

Worship Assistants Today: (Next Week)

Acolyte: Kayleigh Perkinson (**Anna Shepperson**)

Infant Nursery: Judy Hill (**Susan Clark**)

Head Usher: Mark Perkinson

Ushers: Marvin Bullock, Jim Carroll, John Noell

Alternates: Craig Dickens, Angie Stallings

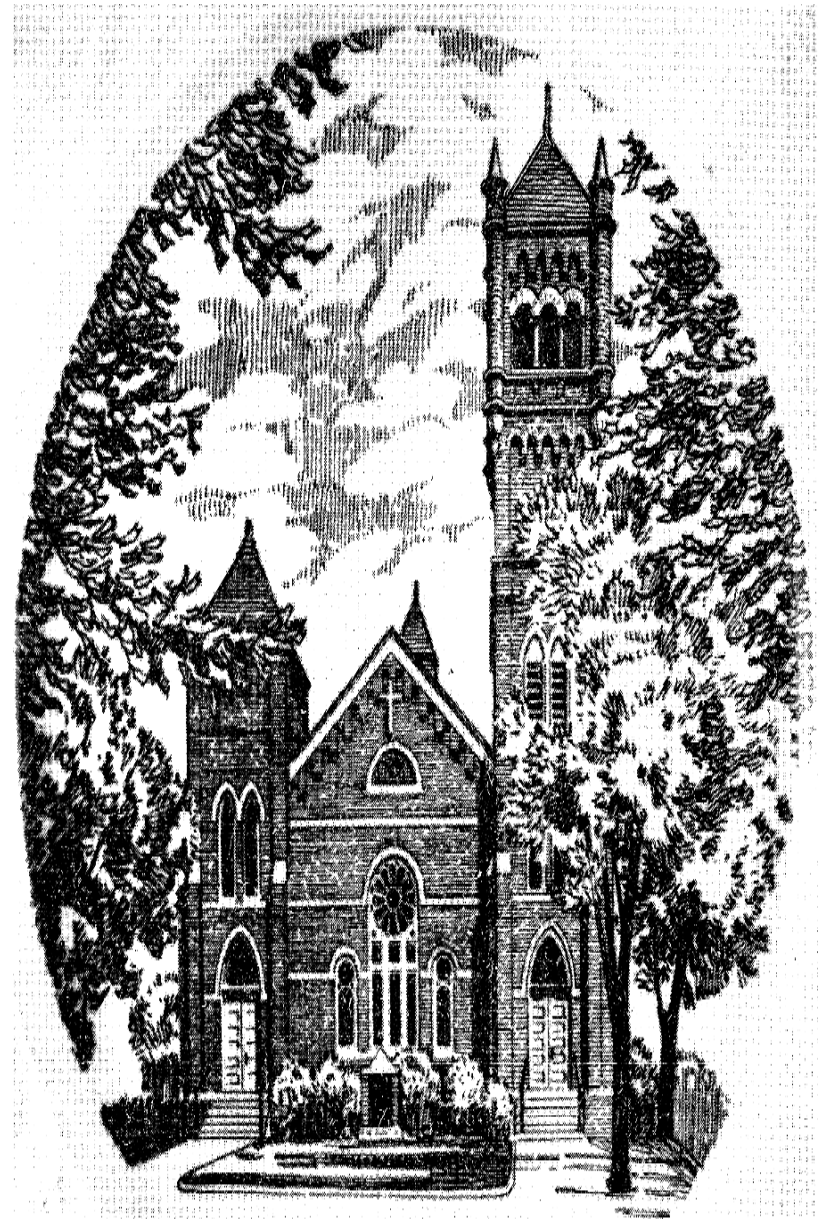
Offering Counters: Susan Clark & Angie Stallings (**Susan Hall & Jim Dunn**)



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Church Family: Everette Sykes; Ramona Setliff; Sybil Jones; Lillian Brady; Charlie Setliff; Jimmy Waynick; Betty Knight; Pete Parks; Johnny Hoover; Tommie Ward; Nancy Powell; Phyllis Holderby; John Noell; Hal & Donna Griffin & family; June Mooney-Riggs; Geoff Peoples; Gilbert Noetzel; Julius Fargis; Shepherd Varnedoe; all homebound members; members in nursing facilities; our church and one another.

In the Community: Rosalie Pickard; Judy Moore; Ashley Taylor; Barbara Moyer; Renee Griffiths; Tammi Romine (friend of Martha Carroll's); Matt Ritchie (Friend of JD and Jan Paschal); Bob Deal and Family; Bill Hanes (Jan Paschal's brother); Mike Tabor; Lisa Diedrich (Joe McAllister's Mom); Douglas Diedrich (Joe's Stepdad); Stacy Setliff; Joe & Nina Chandler (health issues); Jordan Massey; GW (resident of Avante); Mayanna Guisinger; Brenda Cayton; Theresa Kocher; Helen Lovins; Brenda Odell; Tish Gemmill (esophageal cancer, Marguerite's sister); Steve (Tyke) Allen (stroke); Deborah Caskey-Slamon; Iris Conner (Norma's Aunt); Randy Abercrombie (cancer) & family; Bill Schaur (cancer, member of Sunnycrest Church); Tommiann Hill; Nancy Baker (Mary Ella's Sister); George Carter (Meryl Murphy's brother-in-law); the world.



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

221 South Main Street - Reidsville - North Carolina

A Church for All God's People

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

Liturgical Color: Blue

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Leader (L): Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Come and be with us again.

People (P): **We celebrate the coming of the Christ child, and await his coming again!**

L: Come, O Come, into our lives in a new way.

P: **We actively participate in our world to build your reign on earth.**

L: Come, O Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

P: **May Christ be born in us this season.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Doug & Connie Marrs

(to be sung after the wreath lighting)

Shine on us, O God of justice;

Guide our path through gloom of night;

Bear within us Wisdom's glory;

Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Glory be to God and peace on earth.

Christ will come, Alleluia!

HYMN 213 UMH "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Prayer

L: Come, Thou-Long Expected Jesus, born to set Thy People Free. We have sung through our Advent-waiting and are approaching the special day of Christmas, when we remember your birth, your incarnation, the Word Becoming Flesh. Savior and Friend, remind us this day that you became one of us. You were born like us, you walked this earth like us and you have risen from the dead as we will one day rise. Emmanuel, God with Us, remind us of your presence throughout the year, as sometimes we lose sight, we forget, and we feel alone, lost and forsaken. Remind us of your birth, your life, your death and your resurrection, as we walk the journey of our own lives. Remind us that we do not walk this journey alone. In the name of Christ, the Light of the world, the Incarnate God, we pray.

P: **Amen.**

Lesson from Scripture

Luke 2:1-14

Deenie Noll

HYMN 220 UMH "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Children's Message

Timmie Ballard

WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 15

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 am- Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship Service

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Monday, December 16

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Tuesday, December 17

10:30 am- Advent Study (Library)

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 am- Community Breakfast

10:00 am- SnackPack Distribution

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

6:00 pm- PreSchool Christmas Program

Friday, December 20

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Saturday, December 21

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 am- Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship Service

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

6:00pm- Dean Craddock Class Christmas Party at Vicky Alston's Home

Stewardship Report for week of 12/08/2019

Revenue \$ 7,401.20

Weekly budget \$ 5,156.49

Worship Attendance 98



POINSETTIAS

In Memory of JW & Jeannie Carroll and David & Nancy Neal by Jim & Martha Carroll

In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Tilley Sr. by Dale & Robbie Erickson and Family

In Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Erickson by Dale & Robbie Erickson and Family

In Honor of Jimmy Waynick by John, Sherri, Alden, and Kennedy Kolessar

In Honor of Barbara Carter by David & Nancy McCuen

In Honor of Jimmy Waynick by David & Nancy McCuen

In Honor of Tommie Ward by David & Nancy McCuen

In Honor of June Mooney-Riggs by David & Nancy McCuen

In Honor of Timmie Ballard by the Louise Parker Sunday School Class

In Honor of Our MSUMC Family by John & Ann Marie Noell

In Honor of John & Peggy Burton by Johnny & Becky Hoover

In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. CH Nelson, Jr. by John & Ann Marie Noell

In Honor of Barbara Carter by Nelson & Sarah Falkner

In Honor of Lillian Brady by Nelson & Sarah Falkner

In Honor of Harriet Carr by Nelson & Sarah Falkner

In Honor of Joanna Gibbs by Michael, Lisa, Gene, and Cameron

The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

The Anthem "I Hear the Prophet Calling" Chancel Choir

The Sermon "The Carols We Sing: The Gloria" Rev. Joe Tarpley

Intercessions

L: We pray firstly for those closest to us, our immediate family and closest friends—for their health, needs, joys and fears. (*Silence*)

God of creation, God of Salvation

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: We pray for our extended family and friends who we might not see each week—for their love and concern, for their well-being. (*Silence*)

God of creation, God of Salvation

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: As the ripples reach out toward the land we pray for those who we only have contact with annually or less—for a blessing this Advent-time (*Silence*)

God of creation, God of Salvation

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: As the ripples reach their furthest point we pray for this world and its people—for the needs of this week and the future. (*Silence*)

God of creation, God of Salvation

Who speaks to us through thunder and whisper

Who loves us as if there were but one of us to love

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

HYMN 236 UMH "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Dismissal with Blessing

L: May God bless us; may Christ take care of us; the Holy Ghost enlighten us all the days of our life.

The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul, both now and for ever, to the ages of ages.

P: **Amen.**

Response (*to be sung by all*)

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Chime of the Trinity

Postlude

UMH, The United Methodist Hymnal

Announcements

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS TURNED IN AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD. To date, we have 45 cards. A likely reachable goal for our estimates of giving is \$190,000. We are short approximately \$28,000 to date. If you have not submitted an estimate of giving card, we strongly encourage your thoughts over this matter and are hopeful that you will be able to make this significant commitment to your church. Thank you for your concern for ministry here that occurs in the name of Jesus Christ!

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SECOND (and last) ADVENT RETREAT DAY on Tuesday, December 17 at 1030a. We will meet in the library of the church. We are considering a particular sermon written by John Wesley titled "The Almost Christian." Our examination of this sermon invites us to see how we can be "altogether" Christian considering Advent themes of peace, hope, joy and love.

THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.

PRESCHOOL POROGRAM THIS THURSDAY NIGHT... Join us in our Fellowship Hall for our PreSchool Christmas program. The start time is 6p. Everyone is asked to bring something "light" to eat (or finger-food type dishes) to share. We have a great enrollment (in terms of numbers) this year. Come out and see what wonderful progress we've made in the past year with this program.

The Dean Craddock Class Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 22 at 6pm at Vicky Alston's house. It will be a covered dish supper.

NEXT SUNDAY, join us for a service of lessons, carols, and anthems at 11a. In the tradition of the Moravian "Singstunde," we will set our service to the last of the lessons for Advent and look to the Christmas story by the end of our time of worship. Invite your family and friends to join you for this special service.

PREPARING LUMINARIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE... We need several volunteers to meet at the church at 11a on Monday, December 23, to prepare luminaries for the Christmas Eve Worship Service. It shouldn't take more than an hour. Anyone who can volunteer are encouraged to do so.

CHRISTMAS EVE worship is set for Tuesday night, December 24, at 5p in our Church's Sanctuary. This is a highlight of our entire year together as we mark the celebration of our Savior Christ's birth. Come for this service and bring friends and family with you for this meaningful occasion together.

Christian sympathy is extended to Ed Avery in the loss of his sister, Kitty. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.



POINSETTIAS

In Memory of Eugene Gibbs by Joanna Gibbs & Children

In Memory of Edmund Dixon & Louise Whitlock Thomas by Ed & Linda Thomas

In Memory of William Richard & Lucille Stewart Anderson by Ed & Linda Thomas

In Memory of William Richard Anderson, Jr. by Ed & Linda Thomas

In Memory of Vera & Carlton Craddock and Jim & Melissa Moorefield by Norma Craddock

In Memory of Our Parents, Charlie & Helen Nelson; Algernon & Marjorie Noell by John & Ann Marie Noell

In Memory of Marie D. Fleming by John & Ann Marie Noell

In Loving Memory of Dean Craddock by Norma Craddock

In Memory of JB & Agnes Hill by Melvin & Judy Hill

In Memory of JP & Bessie Bone by Melvin & Judy Hill

In Memory of Mike Bunn by Melvin & Judy Hill

In Memory of Cheryl Doolittle by Melvin & Judy Hill

In Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Fred Coates & Fred Coates, Jr. by Nelson & Sarah Falkner

In Memory of Pat Foy Brady by Nelson & Sarah Falkner

In Memory of Eugene Gibbs by Michael, Lisa, Gene, and Cameron

In Memory of Robert & Mildred Griffiths and Tom & Betts Eshelman by Bill & Shirlee Griffiths

In Memory of Alvis Jones Shelton & Ruby Mae Shelton by Steve & Mary Sue Shelton