

Memorial Methodist Messenger

Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman Ramsey, Pastor

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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

DECEMBER 2020



Pastor's Note...

Be encouraged. God sees and knows what we are going through. And, somewhere, both now and in history, there are brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone through the same thing or face it now as we do.

So, the battle is before us. At times it seems it's too much but take heart and seek the Lord. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's." (2 Chronicles 20: 15)

You see, the prophet Isaiah tells us to rejoice in the Lord. Why? Because "unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. And the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9: 6 - 7)

But what if what we face seems greater than anything we have ever experienced? What if it seems we all are sitting in the dark? Can we still rejoice? Yes, we can.

Because "the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9: 2)

Yes, we rejoice because we remember something that never changes. Jesus is coming soon.

Our King is coming. So, our job? Prepare the way of the Lord. Even if it seems we are like a voice crying in the wilderness and no one is listening. Our job remains the same.

So, this Advent season we really do see our need for His coming. Give thanks for that. If we see it, others will see it, too. And they can make preparations just like we do.

Love and prayers,

Norman Ramsey

P. S. Thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, and support for Karen and me.



**9:30 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
(Overflow in Legacy Hall)**

December 6, 2020: Praying for the Light to Shine (Isaiah 9: 1 - 5)

Holy Communion, in the parking lot following our 9:30am service.

December 13, 2020: Praying for the Reign of Jesus. (Isaiah 9: 6 - 7)

December 20, 2020: Praying for a New Day. (Isaiah 9: 8 - 21)

December 24, 2020: Praying for Signs & Symbols. (Isaiah 8: 11 - 22)

December 27, 2020: Praying to Be Prepared for Battle. (Isaiah 8: 1- 10)

New Addresses & Phone Numbers:

George & Carolyn Bergdoll
882 Sunset Ridge Drive
Concord, VA 24538

Phone: 434-993-6106

Bobby & Sue Waddell
335 Tower Hill Road
Appomattox, VA 24522

No Home Phone – using
cells only: B – 434-660-8949
S – 434-660-0367



- 2 Dec. Doug Webb
- 4 Dec. Lexi Ranson
- 4 Dec. Casey Vandegrift
- 7 Dec. Greg Romano
- 9 Dec. Jackson Barber
- 10 Dec. Delia Baine
- 12 Dec. Francis Knight
- 13 Dec. George Bergdoll
- 13 Dec. Cheryl Gowin
- 18 Dec. Chris Ault
- 18 Dec. Pam Evans
- 20 Dec. Scout McDowell
- 21 Dec. Ashleigh Parris
- 23 Dec. Tommy McCormick
- 24 Dec. Myrt Harrell
- 26 Dec. Taryn Eggleston
- 27 Dec. Beverly Thomas
- 27 Dec. Joe Davis
- 29 Dec. Matt Wilbun
- 29 Dec. Dawn Elliott



Youth United for middle and high school students meets at the church every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Call or text Tori Rothgeb at 434-664-7272 to be added to the text reminder list.



- 22 Dec. Donna & Rodney Deaner
- 23 Dec. Eric & Dorothy VanOpstal
- 29 Dec. Anne & Richard Robinson



December Worship Leaders

- 12/6 Becky Henderson
- 12/13 Sue Waddell
- 12/20 Sue Eggleston
- 12/24 Debby Long
- 12/27 Marie Milton



The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunities! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.

Our Missionary Partners:

YoungLife (Appomattox, VA) Central Virginia VA27, P.O. Box 3543 Lynchburg, VA 24503-0543; (giving.younglife.org)
 The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA) P.O. Box 322 Appomattox, VA 24522
 Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia) clarabiswas@online.com.kh (advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx)
 Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of Life, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala) 445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 (passion4guatemala.com)
 Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines) charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com
 Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay) emimonges@hotmail.com <https://afciworld.org/what-we-do/focus-on-the-heart/>
 The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania) Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 07307

**IMPACT 2020
MUMC MISSIONS
*Be His Feet!!!***



MUMC gave 151 Christmas Shoeboxes for children around the world bringing gifts and the gospel to children in need.

MUMC sent 188 Christmas Cards to our troops!



We will be volunteering at Gleaning for the World on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30- 3:30pm.



Mark your calendars for December 16th!



APPOMATTOX YOUNGLIFE IS ON!!!!

CLUBS & TOGETHERNESS MAY LOOK DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE STILL IN THE GAME!!!

**KEEP UP W/ ALL THE HAPPENINGS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS:
 INSTAGRAM ([appoyl](https://www.instagram.com/appoyl)), SNAP CHAT, FACEBOOK ([Appomattox YoungLife](https://www.facebook.com/AppomattoxYoungLife))**



Courtland Field, December 2019

Hi Church Family!

We have a GOOD problem we need to solve together. Since we have resumed our in-person inside worship service, more people are coming back to join us and that's great! But as we gather together, we are required to maintain social distancing and we're running out of room. So to help, Pastor Norm is asking that we do 2 things together:

1) The first way some of you can help is when you join us for worship on Sunday that you come to Legacy Hall rather than the Sanctuary. A screen and all of the sounds of the service are waiting for you - live-streamed into Legacy Hall. Please call Norm at 540-309-1776 if you will help in this way. When you call, he will give you further instructions about how that works.

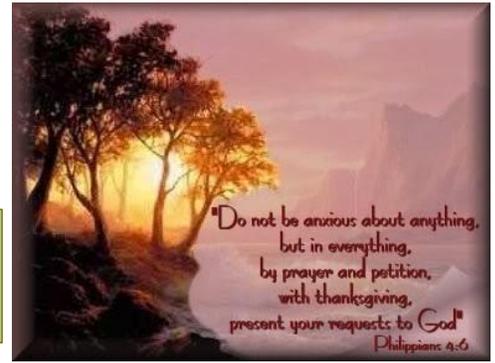
Those who need to use the elevator to access the Sanctuary just continue to call the office at 434-352-5705 and come in that way Sunday morning.

2) The second way you can help is to let Sheila or Cindy (Worship co-chairs) know that you would be willing to help in the future as an usher or a greeter who registers people as they attend worship. Without your help, we will soon run into the same problem again...not enough room for everybody that comes to worship. The next step would be to go to 2 worship services. But we can't do that until we have enough people to help facilitate the services. If you are willing to help, please reply to this email and your name will be forwarded to Sheila and Cindy.

Thank you! ADVENT starts Nov. 29 and the Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas!!



Pray for health and safety for families as they gather for Christmas.



- Susan Mankad (friend of Dickersons), young mother, cancer
- Sydney & Saverio Morea (niece of Kathy Dickerson)
- Kristie Mayberry, disc replacement, pray for normal voice
- Barry Maxwell & family (Tom's brother) – cancer treatments
- Baby Ellery Graybeale Sullivan & parents, Whitney & Witt
- Karen Ramsey, recovering from surgery, pray for her to sleep
- Carolyn & Tom Jolly and family
- Rev. Bob Weeks, radiation
- Coach Doug Smith, bone cancer
- Butch Taylor, early Alzheimer's, (friend of Pastor Norm)
- Louie Quinio (Carolyn Jolly's brother) – recovering from surgery
- Mara Martin – spot on lung (Virginia Williams' neighbor)
- Wayne Smith, heart issues (Relative of a friend of the Bergdolls)
- Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)
- Kindliee Faith Evans (friend of Kelly Coles)
- Susan Book (Hip replacement- pain management)
- Danny Dickerson, addiction
- Bobby Garrett, testing for spot on lungs
- Bethany Nadolson, Targeted Cancer treatments
- Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)
- Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin- heart attack)
- Jennifer Tucker (friend of Cindi Williams, breast cancer)
- Charlotte Fenchum (Butch Thomas' girlfriend)
- Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)
- Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)
- Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)
- Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)
- Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)
- Olivia Baldwin (Bob & Doreen Parson's friend)
- Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)
- Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)
- Ethan Nadolson (Bear Nadolson's son)
- Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)
- Carina Bergdoll – leg issues (Daughter-in-law of Bergdolls)
- Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)
- Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law- surgery)
- Lucille Lewis (Betty Jo Smith's aunt) fluid in lungs & weak heart

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR DOUG SMITH & HIS FAMILY

Many of you are aware of Doug Smith's recent diagnosis of multiple myeloma. Doug has been the football coach for Appomattox County High School for a number of years and has not only had a huge, positive impact on the guys on the team but also on our community with his theme of "the Power of One". He has spoken at many local churches (including ours) and encourages his team to attend with him. Doug is one of the strongest Christians you will ever meet. His wife, Susan (Johnson), is an Appomattox native whom many of you know. They have been members of Bible Baptist Church for many years.

Having finished up radiation treatments, Coach Smith is now facing a stem cell transplant at Duke which will be extremely expensive. Even after insurance covers part of the expense, there will be a huge amount for the family to have to pay. And as you know, anytime you are undergoing medical procedures and hospitalizations, there are so many other expenses. There are several fundraisers presently going on for Coach Smith but we at MUMC would like to collect money that will go directly to the family to help them during these difficult days. Would you consider making a donation? If so, make your contributions to our church and then we will write one check to give the Smith family. If writing a check, make it payable to MUMC and note that it is for the Doug Smith family. *Donations can be made through December 13.*

If you would like to mail Coach a card, his address is: Coach Doug Smith, 2996 New London Rd., Forest, VA 24551. Pray for Coach, his family, and his medical team.

- Cheryl Skipper
- Tanner Campbell
- Bob Dunnam
- Bobby Waddell
- Joanne Burger
- Benny Harvey
- Gary Lindsey
- Cassidy Richardson
- Cathy Bates
- Phil Bass
- Deb Stacey
- Sharee Whitmer
- Doreen Parsons
- Skeeter & Betty
- Armstrong
- Betty Guthrie

Continuing Concerns:

- Ruth Smith The Summit, Room 119, 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502
- Babcock Manor, 4151 Pumping Station Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522: Anne Weakley, Lorene Lucado, & Estaline McCraw- c/o Ann Smith 4132 Suck Mountain Trail, Bedford, VA 24523
- Mary Martin, Valley View Retirement, Room 401A, 1213 Long Meadows Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502
- Daphne Jackson, Bentley Commons, Apt. 227, 1604 Graves Mill Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502
- Frances Rogers, St. Joseph's Home, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229
- Sara Baine, 160 Virginia Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522
- Victor & Susan Vernon, 126 Ceocia Lane, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477
- Manning & Myrt Harrell, 78 Woodline Dr., Concord, VA 24538
- Anna Johnson, 276N Main St., Amherst, VA 24521
- Cheryl Skipper, 193 Parkview Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522
- United Methodist Church, All Bishops and Conference Leaders, Va. Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis, Bishop District Superintendent Denise Bates, Pastor Norman & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, MUMC College Students, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force & Special Agencies, President Trump, World leaders, The United States of America, All refugees

WANT SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU?

Our prayer ushers haven't left you! We still want to pray with you even though church may look differently now! We encourage you to contact us by phone or email and we will be delighted to talk with you and pray for you! Romans 8:38-39 tells us "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We are still the body of Christ even though we aren't physically together. God still loves you and so do we! So, do you wish for someone to pray with you? Then please contact one of us!

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Sheila Webb	434-352-7333 or 434-390-2602	appwebbtr@aol.com
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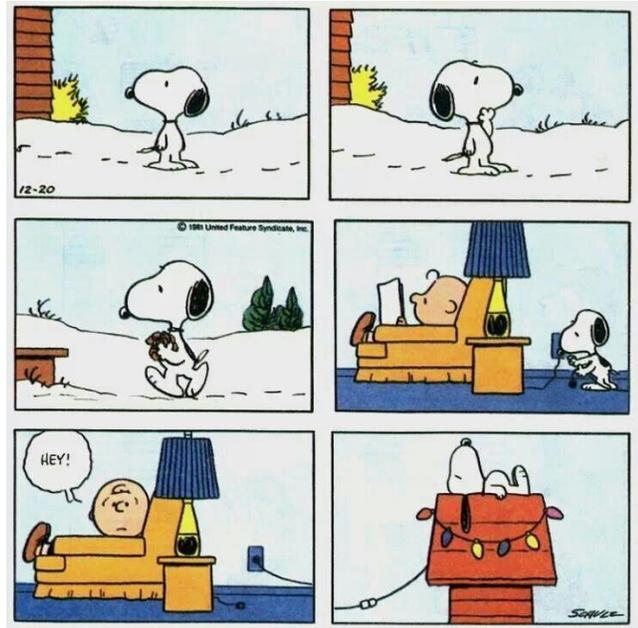


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FOR
unto us a
Child ^{is born}
UNTO US A ^{Son}
is given; and the government
shall be upon ^{His} shoulder. And
^{His} name will be called
WONDERFUL,
Counselor, ^{THE MIGHTY GOD}
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.
ISAIAH
9:6

A Prayer for Christmas

Dear Father,
 It's Christmas and
 We humbly kneel close to the stable,
 Listening to the low rustling of hooves in hay.
 Our breath is snatched up
 By the sight of the Christ child
 Lying in a manger.
 Basking in the light of the glorious star,
 We stand in awe and wonder.
 No room?
 How could it be!
 Yet while we try to understand
 The inn with no space for God's Son,
 The rooms of our very souls are overcrowded
 And even the closets of our minds are outsourced.
 Will You forgive us, Jesus,
 for making no room
 in the inns of our hearts?
 May we focus this day on the ultimate gift-
 Your love.
 In the precious name of Jesus,
 Amen.

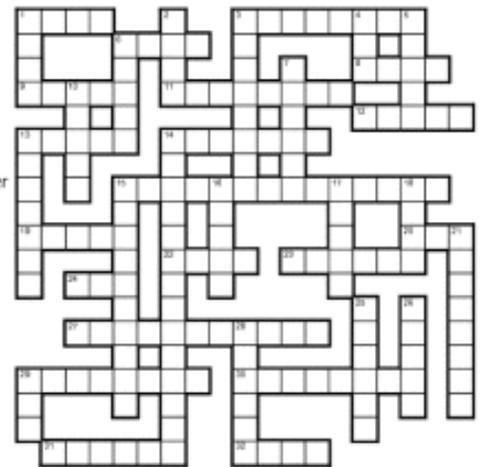
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditionally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)



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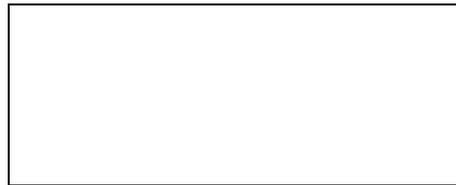


Sunday, in-person worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Enter at front entrance (Court Street);

Live-streamed in Legacy Hall

Also Online service at MEMUMC.ORG/FB), or LISTEN - 89.3FM



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