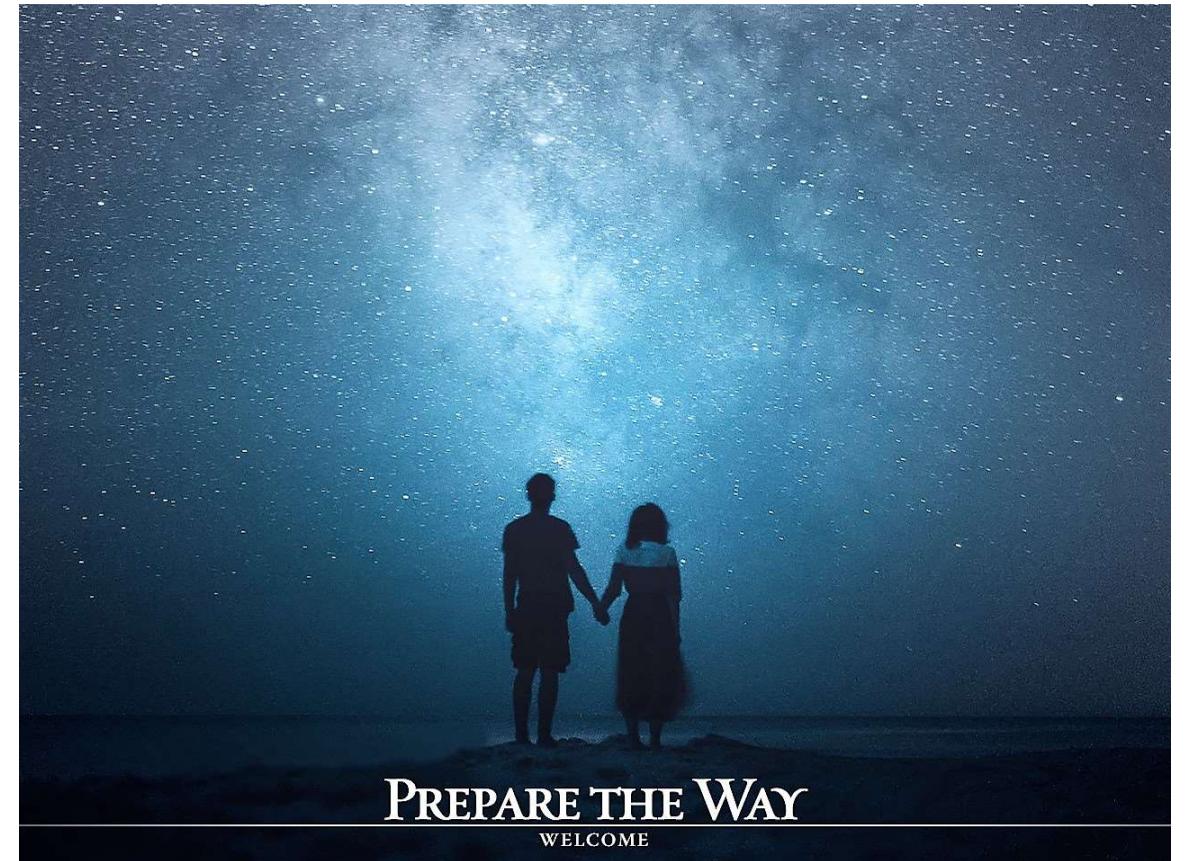
We are Keeping In Touch with Harry McLeod.
Keep in touch with a card or a note, and
remember him in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are: Candy and Ed Reign, Cindy Remaley
 Acolyte: Candy Reign
 Liturgist: Sheri Price
 Ministers: Every Member
 Pastor: Thomas D. Carr
 Pastor Emeritus: Leo C. Cramer
 Lay Leaders: Kim Tagliaferre
 Handbell & Chimebar Director & Pianist/Organist: Mona Cramer
 Chancel Choir Director: Jackie Stitt
 Administrative Assistant: Leah Carr

Attendance Last Week:
Sunday School 48
Communion Service 34+Morning Worship 76=110

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,109.17
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$2,652.00
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$1,388.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$4,040.75
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$155,458.65
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$151,598.56
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$21,348.87
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$172,947.43



The First United Methodist Church
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Rev. Thomas D. Carr, Pastor
Rev. Leo Cramer, Pastor Emeritus

Sunday, December 23

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 3:00 pm Thornton Hall Reserved

Monday, December 24

Newsletter Deadline*

7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wednesday, December 26

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 am Sharing Group

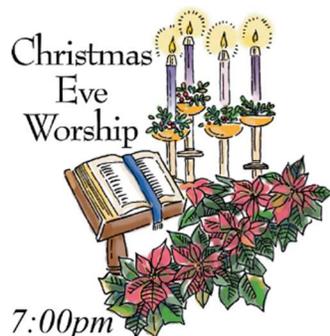
Friday, December 28

6:00 pm Youth Rock-a-thon*

Sunday, December 30

- 8:15 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Morning Worship
- 11:00 am Fifth Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser until 9:00 pm*

*The **deadline** for the **January/February Newsletter** is *tomorrow*. Please have all information to go in the newsletter to Leah by that time. Thank you.



*The *Grace-First Youth Group* will hold a **Rock-a-thon** on Friday, December 28 from 6 PM until 9 AM Saturday, December 29. You may support the Youth as they raise funds to attend SPARK the weekend of January 11-13 in Pittsburgh by pledging a donation to any of our youth.

This will be a 15-hour rock-a-thon, so you might consider pledging a dollar an hour (\$15 total), or if you choose, you may make a simple donation of any amount.

*December 30 we will once again be having our **Fifth Sunday Hoss's Fundraiser**. Pick up a green fundraiser card at the back of the sanctuary (They are on the radiator by the entrance.) and take it with you to Hoss's on Sunday, December 30. Give the card to your server when you pay for your meal, and Hoss's will donate a portion of the cost of your meal to our church. You have a delicious meal and help the church, and there are no dishes to wash; sounds like a win-win!

The **2019 Offering Envelopes** are in the Sunday School room. Find the box with your name on it and take it home with you. If you don't find your name, pick up an unmarked box and put your name & the box number on the sheet of paper. Thank you!

Volunteer are needed for the **Pancake Breakfast** on January 13. Contact Barb Holcombe or Donna Price to volunteer. Thank you.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:30 (or 9:00) until Noon (or 12:30)

Email: pastor@FUMCreynoldsville.org

Administrative Assistant's Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

8:30 until Noon and 12:30 until 3:00

Email: secretary@FUMCreynoldsville.org

*Somehow not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.*

*And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.*

~John Greenleaf Whittier