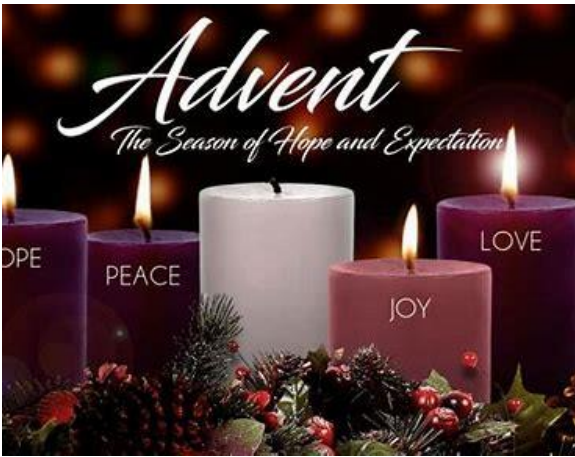


December 2022

## *THE GOOD WORD*

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From looking at the shopping centers, you might think that the Christmas season has been around for at least a month already. For the church, however, Christmas as a season doesn't even start until Christmas day, and then it only lasts for 12 days. It seems like a lot of work to decorate and prepare for only 12 days at the end of December. But that's what Advent is about; Advent is a season of preparation. It's a time to get ready to experience Christ afresh.

But a season of preparation is hard to explain to people. It sounds like work to some, and then you must explain what you are preparing for. You could explain we are getting ready for Christmas as a festive season or clarify the meaning of the birth of Jesus, but that would soon start to feel like becoming an evangelist (nothing wrong with that).

I like the words of the prophet Jeremiah when I think of the advent season.

**The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jeremiah 33:14 NRSVU)**

We are preparing for God's promise to be fulfilled. We are preparing to meet the person who will fulfill those promises. Remember that as you prepare yourself and your loved ones for Christmas. Remember the promises that are in Jesus.

So, till then, I will wish you a happy advent. Or better yet, may your Advent be filled with joyful anticipation. (It may not roll off the tongue, but we can work on that).

Pastor Josh



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**USHERS/GREETERS**

December - Scott & Ritta Jones  
 January - Sam & Anna Grimes

**READER**

December - Anna Grimes  
 January - Steve Iden

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Bethany Shankle         | 12 Debra Taylor    |
| 3 Jeff Taylor             | 16 Sandi Mennerick |
| 4 Sandy Mancha-<br>Wright | 19 Maria Novick    |
| 11 Christina Leyh         | 30 Teresa Leyh     |
|                           | 31 Sharon Iden     |

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

29 Billy and Susan Shankle

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.



**Saturday, December 3rd**

9:00 AM -  
 Going to Buttersburg Inn in  
 Union Bridge, MD

Contact John Eaton  
 with questions



**JANUARY**

**Newsletter  
 Deadline is**

**December 26**



**DECEMBER**

**Collecting:**

- Peanut butter & jelly**
- Canned fruit**
- Pancake mix & syrup**

The Net will take any non-perishable items



## **Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this December**

**December 4, 2022**

**Communion Sunday**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Title: A Day to Declare

**December 11, 2022**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon Title: Joy in the Lord

**December 18, 2022**

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Title: Can I Give You A Sign?

**December 24, 2022, 5:00 & 7:00PM**

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Sermon Title: Go Tell It

**December 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day**

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-5

John 1:1-14

Sermon Title: Beginning of the Good News

*Lifting Our Hearts In...  
Prayer*

- Bea Wright in hospital
- Ann Lawson - having MRI for health issues
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Becky-many health issues, pray she can have surgery soon
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney, cancer
- Damage from hurricane Ian
- John's daughter-in-law, Patti cyst on brain
- Linda Cole-remission, needs prayers for healing
- Pray for homeless
- Karen Franklin-needs prayer for continued healing
- Prayers for those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Sandy Wright's friend, Janette had 2nd procedure-recovery going well
- Sue's cousin, Tom -healing from motorcycle accident, needs prayers for memory issues
- Flooding around the country
- Sue's cousin, Steve, given 1 year to live-pray for more time
- Rita Kolb-out of assisted living, preparing to move down south to be with niece
- Gail's friend, Rita-continued prayers from kidney transplant
- Continue healing prayers for Lisa-only 41-had single bypass
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim has cancer
- Eileen's father, Tom and Eileen's mom-health issues
- Sharon Franklin's niece, Jacque Eyler has multiple health issues
- Ryan DiMaggio-motorcycle accident, needs continued prayers
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Raymond, slow recovery from leg bypass, heart issues now
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-scan showed growth of cancer-will try different chemo treatment
- Lisa's friend/co-worker, Valinda-cancer
- Our member in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown
- Sam's sister, Roberta—memory issues in assisted living
- Health care workers
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Our World
- Our Leaders



*Praise*

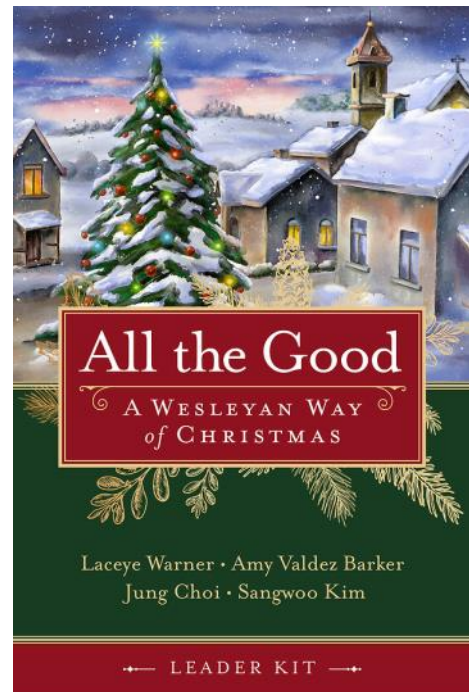
- Preparing for Advent & Christmas
- Great bazaar

**Prayers for Service Persons**

Sean Grimes  
(U S Navy-Tampa)  
Thank you for your service Sean!!



**Avent Study**



It's not too late to join the study. We will meet each Sunday at 7:00PM on Zoom.

Let Pastor Josh or the office know if you want to join this study.

**We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.**





## **Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines**

Our December lessons are from Luke's Gospel; they highlight faithful people of God who longed to experience God's salvation. These people longed not merely for spiritual salvation but for God's reign on earth. They desired a world where God would bring mercy and justice to his people.

Luke's Gospel describes the ways that God's people came boldly to him in prayer. The expectant hope that "all people will see God's salvation" (Luke 3:6) was the foundation for their eagerness to pray. Through their prayers, the people were prepared to hear God's peculiar and unique call.

We meet at 9 am each Sunday morning in the church social hall. We invite you to join us.

## **Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick and Jeff Taylor**

### **Sunday School News from Jeff Taylor:**

The lessons in our Sunday school Deuteronomy study are now available on the web.

Come join us in person at **8:50 am every Sunday** in the Education Building (house next to church).

The YouTube videos of each lesson can be found on the playlist link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyHOBihQWOD6-EruZ\\_PDHL9\\_F87fQml2i](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyHOBihQWOD6-EruZ_PDHL9_F87fQml2i)

The PDF course materials for each lesson are on the Taylorsville web page at: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/ss-holding-page>

Both materials will be posted to the links above the week after each lesson.

## Operation Christmas Child



18 shoeboxes were taken to the drop off point. Thank you to all that participated in this outreach.

## **Mission Giving Tree**

The mission committee is again having a tree in the back of the sanctuary. All donations received will go to help serve mission needs near and far. We thank you for your donations.



The **Wreaths Across America** ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 12:00 noon to honor veterans who are at Taylorsville Cemetery. We are the **37th** Cemetery in the area to join this program. A live wreath will be placed on every veteran's grave. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. You will not be sorry you attended this moving ceremony. Contact Cindy Harris if you have any questions.



### **A Few Reminders:**

- ♦ Kaitlyn Flagler is collecting plastic bags for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The bin is in the entry way of the church.
- ♦ **Printer cartridges** - there is a box in the office to put cartridges in. We make \$\$ from these.
- ♦ **Amazonsmile** - designate TUMC on your account and we receive cash back on what you spend.

## 2022 Christmas Bazaar

A big thank you for everyone who participated in our Christmas Bazaar. A lot of time and hard work was necessary to make this fundraiser a great success. We took in the following for the listed areas.

|                |    |                    |
|----------------|----|--------------------|
| Kitchen        | \$ | 4,857.00           |
| Crafts         |    | 2,785.21           |
| Bake Table     |    | 970.56             |
| Regifting      |    | 1,912.18           |
| Fleas          |    | 177.62             |
| Tips           |    | 18.21              |
| Basket of Hope |    | 42.00              |
| Donations      |    | 1,050.00           |
| Total          |    | <b>\$11,812.78</b> |

Council voted to send a donation of \$400 to Mt. Airy Net and \$300 each to Shepherd's Staff and Westminster Rescue Mission from the proceeds we made that day.

Thank you again,  
Sue Leppert



### Westminster Rescue Mission

The WRM Ladies Auxiliary is currently having a cookbook fundraiser during the month of December. Cookbooks will be sold at \$15 each with all proceeds going directly to the programs at the mission to provide clinical, physical, and spiritual resources to heal the addicted and feed the hungry. This cookbook is in a very colorful binder and consists of approximately 200 pages. A sample cookbook will be displayed in the back of the church. Contact Sue Leppert at [slepp@comcast.net](mailto:slepp@comcast.net) if you are interested. Checks should be made payable to WRM.





2022

Office Hours  
M, W, TH  
9:00AM-2:30PM

TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Mt. Airy Net Collecting:  
peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit

| Sun                                                                                                                                          | Mon                 | Tue                       | Wed                | Thu               | Fri | Sat                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                              |                     |                           |                    | 1                 | 2   | 3                                                                          |
| <b>4 COMMUNION</b><br>Mission Giving Sunday<br>9:00AM Sunday School<br>10:00AM Worship-<br>Facebook live/website<br>7:00PM Zoom Advent Study | 5                   | 6                         | 7 6:30PM<br>Choir  | 8 6:00PM UWIF<br> | 9   | 10                                                                         |
| 11 9:00AM Sunday School<br>10:00AM Worship-<br>Facebook live/website<br>7:00PM Zoom Advent Study                                             | 12                  | 13                        | 14 6:30PM<br>Choir | 15                | 16  | 17 Noon<br>Wreaths<br>Across<br>America                                    |
| 18 9:00AM Sunday School<br>10:00AM Worship-<br>Facebook live/website<br>7:00PM Zoom Advent Study                                             | 19                  | 20                        | 21 6:30PM<br>Choir | 22                | 23  | 24 5:00PM Family<br>Christmas Service<br>7:00PM Adult<br>Christmas Service |
| 25 Merry Christmas<br>10:00AM Worship-<br>Facebook live/website<br>                                                                          | 26 Office<br>Closed | 27 Newsletter<br>Deadline | 28 6:30PM<br>Choir | 29                | 30  | 31                                                                         |

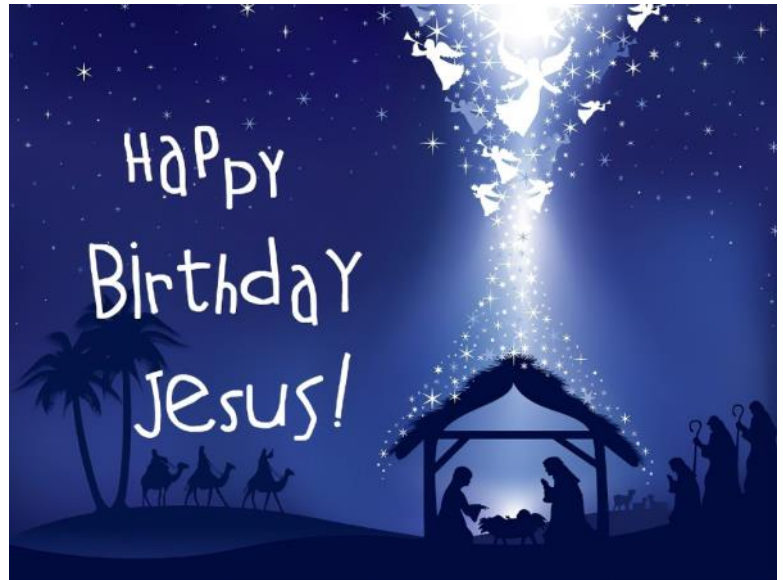


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**Our Mission of Purpose**

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

**We're on the Web!**  
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