

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT COMMUNION

PRELUDE "Mary Did You Know" (Lowry/Greene)  
Thea Kerns

CALL TO WORSHIP (Stand if able)

L: Joy is a sign of the presence of God. When God restores the fortunes of his people, it is like a dream come true.

**P: Then our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!**

L: The joy of the Coming One be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Rejoice always:

**P: "Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waves cover the sea."**

OPENING HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH No. 234

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Joy (Please see insert) The Ware's

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Natasha Evans

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

JOYS, CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Good Christian Friends Rejoice " (arr. by Travis Cottrell)  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 126

SERMON "Laugh!"

HYMN OF DEDICATION "Joy to the World" UMH No. 246

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "The Little Drummer Boy" (arr. by Carol Tornquist)  
Susan Seders

GIVING THROUGH December 10<sup>TH</sup>

Needed for budget: \$432,318 Received for budget: \$402,698 Budget for 2023 is \$458,257

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Youth Minister Natasha Evans Nursery Supervisor Tammy Casto

Financial Secretary Julie Civiello Staff Liaison Lynn Ritter

Music Director Susan Seders

Pianist/Handbell/Choir Director Susan Seders

Scripture Readings:

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Tuesday: Luke 1:46b-55

Wednesday: Romans 16:25-27

Thursday: Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Ephesians 1

Saturday: Ephesians 2

Sunday: Ephesians 3

Attendance last week (12/10)

First Service: 56

Second Service: 86

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mission Team will host "Lunch with Neighbors" on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm in the Family Life Center.**



## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of December 10)

**MILITARY** – Zach Corcoran (Army Reserves), Joel DiStefano (Andy Montgomery's cousin), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow's son), Ben McDonald, Patrick Spears, Isaac Stalnaker (Denise "Stalnaker" Losh's son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt's son-in-law), Max White (Andy Montgomery's nephew), Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips' niece), Staff Sgt. Abigail Yardley, Air Force, (Steve and Loleta Yardley's granddaughter)

### Prayer Requests will run only three consecutive weeks unless requested differently:

December 3: Jay Gainer, Jordan Family, Terry Jo Miller's Family and Friends, Don and Linda Oliver, Patterson Family, Several with COVID, Betty Walden

December 10: Brooklyn (Brian and Susan's granddaughter), Trudy Carowick, Vanessa Davis' Family, Natasha Evan's Family, Jay Gainer, Israel/Gaza/Ukraine/Syria/Iraq/Iran, Susan Jenkins, Barry Moll, Release of Hostages, Pat Schoonover, Pat Seders, Amber Slider

Mary Alice, Maxine Cooper, Montie Corley (Carolyn Channell's brother), Michelle Corley-Crites (Carolyn Channell's niece), COVID, Carrie Denny (Barbara McQuain's friend), Franco (Marieta Reel's nephew), Jim Harman, Bob and Sara Hinkle, Kathy Hitchcock, Van Jacobs, Brian Jenkins, Joe Jones, Jim and Patty McCloud, Sharon McQuain, Christa Myers, Marcia Myers, Joan Plant, Lisa Preusch, Gary "Doc" Rexrode, Ross Riffie, Cecelia Riggelman, Adam Sibley (Sharon McQuain's nephew), Greg Silvester (Brad and Lynn Pugh's brother-in-law), Vic Simmons, Jim Smith, Lloyd Teter, Bill and Elaine Valentine, Janet Velez (Beck Kirkpatrick's cousin), Mike Welshonce, Karen Wilmoth, Ralph Wilmoth, Mary Louise Yokum

**MOUNTAIN MEMORIES (Formerly COLONIAL PLACE)** – Jane Barb, Phoebe Johnkoski, Pam McLaughlin, Marylou Raikes, Carolyn Rice, Pat Seders, Hollis and Adrienne Vance, Zan White, Rosalea Wood

**ERCC** – Betty Walden, Evelyn Jean Wamsley

**LAVENDER FIELDS** – Ruth Hepler, Pat Kenney

**NELLA'S** - Mabel Phares

**Seniors- Serve the seniors in the church by sending a card, keeping them in your prayers and making a phone call or a visit.**

Zona Simmons – 1 Heritage Drive, Apt. 321, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Mike Welshonce – 60 Corinth Drive, Manquin, VA 23106.



### First United Methodist Church

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- ❖ Sunday Traditional Worship is available live on Facebook and YouTube
- ❖ Communion served on the first Sunday of each month
- ❖ Children do appear on the Livestream during Children's Message. If you have a concern about their image being shown on Facebook or YouTube, please have children stay with guardian until dismissed for Children's Church or contact the Pastor.

December 17, 2023

Advent 3 B

### 9:30 am Contemporary Worship

Gathering Song "Calypso Lullaby" (Hairston)

"He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

(Andrews/Ingram)

"It's Christmas" (Tomlin/Cash)

Welcome & Announcements

Song "O Come All Ye Faithful (Adore Him)" (Wade/Oakeley)

Pastoral Prayer (Lord's Prayer on page 2)

Song "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)" (Tomlin/Cash/Gilder)

Scripture & Message

Blessing

Song "Joyful, Joyful" (Hall/Herms)





**COME, SHARE, REJOICE...**

**SUNDAY, December 17**

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10:30 AM BASIC NEEDS COMMUNITY BRUNCH / FLC (10:30AM-12:30PM)  
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CHILDREN'S CHURCH AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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12:30 PM LUNCH WITH NEIGHBORS / FLC – (12:30pm – 1:30pm)  
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**WEDNESDAY, December 20**

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor

**THURSDAY, December 21**

6:30 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST @ Hardees  
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**FRIDAY, December 22**

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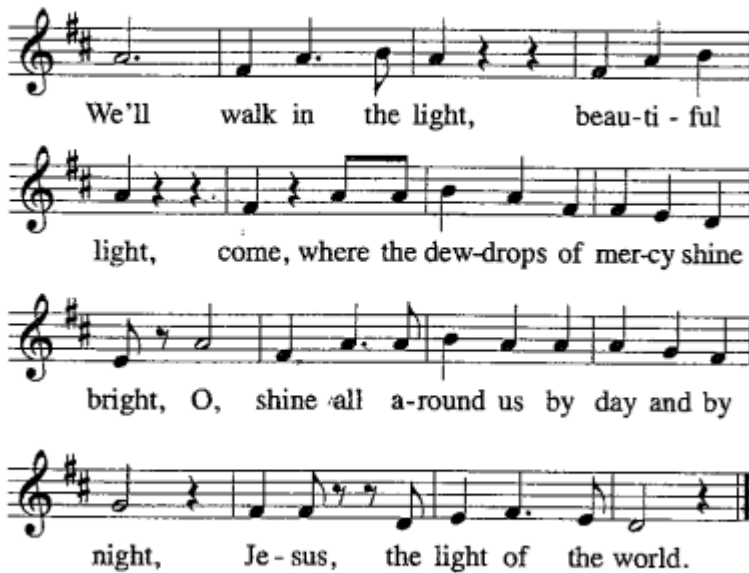
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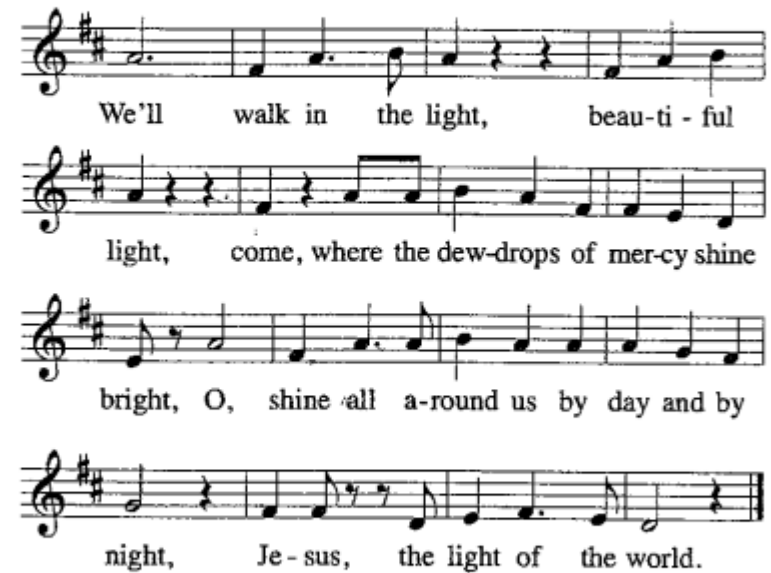
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**PREPARE for the Light**

Responsive Litany

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Advent Prayer

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December 6<sup>th</sup> Band-Aids  
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December 13<sup>th</sup> Jar of Jelly  
December 14<sup>th</sup> Bottle of Juice  
December 15<sup>th</sup> Muffin Mix  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Instant Potatoes  
December 17<sup>th</sup> Pancake Mix  
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ENCOUNTER'S  
*Christmas Party*  
Tuesday Dec. 19th  
6-7 PM Grades 6-12  
White Elephant Gift Exchange  
Games, Snacks, Friends!

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(weather permitting)

Dec. 19- Meeting as scheduled  
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Dec. 26- No Encounter

(no school- Christmas Break)

Jan. 2nd- Meeting as scheduled  
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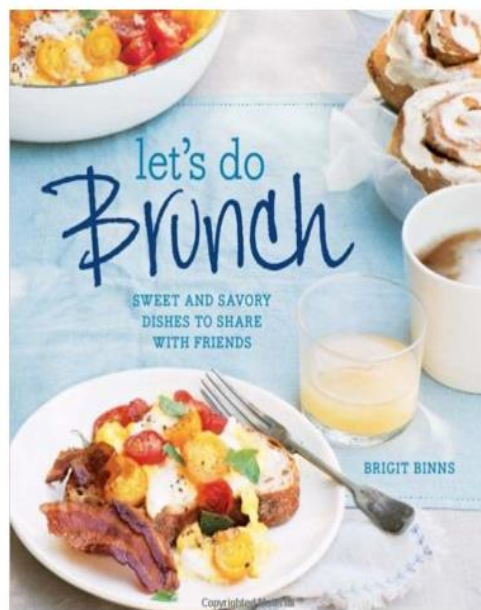
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**Basic Needs Ministry Community Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**Serving between 10:30 am -12:30 pm**  
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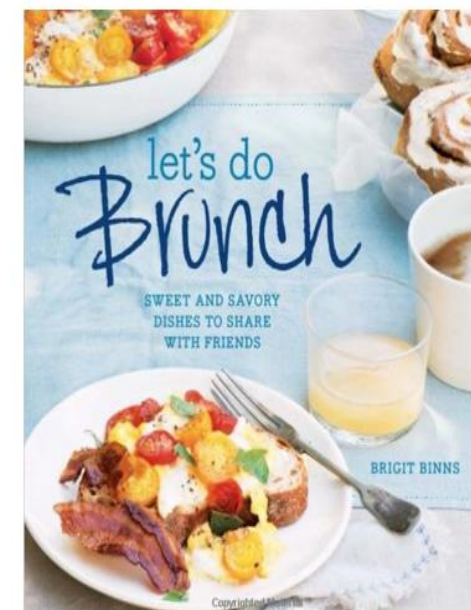
**Menu: Omelet bar, eggs & cheese, bacon, sausage, potatoes O'Brien, biscuits & gravy, and blueberry waffles.**

**A free will offering will be taken upon entry to the Family Life Center.**

**Donations from the following basic needs items are encouraged:**

**Toilet Paper**  
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**Shampoo**



**Basic Needs Ministry Community Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**Serving between 10:30 am -12:30 pm**  
**in the Family Life Center**

**Menu: Omelet bar, eggs & cheese, bacon, sausage, potatoes O'Brien, biscuits & gravy, and blueberry waffles.**

**A free will offering will be taken upon entry to the Family Life Center.**

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
 1. A-des-te, fi-de-les, lae-ti tri-um-phan-tes; ve-  
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E-ter-nal,  
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; O  
 \* 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth-le-hem.  
 ni-te, ve-ni-te in Beth-le-hem.  
 lo, he shuns not the Vir-gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove!  
 leav-ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;  
 Na-tum vi-de-te Re-gem an-ge-lor-um.  
 Son of the Fa-ther, be-got-ten, not cre-at-ed;  
 Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the high-est;  
 we too will thith-er bend our joy-ful foot-steps;

*Refrain*  
 O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him,  
 Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus, ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus,

O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.  
 ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus, Do-mi-num.



## Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let  
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while  
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he  
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 come to make his bless - ings flow  
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 98:4-6)  
 MUSIC: Arr. from G. F. Handel, 1741, by Lowell Mason, 1848

ANTIOCH  
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 far as the curse is found, far  
 and won - ders of his love, and

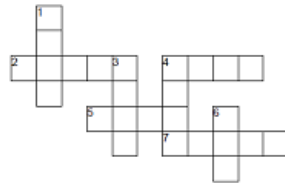
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 re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his  
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 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing,  
 joy,  
 found,  
 love,



## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

2. Unable to see
4. The organs for hearing
5. Crippled or disabled, especially in the legs or feet
7. To make a loud noise with your voice

### DOWN

1. To travel on foot
3. Unable to hear
4. The organs through which we see
6. Great happiness

WALK	EARS	SHOUT	BLIND
EYES	LAME	JOY	DEAF



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Isaiah 35:1-10

## Word Search Puzzle

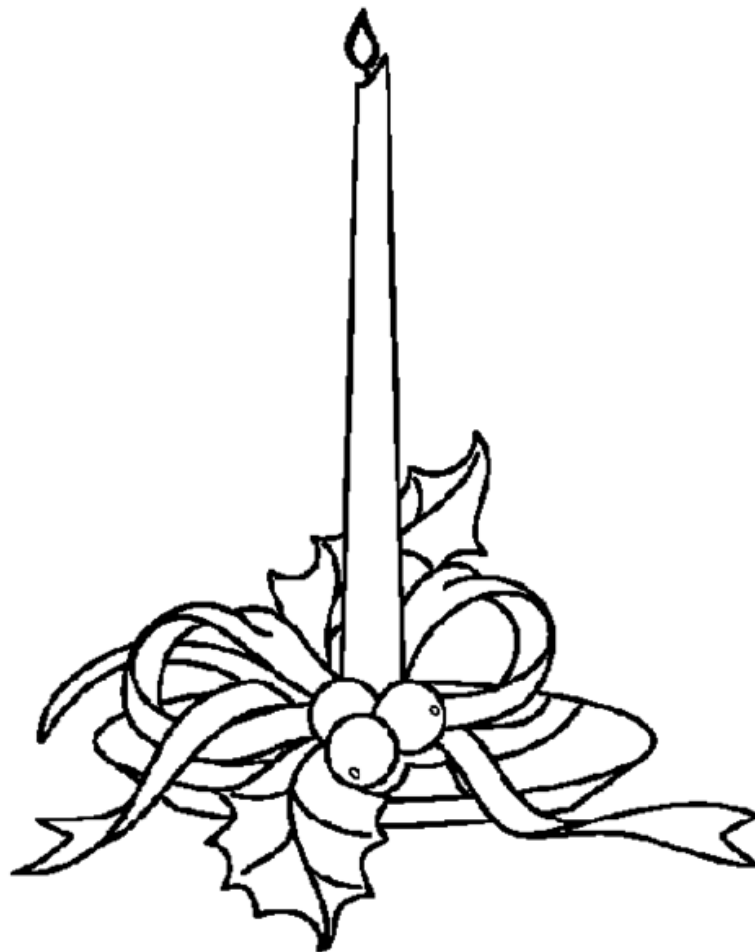
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A M X Q E G L N R B L N C R U  
Y Q G K E E M Q V O N F G Z E  
P N A C C F E A R O N Y N V Y  
V Y J I W H N K Y C T G A O H  
U V X G L A D N E S S S J A L

FLEE	GLADNESS	OPEN	TONGUE	STRONG
SAVE	JOY	SORROW	FEAR	SHOUT
EYES	EARS	SINGING	DEAF	BLIND

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# Coloring Page



The Candle of Joy

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 15-16-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 20-15-14-7-21-5 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 5-1-18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 19-8-15-21-20 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 5-25-5-19 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 10-15-25 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 2-12-9-14-4 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 4-5-1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

OPEN EYES	TONGUE JOY	EARS BLIND	SHOUT DEAF
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