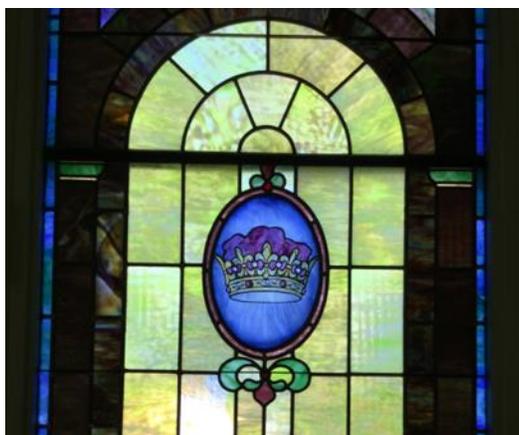


December 2020

THE GOOD WORD

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The Story of Christian Symbols told by Taylorsville UMC Stained Glass Windows Window Two – Crown Symbol



Originally given by Henry D. and Clementine Franklin

This month is the beginning of the Christian year and the season of the anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah, as well as the birth of Jesus. So, what is a more appropriate window to highlight than one with a crown, as we celebrate the coming of the King of Kings. We actually have two stained glass windows in the church with the image of a crown. The one to the left is in the sanctuary and the one below is in the stairway coming up to the church office.

Throughout history, crowns have been the primary image for authority and honor. In the Bible, it is clear that God is the one who crowns kings. The Christian crown symbol represents royal authority, and is often used to represent Christ. The image of the crown of thorns is often used symbolically to contrast with earthly monarchical crowns.

I found some Biblical references that reinforce the importance of the crown symbol: All earthly authority comes from him (Rom 13:1-2). In David's psalm describing the king, we read that God "welcomed him with the blessings of good things and set a crown of fine gold on his head" (Ps 21:3).

The king's crown was a symbol of his representative rule of the kingdom that was ultimately ruled by God. God is the only true authority, the everlasting King. One day we will see Christ with many crowns on his head, an image of his ultimate authority (Rev 19:12). We learn that God removes the crown if a king fails to uphold the covenant (Ps 89:39; Prov 27:24). The gift of the Christ child, who is our Holy King, was honored beautifully by those who came before us in the selection of the crowns for these windows.



With wishes for a very Merry Christmas – Pastor Patty

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lindsay Young	16 Sandi Mennerick
2 Bethany Shankle	19 Maria Novick
3 Jeff Taylor	23 Richard Bradley
4 Sandy Mancha-Wright	30 Teresa Leyh
11 Christina Leyh	31 Grant Laney
12 Debra Taylor	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.



December Newsletter
Deadline is: **December 16**

Inclement weather policy:

Church: In case of extremely bad winter weather, a decision of canceling church will be made by the trustees, the Lay Leader and the Pastor. The website and Facebook page will have that decision posted no later than 8:00 am and the announcement will be placed on the WTRR radio station (1470 AM).

Church Office: If Carroll County Schools are closed due to bad weather, the church office



Sermon Series for Advent and Christmas

It is Advent and Christmas Season and what wonderful readings we have for December; we will blend the old and new testament scriptures to paint a full picture of the coming and arrival of our Messiah. The sermon series for Advent and Christmas starting on November 29th is called "Company is Coming" and the series continues through January 3rd.

November 29th - First Sunday of Advent – This Place is a Mess – Isaiah: 64:1-9

December 6th - Second Sunday of Advent – Clean-Up Crew – Mark 1: 1-8

December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent – Deck the Halls – Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Waiting on the Threshold – Luke 1: 26-38

December 24th – Christmas Eve – Welcoming the Guest – Luke 2: 1-20

December 27th – First Sunday after Christmas – Enjoying the Company – Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

January 3rd – Second Sunday After Christmas- Living the Celebration – Ephesians 1: 3-14

Next Church Council meeting is December 7th. Details will be emailed out.

Prayer List

Lifting Our Hearts In...

Praise

- John & Brenda Eaton-great-grandson, Carter Ryan born
- Advent begins - HOPE candle is lit
- Dee's grandson Holt, biopsy benign
- Vivian's grandson got married
- 9 & 11 AM worship services going well
- Time spent with family and friends
- Richard's brother & sister-in-law better after COVID



Prayer

- Alex-surgery for broken neck, possible tumor surgery
- Melinda Bennett's father, George, gall bladder surgery
- Sharon Franklin's great-grandson, Case home from Johns Hopkins
- Sue Leppert-hip replacement on Dec. 2
- Glenda Beard-knee replacement Dec. 23
- COVID cases spiking
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-lung cancer
- Lynda Arnold has health issues
- Lisa Martin's co-worker, Debbie Phelps-cancer has spread
- Sharon's son, Michael-healing from back surgery
- Melinda's nephew, DJ, in rehab, gaining strength
- Gail, Sandy Wright's sister with rheumatoid arthritis
- Bob Wilson, prayers for Sharon & family
- Sandi Mennerick's friend, Michelle C-cancer
- Healthcare workers
- Loved ones who are sick, having surgery, or about to give birth. Family members are not allowed in the hospitals now, which adds to anxiety & a sense of loss to all these situations.
- For those with small businesses and others who are financially at risk during this pandemic
- All those with COVID-19
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our church
- Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamond
- Healing: Cindy Watts, Bob & Phyllis Herbig, John Hortie

Prayer-continued

- The Landerholm Family (missionaries in Unalaska)
- For those in assisted living facilities, those with loved ones in assisted living who are unable to visit to love and care for these folks during this time. Employees who have extra responsibilities when they are extra vulnerable. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe and Brenda Eaton.

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Bahrain)

Thank you for your service Sean!!

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 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.

The Greatest Gift

To: Mankind
 From: GOD

For God
 so Loved
 the World
 that He
 Gave His
 One and
 Only Son ...



-- John 3:16



Taylorsville United Methodist Church

Planning for Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24, 2020

One of the most beautiful services a Christian can experience is Christmas Eve. For many churches it is one of the largest services they will hold all year. However, due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions only so many folks will be allowed in the church this year. For that reason, Taylorsville UMC is putting out the schedule of services now. We ask that you make a reservation for which service you would like to attend and how many you believe will attend with you.

Location: Taylorsville UMC, 4356 Ridge Road, Mt. Airy MD 21771

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Phone:** 410-875-4101

Email: taylorsvilleumc@comcast.net

Please contact us by phone or email to make your Christmas Eve reservation.

For regular attendees there will also be a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.

We will need your name, number of people attending and the service you plan to attend. We will confirm your reservation over the phone if you call or by email if that is how you contact us. Also, we will use your phone number or email to contact you in case of cancellation, which will also be posted on our website taylorsvilleumc.org.

5:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Family Service

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Adult Service

8:30 to 9:00 p.m. – Outdoor Service; Weather permitting, the final service of the night will be held outside around a fire pit. There will be no limit to how many can attend, but we would still appreciate your letting us know, because if we get no one who wishes to brave the weather, this service will not happen. I think it will be neat – just saying. We warn you – dress warmly and bring a camp chair if you want to sit.

We hope to welcome as many of you as possible for these special services that represent the true significance of Christmas.

Merry Christmas – Pastor Patty





2020/2021 Taylorsville UMC Outreach/Fellowship Calendar

For several months now we have cancelled many events. Unfortunately, that may continue for a while, but I still felt it was important to continue to plan with the **Congregation Care Team**. Below are the events we have tentatively scheduled for the rest of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. We have made a commitment to cancel within 30 days if it is still impossible to meet in large groups. Keep your fingers crossed that fellowship events can start again – Pastor Patty

Date	Event	Time/Location
December 24, 2020	Christmas Eve Services	5, 7, 8:30 pm – Sign-up required. First two services to be held in sanctuary and late service will be in parking lot.
January 31, 2021	5 th Sunday Potluck	Church Social Hall
February 7, 2021	UMW Soup Sale	Details forthcoming
February 16, 2021	Mission Team – Pancake Supper	5 – 7:00 pm - Church Social Hall
February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m. service in sanctuary
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday Potluck	After 11:00 am service – Church Social Hall



Collecting Toiletries for Mt. Airy Net for
December
Toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner,
soap and deodorant

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

Still time to Join the Advent Study!!

2020 Advent Study INCARNATION by Adam Hamilton

Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas.

There will be two classes:

Monday - November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 at 1:30 p.m.

The Monday class will be a ZOOM meeting and will be led by Kathy Cinnamond

Thursday December 3, 10 and 17th at 7:00 p.m. The final class for Thursday will be Monday 21st at 7:00 p.m. because the final Thursday is Christmas Eve. The Thursday class will be face-to-face and held in the social hall of the church, including the final class on Monday 21st. It will be led by Pastor Patty.

Feel free to alternate classes if your schedule changes. There will be a fee of \$10.00 for a participant book. Please contact the church by calling 410-875-4101 or email taylorsvilleumc@comcast.net if you wish to participate and designate the class you will attend.



Christmas Bazaar 2021

It's December 2020. It's the perfect time to go through your Christmas decorations as you are trimming your tree or taking it down. Put those unwanted Christmas items in a box and save it for our next bazaar. Do you have gifts you received last year that are collecting dust under your bed or perhaps they are taking up valuable space in your closets? No problem! Did your Christmas sweater not fit this year? That's okSanta's Regifting Shop can recycle it. We can store your items in the bazaar room in the Educational Building!! Just give me a call after the holidays!!

Merry Christmas!
Sue Leppert
410-596-7537



During the month of December the Mission Team will have a small tree in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a donation to our projects, take an envelope and give cash or check made out to TUMC with Mission Team marked in the memo line and put in the offering plate. This helps us contribute to our monthly mission projects. Thank you for any consideration and we wish you a wonderful Christmas season.



Join a Bible Study...

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study ~ 9:00 a.m.

We have been studying the Christmas story as represented in the four Gospels: Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Mark's story shares the Gospel - "the Good News" - as beginning at the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Matthew sets the beginning of the gospel with the Jewish family of the Israelites.



We will continue our study on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

December 3rd with the story of Christmas by Luke

December 10th the story of John's presentation of Christmas.

December 17th we will learn of the Spiritual "grandparents" of the writers of the four gospels.

A new study - to be decided - will begin on January 7 same time, same place. Anyone is welcome to drop in any time with a mask.

Questions? Give Jean a call 301-829-1367.

Adult Sunday School Class One in Education Building ~ 10:00 a.m.

We are continuing our study of the Book of Revelation.

All are welcome to join us.

Contact Jeff Taylor with questions.

READING
REVELATION
IN CONTEXT

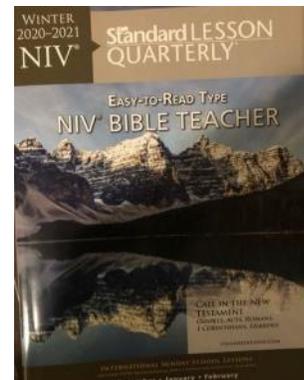
JOHN'S APOCALYPSE AND SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM

Adult Sunday School Class Two in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 10:00 a.m.

The lessons for the winter quarter focus on God's calling individuals to specific ministries according to His plan. We begin in December by examining the ancestry of Jesus, which leads us to consider God's calls in the Old Testament era. Eighteen hundred years before Jesus' birth, Abraham was called by the Lord and told that all the peoples of the earth would be blessed through him; this prophecy was fulfilled in his descendent Jesus. Nine hundred years before Jesus, David was called to be king and promised that his throne would be eternal. This prophecy also was fulfilled in Jesus. The calling of Jesus to save us from sin has the background of these ancestors and the effect of fulfilling their calls.

A very different calling of God came to the Magi of Matthew chapter 2 as God called them through a sign regarding a coming king. Their calling eventually led them to Bethlehem, where they lavished gifts on the young child and worshiped Him. The story illustrates God's call on non-Jews to recognize Jesus as King – a call the magi obediently answered.

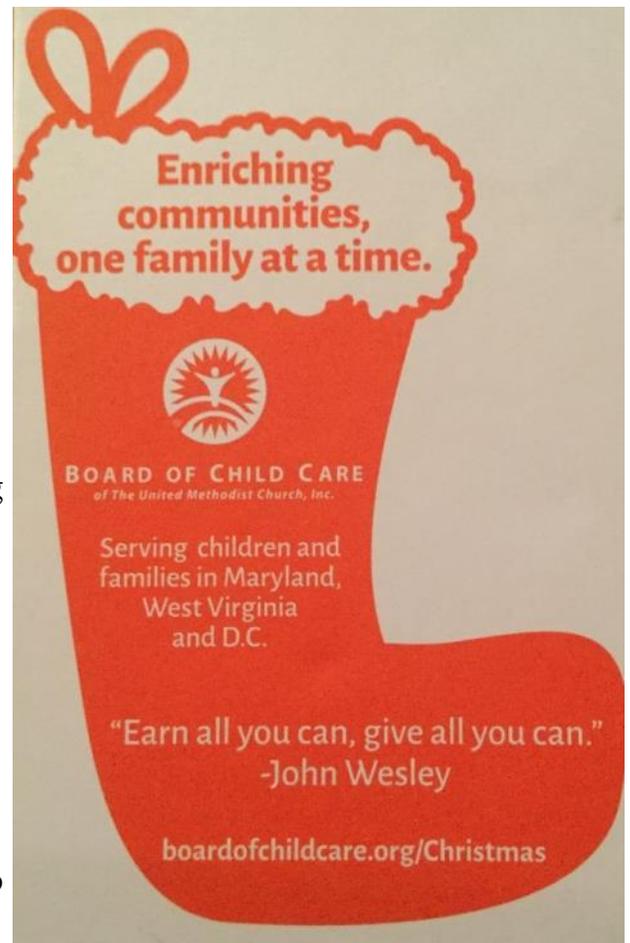
One noticeable feature of the calls in this quarter's lessons should be kept in mind for application today: the calls were for people to join God's plan; the calls were not for God to join theirs. We invite you to join us in the social hall each Sunday at 10 as we gather to study.





The Children's Sunday School Class will be helping the Board of Child Care this advent season by filling stockings with quarters. The Board of Child Care is a United Methodist organization that helps children and families in Maryland, West Virginia and D.C.

There are extra stockings at the back of the church if you would like to participate. Each filled stocking holds \$5. Filled stockings may be placed in the offering plate. Also checks may be made payable to TUMC with BCC in the memo line. Thank you.



We collected 48 shoeboxes for **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**. Thank you to all who helped with this outreach to help brighten children's lives.

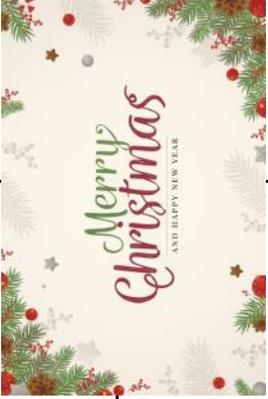


For November we collected 39 soup items for Mt. Airy Net. Thank you TUMC for caring and sharing for those in our community in need.

TAYLORSVILLE UMC

2020

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours M, W, T 9:00 AM-2:30 PM						
Remember to sign up for the Christmas Eve Service you want to attend.		1	2	3 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Advent Study	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 am Worship COMMUNION	7 1:30 PM Advent Study 7:00PM Council Meeting	8	9	10 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Advent Study	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	14 1:30 PM Advent Study	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Advent Study	18	19
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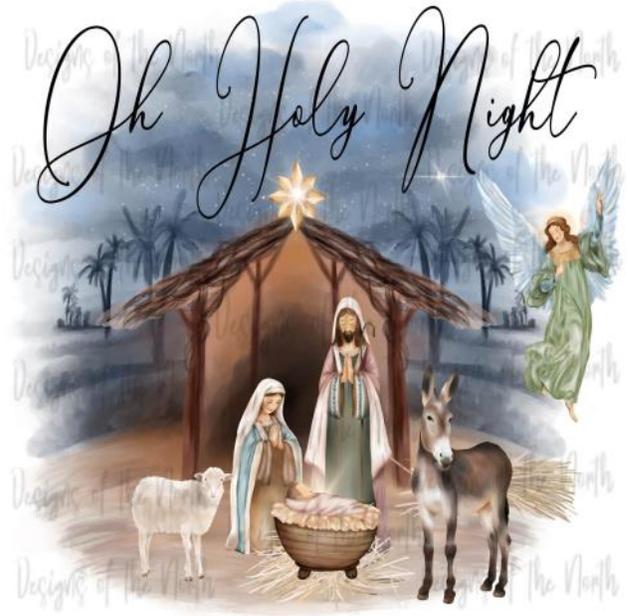
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Our Mission of Purpose

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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