



## *THE GOOD WORD*

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*December 2019*

The days are getting shorter now. As we count down the days until Christmas, we experience more and more darkness each day until December 21, the “longest night”. It’s the time of year when the more primitive parts of our brains are telling us to store fat for the winter and to get extra rest. I often joke that I feel like it’s time to hibernate. And our cultural heritages certainly don’t help. How many of us have passed down low-calorie Christmas cookie recipes and other healthy eating habits around the holidays? It’s just not part of our tradition. And that’s ok. Go ahead and enjoy a cookie or two, as long as your healthcare professional says it’s ok.

We have other traditions we have passed down over the decades and centuries as well, some traditions being older than others. In cultures all over the northern hemisphere the month of December is a time for lighting candles or, in more modern times, small electric lights that sometimes look like candles, to shine light into the darkness. Our Jewish brothers and sisters light the candles of the menorah to remind them of the eight nights the oil lasted as they celebrate Hanukkah. Our friends from African descent light candles as they celebrate Kwanza. Two lesser known holidays Yalda and Yule, celebrated by Zoroastrians and people of Scandinavian descent (and also by those who are Wiccan or Pagan) are celebrated around the winter solstice and involve not just simple candles, but entire fires and bonfires.

But for us, we have light in three significant ways. First, we light candles on the advent wreath – this helps us count down the weeks until Christmas. Next, we have the “light of the world”, Jesus himself, who comes on Christmas to shine into all of our lives. Finally, we have the “Star of wonder”, the star which guided the wise men to find Jesus and his earthly family so long ago.

So don’t let the darkness get you down (and if it does, come to the Blue Christmas on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>). Light some extra candles and let the “babe in the manger”, as St. Francis of Assisi called the Christ child, in. Take a break from the hustle of preparing for the holiday season and just gaze into the glow of a candle or the twinkle of the lights on a Christmas tree. Use that time to reflect on the light that came to dwell among us so long ago and give God praise for the most precious gift of all time. Then join us on Christmas Eve for one more tradition that involves candles, as we all sing Silent Night together while holding our candles and celebrating that amazing gift. I hope to see you and your family then.

Rev. Julie



### January Newsletter

Deadline is:

**December 16th**

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

—11am

#### USHERS/GREETERS

December - Ray and Candy  
McConchie

January - Let Jean know if you  
would like to usher

#### READERS

December - Jean Knill

We will be collecting  
**Canned Vegetables** (carrots,  
potatoes, mixed veggies,  
peas) in **December**

for



(The Net will take any items you are willing to donate.)

Please leave items in the basket in  
the back of the Sanctuary.



**Saturday,**

**December 7**

Join the Men for Breakfast  
Leaving the church at 8:30am  
Going to Buttersburg Inn in  
Union Bridge, MD

*"For unto you is born ...a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord."*

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

*Luke 2:11*



**You can give to Taylorsville electronically.....**

No need to bring a checkbook every week. If you would like to give your tithe or gifts through on-line banking, please set-up your automatic payment through your bank to:

**4356 Ridge Road**

**Mount Airy, MD 21771**

If you need more information, please contact the church office. **The church no longer has a Post Office Box.**



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lindsay Young	16 Sandi Mennerick
2 Bethany Shankle	19 Maria Novick
3 Jeff Taylor	30 Teresa Leyh
4 Sandy Mancha-Wright	31 Grant Laney
11 Christina Leyh	31 Sharon Iden
12 Debra Taylor	

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

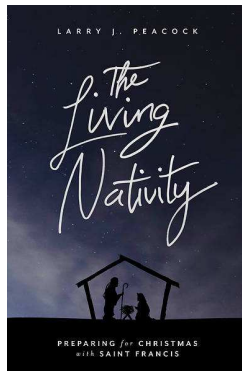
29 Billy and Susan Shankle

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

## Advent Sermon Series – The Living Nativity

- Dec. 1:** Francis & The Living Nativity  
**Dec. 8:** From the Second Manger to Now  
**Dec. 15:** The Living Nativity in Global and Personal Contexts  
**Dec. 22:** Heightened Anticipation  
**Dec. 29:** United Service-Lessons and Carols  
**Jan. 5:** Challenges and Resolutions

Hope to see you in church.



## Prayer Page

*Please Remember in Prayer:*

### *Lifting Our Hearts In...*

#### *Praise*

- Cindy's vertigo is gone!
- Great grandson, Beau Robert, for Sharon
- Richard is home & recovering
- Sue & Richard thankful for prayers
- Bill Knill-no cancer-prayer works!
- Cindy's sister-first grandchild born

#### *Prayer*

- Taylors' grandson, Broadus-pneumonia
- Family of Judy Duvall
- Esther Wegley-cataract surgery
- Ann's surgery-continued prayers for healing
- Family of Gladys Molesworth
- Family of Betty Conrad
- Bennett-did well-continued prayer for heart valve to grow
- Phillip Cornwell-injuries-car accident
- Tim Pitta-infection
- George Ann Blough-for cancer remission
- Bill & Jean's daughter-hip replacement
- Rhonda Berg-son, George medical issues
- Christine-pancreatic cancer
- Lisa Twilley-brain cancer
- J.D. Iden & Rev. Bud Kibbe at Lorien
- Pray for our church
- Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamon
- Healing: Cindy Watts, Joe Gregor, Linda Lochstampfor's sister, Marlene improving
- Wanda Haddaway
- Bob & Phyllis Herbig
- John Hortie
- The Landerholm Family (missionaries in Unalaska)

### *Prayers for Service Persons*

Sean Grimes  
 (United States Navy-Bahrain)



# Blue Christmas

A time for those who are struggling and not so merry during this time of year.

Saturday, December 21st, 2 - 3 pm



# Christmas Services

Family Service with glowsticks and candles  
Tuesday, December 24th, 5-6 pm  
Traditional worship with carols and candles  
Tuesday, December 24th, 7 - 8 pm

**United Worship Service**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**  
**10:00AM**

**No Potluck following the Service**

*There will only be one worship service this day.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Praise Service 9:50-10:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	<b>2</b> 11:00 AM Meadows Bible Study  1:00 PM Advent Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM SPRC	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Advent Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast-Buttersburg Inn
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Praise Service 9:50-10:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	<b>9</b> 11:00 AM Meadows Bible Study  1:00 PM Advent Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM  UMW Christmas Party	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Praise Service 9:50-10:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	<b>16</b> 11:00 AM Meadows Bible Study  1:00 PM Advent Study  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00-2:00 PM  J.O.Y. Potluck/ Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM  Advent Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00-3:00 PM  BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Praise Service 9:50-10:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	<b>23</b> 11:00 AM Meadows Bible Study	<b>24</b> 5-6 PM Family Service 7-8 PM Traditional Service	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS  Office Closed	<b>26</b>  Church  Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 AM UNITED SERVICE  NO POTLUCK	<b>30</b> 11:00 AM Meadows Bible Study  1:00 PM Advent Study	<b>31</b>				Office Hours M, W, T 9:00 AM—2:30 PM

## Class at 9:50am—Social Hall

Adult Sunday  
School



Honor means fame earned, recognition based on merit. More than any human being, God has earned his fame. The winter quarter is designed to explore how the Bible teaches us to express honor to God.

People often honor God with their lips without their hearts being in it. Four lessons from 1 Chronicles 15-17 reveal that David's praise of God was not superficial or self-serving, but truly came from his heart. King Saul was not an honorable man and placed his own ambition before honoring God. One way this was shown was in how he all but ignored the ark of the covenant. In contrast, David made arrangements for moving the ark to Jerusalem and even expressed a desire to build it a permanent home.

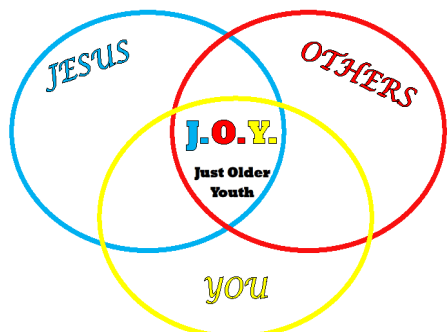
In a song that rivals David's own for beauty, Mary celebrated being given the honor of becoming the Messiah's mother. True honor will always be an expression of inner character.

Join us as we study these lessons illustrating how David and Mary honored God.

For the month of December, the Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study will be taking part in Rev. Julie's Advent Bible study either on Monday at 1:00 PM or Thursday at 7:00 PM.

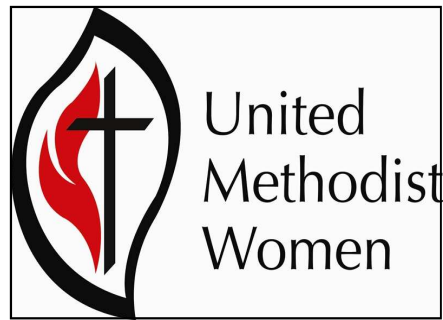
We will resume the Thursday morning study on January 9, 2020 with a new study to be announced.

Any questions? Give Jean a call at 301-829-1367.



The December J.O.Y. luncheon/meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 18th at 12:00 Noon**. Come ring in the season with Christmas carols and activities. All are invited to come participate in this ministry.

**...for the joy of the  
Lord is your strength.  
Nehemiah 8:10**



All ladies of the church are invited to the **Annual Christmas Party** to be held on Thursday, **December 12th at 7:00 PM.** We'll get into the spirit of Christmas with Food, Fellowship, Singing, and Christmas thoughts.

RSVP to Dee, Maria, Candy or Jean



Thank you everyone for your prayers and thoughts for Richard Bradley during his recent emergency surgery. Also a thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make our **2019 Christmas Bazaar** a success. It was many hands that made it possible. Thank you Sandi Mennerick for taking over the Santa's Re-gifting Center in my unscheduled absence and all the workers over the summer and fall to complete the yard sale and bazaar. We were overwhelmed with your generous donations.

Merry Christmas!  
Sue Leppert

Bazaar totals including all donations received:

Bake Table	\$ 876.25
Crafts	2,488.75
Fleas	239.50
Kitchen	5,662.50
Santa's Re-gifting	1,772.39
Tip Jar	39.71
Total	\$11,079.10



Pictures from the Bazaar on page 9.



# Advent Wreath Making 2019



Fun was had by all



# 2019 BAZAAR



# Kudos Corner



We filled 35 shoeboxes Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Thank you to all who helped make a child smile thru the love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who donated items and helped with the college packages. As you see on the right a lot of **love** went into each one!!




## Community Happenings...



Grief Share-Surviving the Holidays on Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM at New Beginning Church, 12350 Jesse Smith Road, Mt. Airy, MD. Join us for this two hour seminar to help with the grief felt by so many during the holiday season. This powerful two hour seminar will help with coping strategies and an understanding of how to grieve well through the holiday season.

**Strawbridge Shrine Advent Worship Service—Sunday, December 8, 4:30 PM, Log Meeting House on campus of Strawbridge Shrine, New Windsor. Rev. YuJung Hwang will preach at this candlelight service. Visit [www.strawbridgeshrine.org](http://www.strawbridgeshrine.org) for more information.**





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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.

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