



First United Methodist Church
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December 1, 2019

Purple
The Hanging of the Greens

1st Sunday of Advent

The center of God's will is our only safety. ~Betsie ten Boom

**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 "He Shall Feed His Flock" Organ
 G. F. Handel/Arranged by Edward Broughton, from *The Messiah*

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (L)

* CALL TO WORSHIP (L)

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?

P: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?

P: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

L: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our Savior?

P: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing his passion, death, and resurrection.

L: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the son of God?

P: By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.

L: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

P: Glory to God in the highest!

* HYMN OF PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH No. 211

OPENING PRAYER (L)

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING *The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.* Jeremiah 31:10-13

ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chancel Choir
 15th Century Rhenish Folk Hymn

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

OFFERTORY "Winds Through the Olive Trees" Organ
 Winifred E. Rees/Arranged by Roger E. Rees

* DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND READING *The Lord promises to send the people a righteous king.* Jeremiah 23:5-6

HYMN *The Cedar*
 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH No. 213
(verse 1)

THIRD READING *The Lord announces the reign of Messiah, the Eternal King.* Daniel 7:13-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *The Evergreen Wreath* Wendy Watt

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH No. 204

FOURTH READING *The prophet tells of the healing power of the Anointed One.* Isaiah 61:1-3

* HYMN *The Mistletoe*
 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH No. 218
(verses 1 & 3)

FIFTH READING *The prophet describes the redeemer of Israel as the Suffering Servant.* Isaiah 53:1-6

HYMN *The Holly & the Ivy*
 "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" UMH No. 216

A TIME OF PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

* SIXTH READING *Let us stand to hear the words of the Evangelist as he tells of the coming of the Light of the World.* John 1:1-5, 9-14

* HYMN *The Christmas Tree*
 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH No. 240

TAKING OF THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Tell the Good News”
Lani Smith/Based on Traditional Carols

Organ



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.



Gail Yount
101 Mill Creek Dr.
Charlottesville, VA 22902

This week we are Keeping In Touch with Gail Yount. Keep in touch with a card, and remember her in your prayers during the week.

Greeters this morning are:	Candy and Ed Reign, Cindy Remaley
Acolyte:	Russ Wells
Liturgist:	Wendy Watt
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 38

Communion Service 25+Morning Worship 88=113

Budget Report

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget	\$3,119.28
Funds Received Last Week Available for Budget	\$3,238.00
Funds Received Last Week NOT Available for Budget	\$354.75
Total Amount Received Last Week	\$3,592.75
Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget	\$146,606.20
Total Received Year-to-Date Available for Budget	\$130,199.87
Funds Received Year-to-Date NOT Available for Budget	\$234,849.21
Total All Funds Received Year-to-Date	\$365,049.08

Traditional Morning Worship Service

10:45



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

Sunday, December 1

- 8:15 am Morning Light Worship Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 1:00 pm Thornton Hall Reserved
- 2:00 pm Cantata Practice

Monday, December 2

- 2:00 pm Advent Bible Study*
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:00 am Knitting with Friends
- 7:00 pm Advent Bible Study*

Wednesday, December 4

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at The Foundry
- 10:00 am Sharing Group
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 5

- 6:30 pm Cadet Girl Scouts

Saturday, December 7

- 2:00 pm Cantata Practice

Sunday, December 8

- 8:15 am Morning Light Worship Service
- 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Traditional Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Christmas Cantata*
- 6:00 pm Grace First Youth at Grace UMC in Sykesville
- Adult Bible Study at Grace UMC in Sykesville

Thanks to everyone who sent us a card. They were much appreciated. –Glenn & Ann Schuckers

Volunteers are needed to **ring the bell for the Salvation Army kettle** at BiLo, beginning November 25 (no ringing Thanksgiving Day) and ending December 23. The bell is usually set up from 10am to 6pm each day. You can volunteer to ring for time periods of one or two hours. The proceeds from the Salvation Army kettle each year go to help low-income people in our area with various financial needs. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

*Pastor Tom will lead an **Advent Bible Study** entitled *Awaiting the Already* beginning December 2. There will be two opportunities to participate in this Bible Study each week. The schedule will be:



Monday, December 2 2 pm

Tuesday, December 3 7 pm

Tuesday, December 10 2 pm & 7 pm

Tuesday, December 17 2pm & 7 pm

Monday, December 23 2pm & 7pm

*This year's **Christmas Cantata**, *Come to Bethlehem*, will be presented on Sunday, December 8 at 4pm. Please join us as the choirs present the Christmas story in music, word, and song. There is no charge for admittance to the cantata. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Reynoldsville Ministerium.

Our annual **Christmas Dinner** will be Saturday, December 14. The dinner will be at 5pm, followed by Christmas caroling, the children's program, and a visit from a Christmas VIP in the sanctuary. Please call the church office (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:30am – 3pm) to *make your reservation* to attend. The dinner is free. If anyone is willing to volunteer with cooking, serving, and cleanup, please contact Barb Holcombe.

Would you like to help a child from a low-income family celebrate Christmas? This is your opportunity. Neighbor Helping Neighbors has placed tags on the Christmas Tree in the adult Sunday School room. Each tag represents a child from a low-income family, and on the back is listed several gift ideas for that child. Choose one or more items from that list to purchase, then return the *unwrapped* gifts and tag to the church no later than December 15.

Every year Neighbors Helping Neighbors puts together **Christmas Baskets** for members who are shut-in or in nursing homes, and seniors from the community who sign up to receive them. Please contact Barb Holcombe if you would like to donate anything for these baskets.

The **2020 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!

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

The Christian has the glorious privilege of living under the internal guidance, restraint, and power of the Holy Spirit, who energizes him to obey the will of God.
~John MacArthur



Poinsettia Order

Once again we plan to decorate the church with beautiful poinsettias this year at Christmas time, and you are invited to share in this. These will be on the altar in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. After the Service you may take your plant home with you. Please complete the form below and drop it in an offering box, or bring it by the church office, along with your check. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. The **DEADLINE** for ordering is Sunday, December 8. *We cannot guarantee you a flower if your order is submitted after the deadline.*

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

Number of Plants _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Reception

There will be a sandwich and cookie reception following the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 8. The choir is asking for volunteers to either provide sandwiches or cookies. If you would like to volunteer, please fill in your name below and choose which item you would like to bring, then put this form in an offering box. Thank you!

Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ Sandwiches

_____ Cookies