

PRAYER REQUEST

Robert Waldman	Pat and Wayne Temple	Blake Creel
George Maris	Jordan Sloan	David McClain
Wendy Roberts		Christine Miller
Beth Brown Family	MILITARY MEMBERS	Destiny Beamer
George Gay Family	Tristan Goodlake	Chad Bruckschen
Rob Pribbenow	Travis Cox	Sam Trueman

UMW PRAYER REQUEST

The United Methodist Women request your prayers for the following: Missionaries, Deaconesses, Board of Missions Staff Persons; and Missionary Sites: Global: Improving people's livelihoods and nutrition by providing livestock and training.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ginger Littleton	12/23	Miranda Strain	12/30
Sarah Watts	12/23	Glen McDonald	12/31
Toni Rodgers	12/23	Suzanne Strickland	12/31
Evelyn Wallace	12/25	Daphne Clark	01/01
Bill Kundo	12/26	Dixie Wheelock	01/03
Ruth Howard	12/27	Vivian Brock	01/09
Sheri Mitchell	12/28	McKinley Hart	01/09
Sharon Hudson	12/28	Mary Cox	01/11
Jo McQuagge	12/29	Wilburn Rodgers	01/12
Cathy Watts	12/30	Gordon Smeby	01/12

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How can we meet your needs?

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State Zip _____

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Needs: _____

CHURCH STAFF

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Pianist: Dr. Carolyn Joy Wilson

Nursery Supervisor: Dianne Bragdon

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

We will resume our community and church fellowship dinners on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019.

CHURCH OPERATING UPDATE

Attendance Dec 16: 131

Church Operating Donations Dec 16: \$11,954.72

Totals Church Operating Donations for Dec: \$26,705.72

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Total 2019 Pledges: \$347,852.06



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ADVENT 4
December 23, 2018
10:30 AM

Reverend John O. Blount, Pastor

THE MORNING ORDER OF WORSHIP
 DECEMBER 23, 2018
ADVENT 4

GREETING

PRELUDE *He Shall Feed His Flock* Organist
arr. G. F. Handel

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye,
 O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born
 the King of angels;

Refrain:
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he
 shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten,
 not created; (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye
 citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in
 the highest; (Refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
 leaving their Flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither
 bend our joyful footsteps; (Refrain)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.
People: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
 Leader: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
People: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
 Holy is God's name.

***INVOCATION**

Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the
 righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your
 face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our
 friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the Holy
 Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true
 church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now
 declare:
We believe in God the Father,
 infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
 whose mercy is over all his works,
 and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of God and Son of man,

the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
 the ground of our hope,
 and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
 as the divine presence in our lives,
 whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
 of the truth of Christ,
 and find strength and help in times of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
 in the service of love
 as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
 to the end
 that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH The Price Family
 Brian, Mary, & Louise

ACT OF PRAISE *Light of the Stable* by Emmylou Harris
 Sarah Watts and Letitia Bell

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Ontonio Christie
 Minister of Nurture and Outreach

CONFESSION
 Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our
 whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We
 have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have
 rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and
 we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we
 pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PARDON

OFFERTORY What Child Is This? Fleta Dean
 arr. Patricia Harris

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

DOXOLOGY 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Him, all creatures here below;
 praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MINUTE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

SERMON Peace Rev. John O. Blount

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

For those wishing to become members in this congregation of
 St. Andrew United Methodist Church either by profession of faith
 or transfer of church membership, please come forward indicating your
 desire during the first stanza of our hymn of invitation.

***HYMN OF INVITATION** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 230

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above
 thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet
 in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes
 and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while
 mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering
 love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so
 God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ
 enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast
 out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear
 the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come
 to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Organist
 arr. G.F. Handel

THANK YOU FOR SILENCING ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES
 *PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

