

Memorial United Methodist Church

December 8, 2019

Welcoming and Announcements

Call to Worship - Responsive

May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.

May all the world rejoice.

May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision for our world.

May timid hearts turn bold.

May we believe it can be so.

Opening Prayer

Visionary God, in this season of preparation and reflection, let us see, as through your eyes, the way the world can be. Hope, peace, joy, and love are more than just nice things that *could* be. Help us work to make them *really* be. Make us bearers of your promise to the world, that all may know the power of your holy love. Amen.

♦ Hymn “Blessed be the Name” 63

Lighting Of the Second Advent Candle

Every journey faces the unknown. And anxiety can sometimes overwhelm us. There is too much to do; our lists are long; our calendars are filled up; we worry that something will go wrong. Getting lost is a real possibility on a journey. And yet. We claim hope for the journey, because we follow the one who will travel with us and sustain us on the way.

Isaiah says that there is one who is to come who will be the fulfillment of all our hope. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on this one, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. We place our hope in this one.

We light the candles of peace and of hope to give us strength for the journey. *(Light two candles on the wreath.)*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope.

Sharing of Joys / Concerns / Testimonies

Prayer for our concerns

Reading of the Psalm

♦ Hymn ” Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 196

♦ Scripture Reading
Please stand for the reading of the Scripture

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

♦ Doxology 95
WE STAND TO PRAISE GOD

Children’s Moment

Prayer of Confession

We thank you, O God, for bearers of hope and peace in all times and all places: for those who govern, when they set things right for the poor, meek and needy; for anointed prophets, who speak and act in your spirit— in wisdom, understanding, and equity. And we thank you for reminders, that we, too, should be agents of harmony, reconciliation, peace, justice, and righteousness. Make us advocates of your vision for the world. Amen.

The Message

♦ Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be” 399

♦ Benediction
Postlude

♦ Please stand as you are able
The altar is always open. You may come to the altar to pray anytime.

May the Spirit of God take root in our hearts and bear good fruit in our lives.

Welcome to

Memorial United Methodist Church
509 Market St., Spencer, WV 25276
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Joys:

Living testimonies to the saving grace of God

Concerns:

Susie DeWolfe	Tom Jackson
Frances Lowe	Jane DeMarino
Clara Wyatt	Rodney Summers
Andy Cheek	Dee Cheek
Leonard May	Holly Smith
Jennifer Gandee-Barker	Carolyn McGlothlin Scarbro
Joe & Lisa Woolweaver	Beverly Patton

Unspoken Prayers of the People
The Unchurched of our Community
Those affected by the recent natural disasters
Families suffering the loss of loved ones

To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card and place it in the Offering Plate.

Upcoming Activities and Announcements

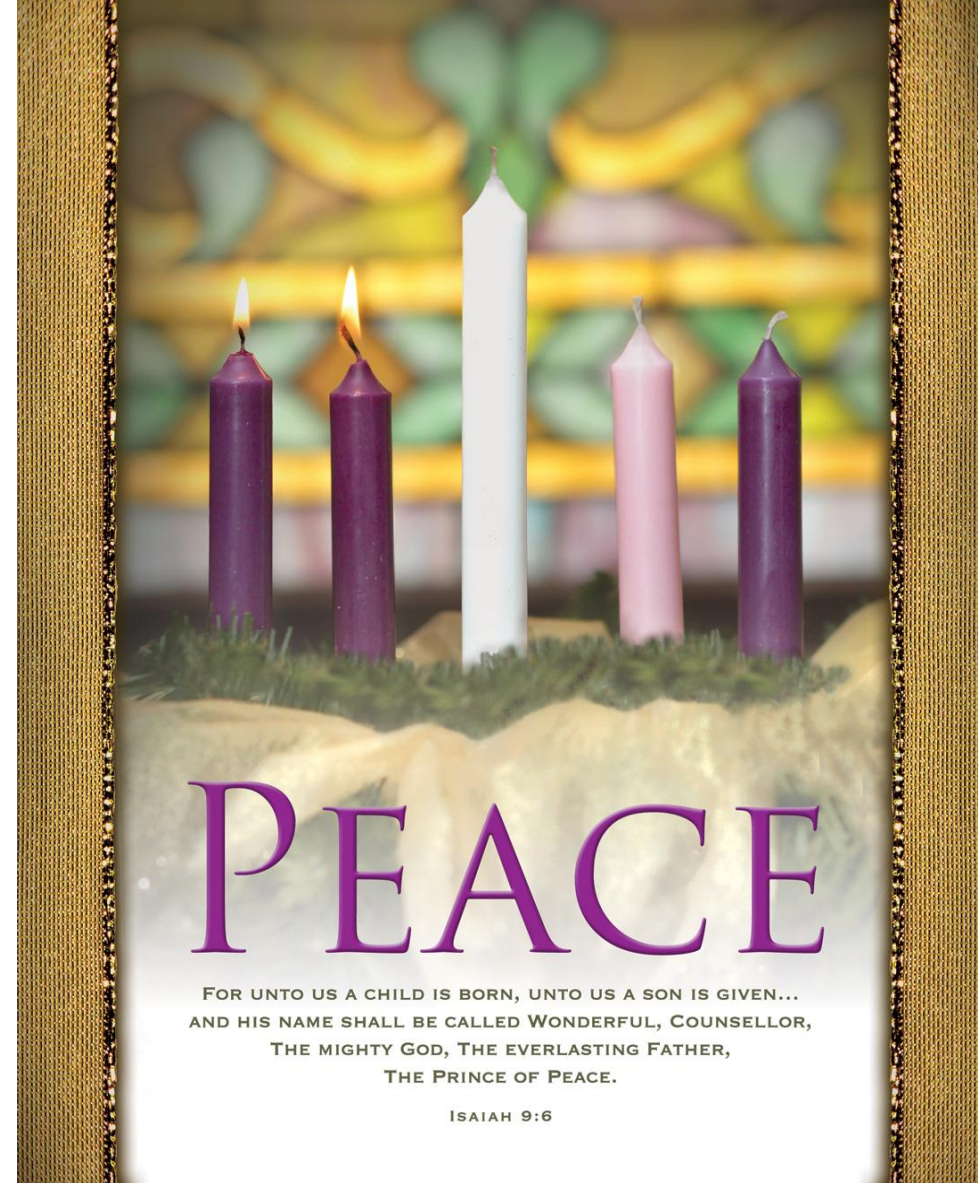
9:30 AM - Sunday School - The Full Armor of God

A Merry Burlington Christmas - Gift suggestions for the youth in the Burlington and Keyser facilities are on the bulletin board downstairs. Gifts to the youth are to be turned in by December 14th. We are planning on taking the gifts on the 16th.

Wednesday - 2:00 PM - Unload order from Mountaineer Food Bank

Thursday - 9:00 AM - Pack BackPack bags for schools

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 6 PM. We want to make it a time to Worship and share together our Savior's birth. Refreshments afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.



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**MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship		3	4	5 9:00-PACK BAGS For school kids	6	7
8 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	9 Send a card to a shut-in or a friend Just to say - "Merry Christmas"	10 Pick-up Backpack Food order from BoED	11 2:00 - Unload Mountaineer Food Truck - Backpack items	12 9:00 -PACK BAGS For school kids	13	14
15 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	16 Be a Blessing Day Taking Gifts to Burlington	17 Pick-up Backpack Food order from BoED	18	19 9:00 -PACK BAGS For school kids	20	21
22 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	23	24 6:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service And Communion	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 11:00 Mobile Food Pantry at Roane Co. High School
29 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	30 Give God Thanks today for all the people in your life.	31				



**1-Mary is visited by the
angel of the Lord
Luke 2:26**

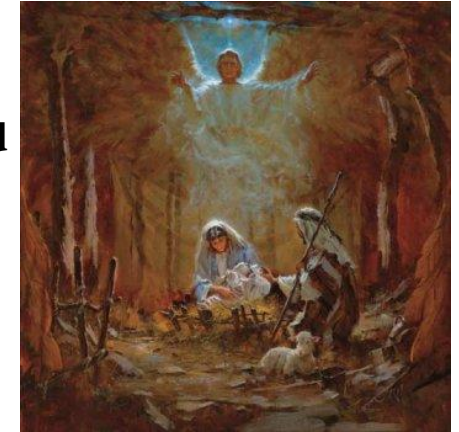


**2-Joseph is visited by the angel of the
Lord in a dream. He is told that the child
is conceived of the Holy Ghost.
Matt. 1:20**

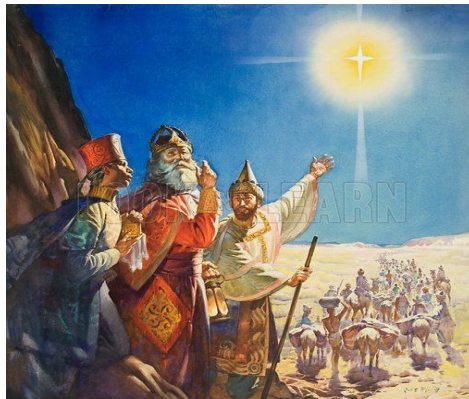
**3-The journey to
Bethlehem
Luke 2:4**



**4-Jesus is born and laid
in a manger.
Here he is visited by
the shepherds.
Luke 2:6-16**



**5-The Wise Men come
from the east to see
the new born King.
Matt. 2:1-12**



**6-Mary, Joseph and
Jesus flee to Egypt
for safety.
Matt. 2:13-15**



**7- King Herod orders all
male Hebrews under age 2
to be killed. Matt. 2:16**



**8-Herod dies and they
return to Israel.
Matt. 2:19-23**