

Memorial United Methodist Church

December 1, 2019

Welcoming and Announcements

Call to Worship - Responsive

Keep awake.

Christ is coming.

Wait for the Lord.

Love is coming.

Prepare the way.

Hope is coming.

Worship the Lord.

Christ is coming soon.

Opening Prayer

God of power and might, your majesty is greater than the highest mountain, your glory more radiant than the summer sun. As the days grow dark and the sun's light wanes, warm our hearts with your love, that we might find our courage and walk by the light of the moon. As nations rise up against nation, strengthen our desire for peace in your name. Amen.

◆ Hymn "I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light" 206

Lighting Of the First Advent Candle

Our Advent journey begins with rules of the road. We are on the way to where God would have us be, and we're not there yet. But how shall we go? We shall go together, as one body, living and trusting in one another. We shall go as this community of faith, working side by side, and leaning into the grace of God every step of the way. We shall go in peace.

Isaiah says that in days to come, the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, and there we will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; there, we will learn war no more. God will teach us peace.

We light this first candle to burn as sign of peace among all people. *(Light one candle on the wreath.)*

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

Sharing of Joys / Concerns / Testimonies

Prayer for our concerns

Reading of the Psalm

◆ Hymn "Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 211

◆ 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

Eternal God, your offer of salvation is a gift beyond price. We know that the night is far gone and that the day is near, but we struggle to rouse ourselves from sleep. We long to open our eyes and behold the glory of your dawn, but our eyelids have grown heavy and the light stings our eyes. Call us once again, Holy One, for we long to hear your voice and know that salvation is near. Amen.

The Message

◆ Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" 714

◆ Benediction
Postlude

◆ Please stand as you are able

The altar is always open. You may come to the altar to pray anytime.

Hear the good news: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first came to believe.

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:

Betty Rader
Frances Lowe
Clara Wyatt
Andy Cheek
Leonard May
Jennifer Gandee-Barker
Joe & Lisa Woolweaver
Unspoken Prayers of the People
The Unchurched of our Community
Those affected by the recent natural disasters
Families suffering the loss of loved ones

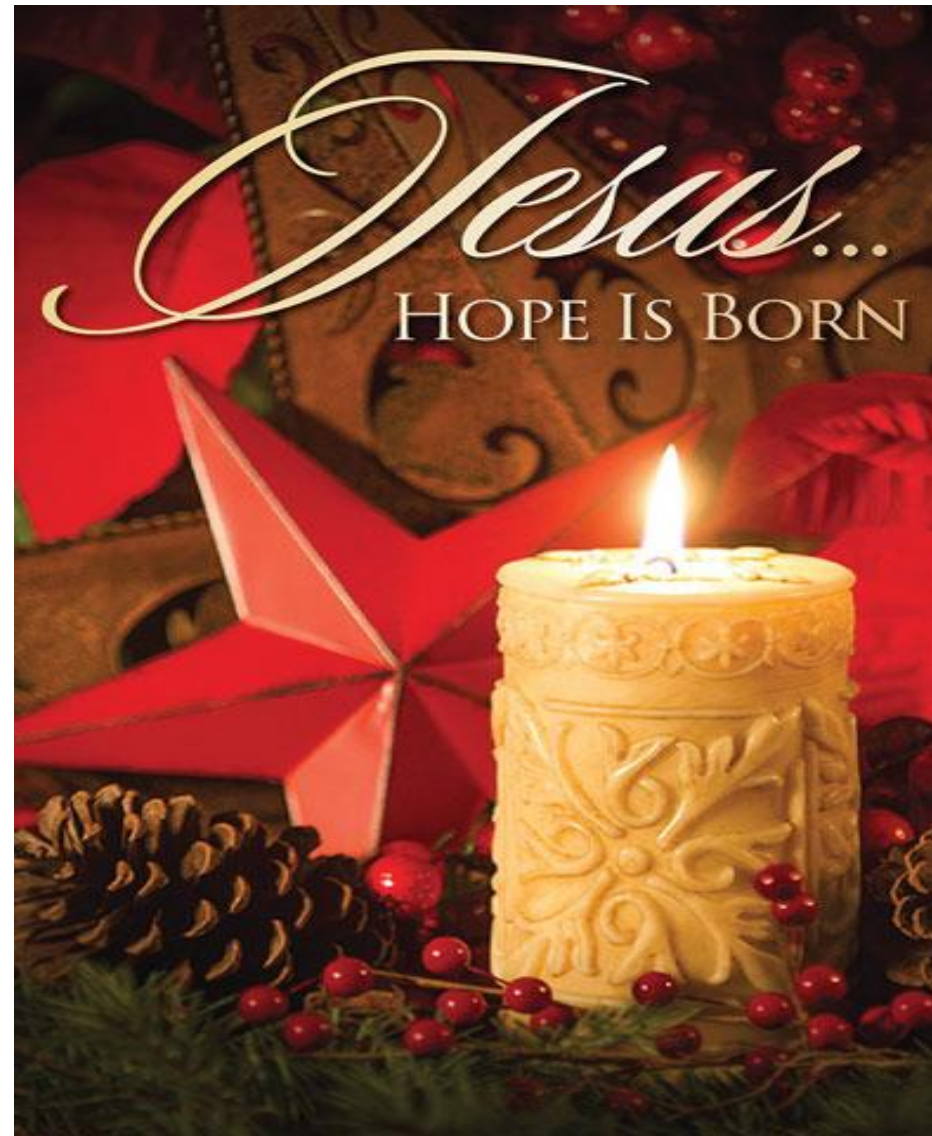
Debbie Wagoner
Rodney Summers
Dee Cheek
Holly Smith
Carolyn McGlothlin Scarbro
Beverly Patton

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.



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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	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	18	19 9:00 -PACK BAGS For school kids	20	21
22 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service And Communion	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00 Worship	30 Give God Thanks today for all the people in your life.	31				