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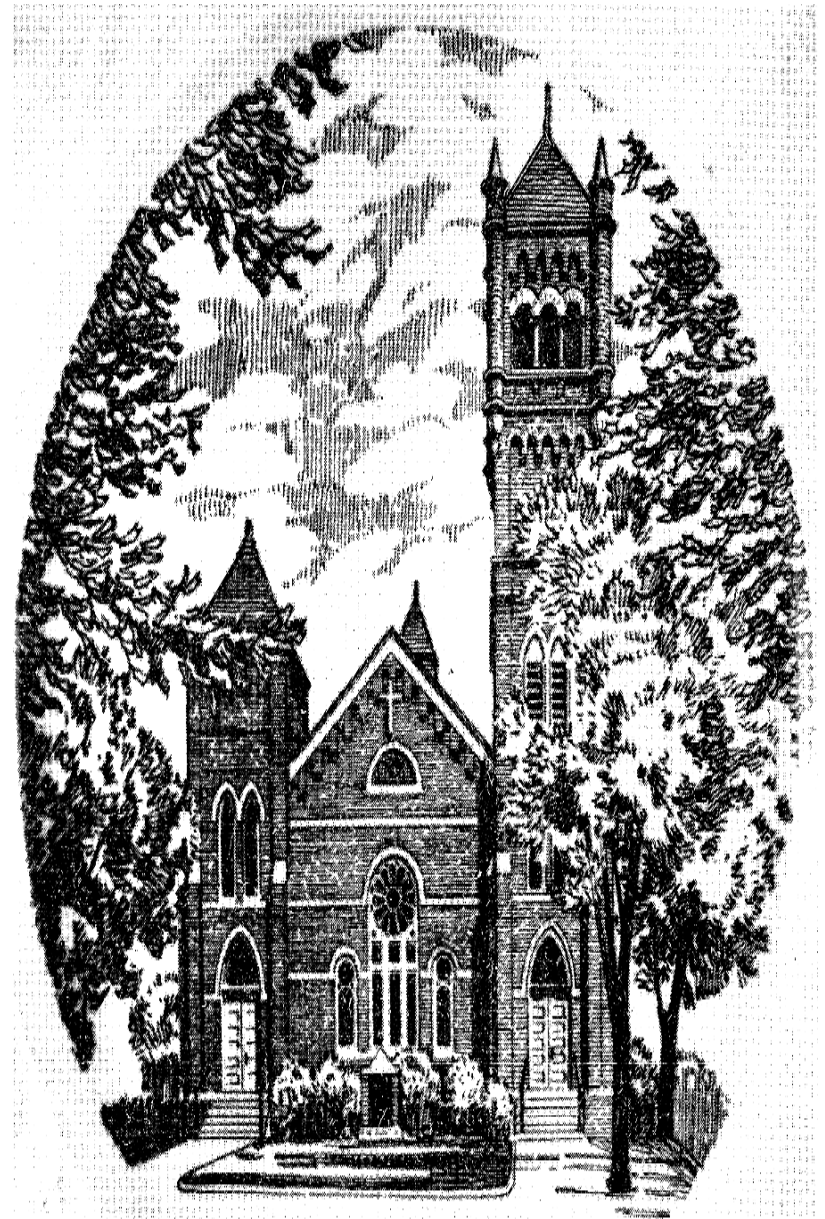
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MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

221 South Main Street - Reidsville - North Carolina

A Church for All God's People

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

Liturgical Color: Blue

The Prelude

Opening Prayer

Leader (L): Beneath the surface of your story is an inescapable fact: You entered this world as vulnerable as any one of us in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross. Our fears, our insecurities and our sins—all that can separate us from you are exchanged by your grace and love. We cannot comprehend the marvel that Salvation has come to us through a baby born in a stable, who reaches out to a world in need.

All: **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Ann Marie & John Noell

*(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 249 UMH "There's a Song in the Air"
*There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manager of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

*We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!*

Children's Message

Meryl Murphy

HYMN 211 UMH "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O Come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to
flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, December 23

11:00 am- Preparing Luminaries

Tuesday, December 24

10:00 am- SnackPack Distribution

5:00 pm- Christmas Eve Worship Service

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas- Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast

9:45 am- Sunday School

11:00 am – Worship Service & Toy Blessing

Worship Assistants Today: (Next Week)

Acolyte: Anna Shepperson (**Ivan Tarpley**)

Breakfast Hosts: Mary Sue & Steve Shelton (**Alva Wilson**)

Infant Nursery: Susan Clark (**Sandra Dickens**)

Head Usher: Mark Perkinson

Ushers: Jim Dunn, Doug Marrs, Bill Shreve, Angie Stallings

Offering Counters: Susan Hall & Jim Dunn (**Chuck Clark & John Noell**)

Stewardship Report for week of 12/15/2019

Revenue \$ 9,482.51

Weekly budget \$ 5,156.49

Worship Attendance 107

Scholarship Update...In the year 2019, the Scholarship Committee was able to award the first Ellen Garner Scholarships with there being 3 recipients for each of the Fall and Spring semesters. The Sands Scholarship awarded 15 recipients for the Summer, 41 for Fall, and 38 for Spring. Also, 21 recipients received funding for Summer Camps. Over \$240,000 was disbursed for the year bringing to almost \$6,000,000 having been distributed since its inception in 1996. The fund balance remains at approximately \$6.5 million. The Anne E Wootton Scholarship awarded 4 scholarships in the Fall and 3 in the Spring. If further information is needed, please ask George Pollock Executive Director



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); Mary Lou Pollock(George's Sister); the world.

Lesson from Scripture Psalm 80:1-7
Anthem "Prophets Knew"
Lesson from Scripture Isaiah 7:10-16 Doug Marrs

HYMN 229 UMH "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
***Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.***

***Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.***

Lesson from Scripture Romans 1:1-7 Doug Marrs

The Offertory

Lesson from Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem "With Open Hearts We Are Waiting"

The Intercessions

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle us with the light of your presence, bright within this dark world.

Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation.

Enable us to be victors over sin and despair.

Enable us to become that which you would desire (*silence*)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation.

People (P): **Circle us with the light of your presence.**

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms

Protect them in each moment of their daily lives

Protect them in the decisions that they face

Protect their homes and relationships (*silence*)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

P: **Circle our families with the light of your presence**

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle this nation with Advent love and hope

Create a desire to listen to the Advent message

Create a willingness to understand and respond

Create a need to reach out to the Christ Child (*silence*)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

P: **Circle our nation with the light of your presence**

Announcements

L: Circle us, Lord
Circle this world with the joy of your Salvation
Where there is sickness and disease bring healing
Where there is hunger and despair bring hope
Where there is torture and oppression bring release (*silence*)
Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation
P: **Circle this world with the light of your presence**

The Anthem "O Come to Set Us Free"

HYMN 217 "Away in a Manger"
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Benediction

L: God's strength to pilot us;
God's might to uphold us,
God's wisdom to guide us,
God's hand to guard us.
P: **Amen.**

Christ shield us today against wounding;
Christ with us,
Christ before us,
Christ behind us,
Christ on our right,
Christ on our left,
Christ beneath us,
Christ above us,
Christ in us.
P: **Amen.**

The Anthem "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Congregational Chorus
***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

The Dean Craddock Class Christmas Party will be tonight at 6pm at Vicky Alston's house. It will be a covered dish supper.

TOMORROW MORNING, December 23, at 11a, any who are available are asked to come to the church to help prepare luminaries for Christmas Eve. Additionally, we will be setting up our Sanctuary for Christmas. Please come to help if possible. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSINGS FOR THE HOLIDAYS-- Please note the Church's office will be closed on Tuesday (12/24) and Wednesday (12/25) and on Wednesday (1/1/2020). For giving purposes, please seek to remit all 2019 contributions to the church's office by noon on Tuesday, 12/31/19. Thank you for your assistance and your support.

THIS WEEK'S SNACK PACK DISTRIBUTION will occur on Tuesday, December 24 at 10a. There will be no snack packs distributed on Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP is at 5p on Tuesday, December 24. Join us for this festive occasion for worship. Join with your family, friends and neighbors!

NEXT SUNDAY...We will be having a service that features our children in many capacities. Children are encouraged to bring a favorite Christmas toy for the TOY BLESSING at 11a. This service is always a highlight for our season.

OUR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER will be going out in the coming days. If you have anything for this newsletter, please submit it by noon on Monday, December 23.

The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone for their support for the Christmas Homes Tour 2019 on December 14. The bake sale made \$809 and the income from tickets was about \$2030. After expenses, we anticipate about \$2600 profit to return to the community through donations to local and church missions.



Additional Poinsettia ... In Memory of Pat Foy Brady by his family.