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WATCHING, WAITING, AND PATIENCE

By Pastor Jonathan Lamb

SUGGESTED READING: MARK 13:32-37

Jesus said, "What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" Mark 13:37 NIV

Advent has finally arrived! This is a season of waiting. I realize that I'm not the best at waiting. I have certainly learned to wait properly in line for my turn. However, I also found I'm impatient with other spheres of my life. I recently discovered I do not enjoy learning new skills on my computer such as setting up new websites. I discovered that I'm not a computer programmer nor do I desire to be. But I have allowed a task to take my joy away and distract me from sharing the Joy of Christ. Do you have things that distract you from serving the Lord today?

I invite you to join me in making the most of Advent by setting aside time to spend with the Lord. This December, you can pick up an *Upper Room Devotional* and/or *Society of St. Andrew's Devotional*. This December we will be spending time with the Prophet Isaiah and preparing for the annual reminder of the first coming of Christ, while we wait in Advent for the second coming of Jesus.

Jesus told his first disciples and us that we were to watch and wait for Him. We are to be ready for his return. While we wait, we are to love the Lord and to love our neighbor. We diligently wait for the work of God to be revealed today.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

We thank you for your patient love for us and care for us. Help us to grow in patience and love today. We pray this in your holy name, One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

RUMC HARVEST PARTY + CHILI COOK-OFF 2023

On Sunday, October 29, 2023, Middleburg UMC and Rectortown UMC got together for a combined worship service. Pastor Jonathan preached on Jesus' teaching on the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40). We then had our second annual Harvest Party/Chili Cookoff. About 60 attendees chose from 13 chilis, plus cornbread and other fixings, and delicious desserts. Congratulations to Jim Harrington (RUMC) who won the chili medal (created by the Symanskis) and to Julie Antler (MUMC) who won the apron.

Jimmy and Vicki Willis shared their tractor and trailer for two full-capacity hayrides, Sarah from Middleburg helped run the kids activities, and everyone had a great time. *A big thank you to the church families from Rectortown UMC and Middleburg UMC who helped make our Harvest Party a great success!*





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Brady - Dec 1

Rick Willis - Dec 4

Ricky Rector - Dec 6

Jason Hall - Dec 8

David Weedling - Dec 12

Buddy Wegdam - Dec 12

Colum Bergeron - Dec 17

Dennis Ponn - Dec 18

Jeff Symanski - Dec 21

Marc Roberson - Dec 22

Tommy Ann Kirkpatrick - Dec 25

Patt Weedling - Dec 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Colum & Emma Bergeron - Dec 12

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Dec 7, 7pm

- Admin Council Meeting*

**Note: All RUMC committees except Trustees and SPPRC will now meet during Admin Council*

Dec 13, 6pm

- Trustees Meeting

Dec 19, 10am

- Fig Leaf Meeting

EVENTS

Dec 24, 9:50am

- Christmas Eve Worship

Dec 24, 6pm

- Christmas Eve Worship

Dec 25-28

- Pastor Vacation

Dec 25

Office closed for Christmas

Christian Accents

By The Rev. Charles H. Walton, Pastor
Leesburg United Methodist Church

I Know Something Good About You
Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say—
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praise the good we see:
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me;
I know something good about you!
(Author unknown)

Thanks to Shirley Embrey for sharing this.



NOON TIME PRAYER

Please Join Us

**Thursdays at Noon at
Middleburg UMC's Sanctuary**



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT
SERVING GOD THROUGH **PRAYER, ACTION,**
AND **LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.**



Scripture Reading

December 2023

Day	Date	Scripture
335	Fri. Dec. 1	1 Corinthians 10-11; Psalm 121; John 5
336	Sat. Dec. 2	1 Corinthians 12-13; Psalm 122; John 6
337	Sun. Dec. 3	1 Corinthians 14-15; Psalm 123; John 7
338	Mon. Dec. 4	1 Corinthians 16; 2 Corinthians 1; Psalm 124; John 8
339	Tues. Dec. 5	2 Corinthians 2-3; Psalm 125; John 9
340	Wed. Dec. 6	2 Corinthians 4-5; Psalm 126; John 10
341	Thurs. Dec. 7	2 Corinthians 6-7; Psalm 127; John 11
342	Fri. Dec. 8	2 Corinthians 8-9; Psalm 128; John 12
343	Sat. Dec. 9	2 Corinthians 10-11; Psalm 129; John 13
344	Sun. Dec. 10	2 Corinthians 12-13; Psalm 130; John 14
345	Mon. Dec. 11	Galatians 1-2; Psalm 131; John 15
346	Tues. Dec. 12	Galatians 3-4; Psalm 132; John 16
347	Wed. Dec. 13	Galatians 5-6; Psalm 133; John 17
348	Thurs. Dec. 14	Ephesians 1-2; Psalm 134; John 18
349	Fri. Dec. 15	Ephesians 3-4; Psalm 135; John 19
350	Sat. Dec. 16	Ephesians 5-6; Psalm 136; John 20
351	Sun. Dec. 17	Philippians 1-2; Psalm 137; John 21
352	Mon. Dec. 18	Philippians 3-4; Psalm 138; Mark 1
353	Tues. Dec. 19	Colossians 1-2; Psalm 139; Mark 2
354	Wed. Dec. 20	Colossians 3-4; Psalm 140; Mark 3
355	Thurs. Dec. 21	1 Thessalonians 1-2; Psalm 141; Mark 4
356	Fri. Dec. 22	1 Thessalonians 3-4; Psalm 142; Mark 5
357	Sat. Dec. 23	1 Thessalonians 5; 2 Thessalonians 1; Psalm 143; Mark 6
358	Sun. Dec. 24	2 Thessalonians 2-3; Psalm 144; Mark 7
359	Mon. Dec. 25	Hebrews 1-2; Psalm 145; Mark 8
360	Tues. Dec. 26	Hebrew 3-4; Psalm 146; Mark 9
361	Wed. Dec. 27	Hebrews 5-6; Psalm 147; Mark 10
362	Thurs. Dec. 28	Hebrews 7-8; Psalm 148; Mark 11
363	Fri. Dec. 29	Hebrews 9-10; Psalm 149; Mark 12
364	Sat. Dec. 30	Hebrews 11-12; Psalm 150; Mark 13
365	Sun. Dec. 31	Hebrews 13; Mark 14-16; Luke 2:29-32