

Memorial United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcoming and Announcements

Call to Worship - Responsive

Look to the east.

Light is dawning this day.

Look to the west.

Prepare for the journey ahead.

Look to the north.

God is guiding our steps.

Look to the south.

God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.

Look to the heavens.

Christ is coming soon.

Opening Prayer

Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit— to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.

◆ Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” 206

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent

God of mercy and power, we seek to see the messenger that you are sending. Refining God, purify us so that we may prepare the way of the Lord.

We, God’s people, sing with Zechariah. With your compassion, Lord, make the dawn from heaven break upon us. Give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Guide us on the path of peace. (Luke 1:78-79, CEB)

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of love to remind us that we are being refined by your love that we would love others as you have loved us.

(Candle of Love is lit)

Sharing of Joys / Concerns / Testimonies

Prayer for our concerns

Reading of the Psalm

◆ Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” 220

◆ 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

Holy God, refine us with your mercy and love. Purify us with your compassion and grace. Guide us from our aimless wandering, that we might walk in your ways and live in your truth. Refine us, that we may again be people of mercy and love. Purify us, that we may again be people of compassion and grace. In your gracious love, we pray. Amen.

The Message

◆ Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 384

◆ Benediction

Postlude

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

The One who started this work in you
will stay with you to complete it.

Welcome to

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Joys:

Living testimonies to the saving grace of God

Concerns:

Betty Rader	Harold Lowe
Mary Kendall	Robert Starcher
Shelia Nichols	Clara Wyatt
Jarrold Henderson	Andy Cheek
Leonard May	Dee Cheek
Jennifer Gandee-Barker	Gloria Longo
Holly Smith	Elva May
Ramona May	Unspoken
	The Unchurched

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.

This Week's Activities and Announcements

Invite a friend.

Sunday School - Job A Man of Ebduring Faith

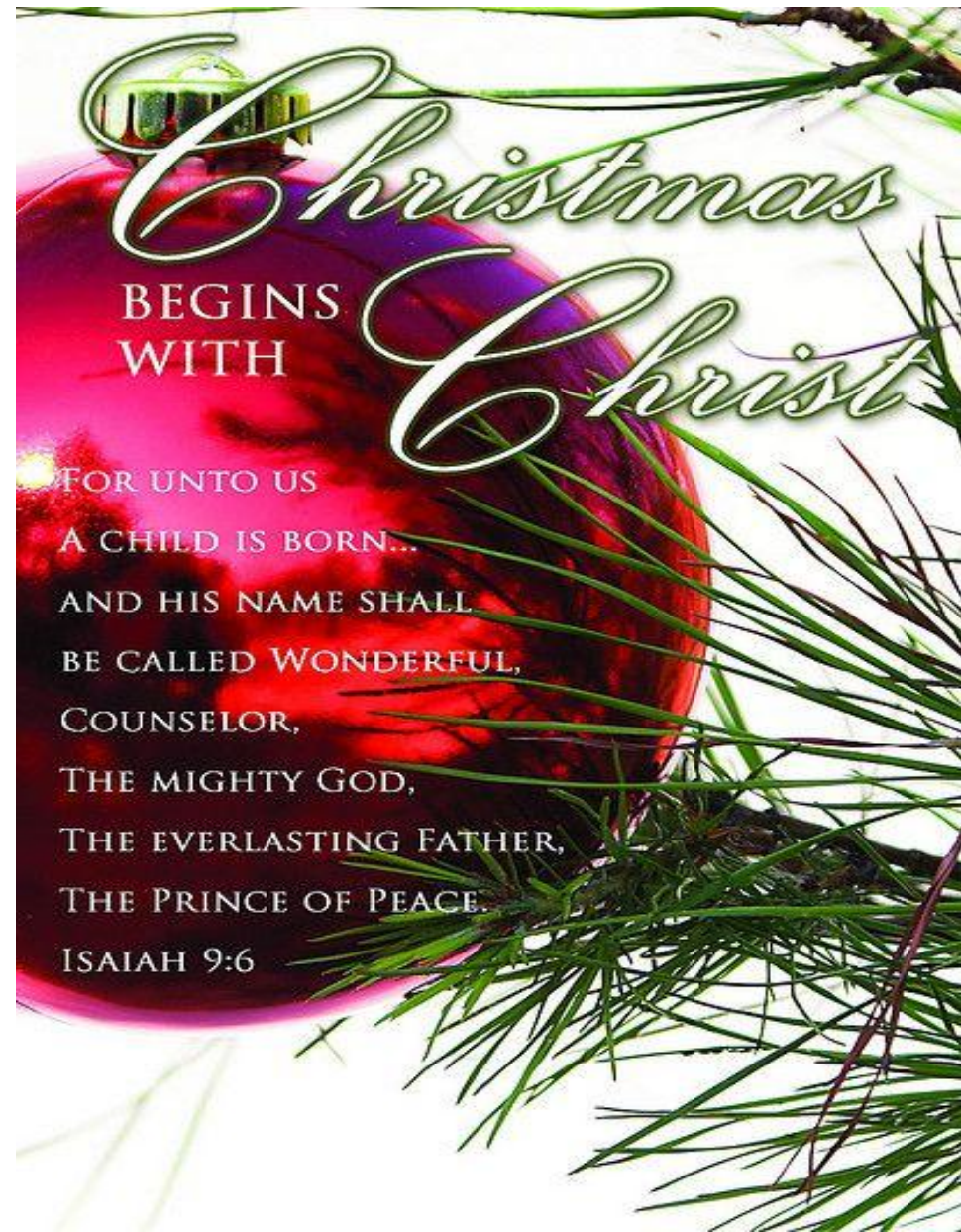
Dec. 11 - 6:00 PM - All Committees Meeting-CANCELLED

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ue to scheduling conflict. We will be taking gifts to Burlington
- weather permitting.

Dec. 12 - 2:00PM -Unload Mountaineer Food Bank Truck

We still have T-Shirts and 2019 Calendars- These make excellent Christmas Gifts and help the Backpack Program feed children in Roane County.

Christmas in Burlington - TODAY is the last day for your gifts



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With the love of Christ in our hearts, let us share signs of

love and peace with our neighbors.

**MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

December

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 Hanging of the Greens
2 First Sunday of Advent 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship Burlington Gifts Due PPRC after Worship	3	4	5	6 9:00AM Packing BackPacks	7	8
9 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	10	11 All Committees Meeting 6:00PM CANCELLED	12 2:00 MFB Delivery	13 9:00AM Packing BackPacks	14	15
16 Third Sunday of Advent 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	17	18	19 9:00AM Packing BackPacks And Delivery	20	21	22
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	24 Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
	No School - Christmas Holiday					
30 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	31	Christmas Toys for Burlington Children's Home - Expecting to delivery your gifts to the Children's Home on Tuesday, Dec. 11 th . Meeting for Tues. night will be rescheduled.				
	No School -					



CHECK CALENDAR EACH WEEK FOR UPDATES

Don't Forget the 2019 Calendars and "God Provides a Way T-Shirts" Support the Back Pack Program

Advent Calendar

Day	Passage	Theme	Hymn/Carol
1 December	Psalm 78:1-31	God's Faithfulness to Every Generation	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
2 December	Psalm 78:32-72	God's Faithfulness to Every Generation	
3 December	Genesis 3:1-15	The Fall & God's Promise of a Redeemer	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
4 December	Nehemiah 9:1-19	God is Faithful	
5 December	Nehemiah 9:20-38	God is Faithful	Hark the Herald Angles Sing
6 December	Genesis 15:1-21	God's Promise to Abraham	
7 December	Genesis 22:1-19	God Provides a Substitute for Isaac	Angels We Have Hear on High
8 December	Joshua 2:1, 8-13; Ruth 4:17-22; Matthew 1:5	Even in the Darkest Times God Ensured the Line of the Redeemer	
9 December	2 Samuel 7:1-29	God Promises David an Eternal Throne and Heir	O Come all Ye Faithful
10 December	Psalm 2; Hebrews 1	The Promise of a King Fulfilled in Christ	
11 December	Psalm 110	The Heir of David is the Eternal King	Angels from the Realms of Glory
12 December	Psalm 45	All Our Hope is Found in Christ	
13 December	Psalm 72	The Redeemer is for All the Peoples of the Earth	O Little Town of Bethlehem
14 December	Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25	Jesus is Immanuel	
15 December	Isaiah 9:6,7; Revelation 1:1-8	Jesus Born a Baby is the King	Once in Royal David's City
16 December	Micah 5:2; Genesis 35:19; Ruth 2:4; 1 Samuel 17:12; Luke 2:4	It is God Who Makes Things Great	
17 December	1 Peter 1:10-12	Jesus is the Fulfilment of all Things	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
18 December	Galatians 4:4-6	Because God Became a Child, God can be Our Father	
19 December	John 1:1-14	Jesus is the Eternal Son of God	Angels from the Realms of Glory
20 December	Revelation 5	Jesus is Worthy of All Praise	
21 December	Romans 5	Christ, the Second Adam, Came to Concur Sin	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
22 December	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Jesus, The Suffering Servant, is the Redeemer	
23 December	Psalm 22	Christ, the King, is Forsaken by God for Us	Who is this?
24 December	Luke 1:26-55	Jesus' Birth Foretold	
25 December	Luke 2:1-20	Jesus' Birth	Joy to the World
26 December	Luke 2:21-36	Jesus Presented at the Temple	
27 December	Matthew 2:1-12	The Visit of the Wise Men	We Three Kings
28 December	Luke 2:41-52	The Boy Jesus at the Temple	
29 December	Mark 1:1-11	The Baptism of Jesus	Silent Night
30 December	Mark 15	The Crucifixion	
31 December	Matthew 27:62-28:20	The Resurrection	O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Pastor Shep

