



Be Nourished  Go Nourish

# The Hunger Church

Charles Wesley UMC

*"Our mission is to be the helping hands of God, reaching out to all people with the love of Christ"*

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*3rd Sunday in Advent*

December 16, 2018

Hearing devices are available, as well as large print hymnals. Please see an usher.  
Those who are able are invited to stand for the acts of worship marked with an \*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Now, Savior of the Nations* KAUFMAN

WELCOME *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – PREPARE Jennifer & Joe Baker

Leader: Advent is a time to prepare.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord: make straight the way for our God.**

Leader: During Advent we prepare our eyes to see the light of Christ.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord: make straight the way for our God.**

Leader: During Advent we prepare our hearts to receive the Word of Christ.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord: make straight the way for our God.**

Leader: During Advent we prepare to share the joy of Christmas.

People: **Prepare the way of the Lord: make straight the way for our God.**

Leader: During Advent we prepare to embrace the promise of Christ.  
People: **Prepare the way of the Lord: make straight the way for our God.**

## *Lighting of the Third Advent Candle*

Leader: This morning we light three candles. The first candle reminds us that Advent is a time to wait upon the Lord. We wait for the unfolding of God's plan in accordance with God's time. The second candle reminds us that Advent is also a time to watch. During Advent, we eagerly watch for God's presence and work in our world. As we light the third candle we also remember that Advent is a time to prepare. During Advent, we prepare ourselves in heart, soul and strength to welcome our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. Let each of us ask God to prepare us to celebrate the glory of Christmas.

Response, UMH No. 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
(refrain only)

## PRAISE & PRAYER

\*UMH No. 224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

## COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TFWS No. 2164 *Sanctuary* SANCTUARY

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20 Leslie Jane Fahrney

ANTHEM *Prepare Thyself, Zion* BACH

\*GOSPEL READING Luke 3: 7 - 18 Pastor Marti  
*(As you are able, please stand for this reading)*

MESSAGE What Should We Do? Pastor Marti

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr: MANSFIELD

\*SUNG THANKSGIVING NO. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
OLD 100th

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

### SENDING FORTH

\*UMH No. 209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* MERLE'S TUNE

### BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above* arr: RITTER

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Karen Blue  
in memory of Ben Blue.



**WEEK Of DECEMBER 16, 2018**

**TODAY**

- 8:45 am Sandwich Making - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Advent Study - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 am Pre-School to 6<sup>th</sup> – Downstairs Sunday School Room
- 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30 am Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, Dec 17**

- 10:00 am AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room
- 3:15 pm Cub Scout Den 3 - Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, Dec 18**

- 10:00 am AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1130 – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, Dec 20**

- 6:45 pm AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room

**SATURDAY, Dec 22**

- 7:00 pm AA Group Meeting – Disciples’ Room

**NEXT SUNDAY, Dec 23**

- 9:00 am Advent Study - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30 am Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY WORSHIP RECEPTION**

Following today’s worship service, please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Sheila Frace and Harold Heller

**JOIN WITH US IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

**Congregational Concerns:** Soon Gil (Soon Young Carroll), Elaine Schneider, Sheila Frace and Family, Alex Rapavi (Todd Ringenbach), Carol Benjamin King (Barb Powell), Jennifer and Joe Baker and Family

**Residential Care:** Garnette Dupont, Rod Barnes

**Local Concerns:** The people SHARE, Inc. serves throughout the McLean area, the people in Appalachia who can’t repair their own homes and the volunteer work teams from our church and around the US who go to help.

**Church Concerns:** Bishop Sharma Lewis, District Superintendent Cathy Abbot, and the General Conference (Feb 23 - 26, 2019)

*Please let the office know if there is someone you wish to bring to the church's attention, or add to/remove from this prayer list. Unless advised otherwise, prayer concerns will remain here for one month.*

- Pastor**.....Marti Ringenbach  
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- Minister of Music** ..... Matthew A. Duckery
- Organist**..... Mary Brown
- Administrative Assistant** ..... Leslie Jane Fahrney
- Minister of Media** ..... Greg Beard
- Ushers** .....Bill Powell, Bob Schneider
- Greeter**.....Becky & Leslie Jane Fahrney
- Altar Guild**.....Jennifer Baker
- Offering**.....Sharon Pedersen, Vicki Herrmann
- Steward of the Month**..... Dave Smith
- Children’s Church** ..... Leslie Jane Fahrney



## Missions Corner . . .

### SHARE, Inc.

The SHARE's community ministry is asking for the following 'unexpired' items:

Toilet Paper	Mayo/Mustard/Catsup
Shampoo/conditioner	Ground Coffee/Black Tea
Disposable Diapers	White Sugar
Baby Wipes	Vegetable Oil
Toothpaste	100% Juice
White Rice	Grape/Strawberry Jam/Jelly
Laundry Detergent	Chunky Chicken Soups (only this kind)

Also needed are gently used sheets & towels. If donating a set of sheets and pillow cases, tie or tape them together and mark the size. Please place your Share donation items in the marked box by the coat racks. Charles Wesley Share contact: Dale Thompson.

### Bi-District Leadership Training Day

**Saturday, January 12, 2018**

Floris UMC, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, VA

Bi-District Training Day 2019 will feature  
Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath as the keynote speaker.

*More details to come soon.*

Early Registration opened November 15.

Registration cost goes up December 15.

Register at [BDTD.NoVaUMC.org](http://BDTD.NoVaUMC.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mark Your Calendars...

- Dec 19: Blue Christmas, 7:00, Trinity UMC, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- Dec 24: Office Closed
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas, Office Closed
- Dec 26: Office Closed
- Jan 1: Office Closed
- Jan 12: Bi-District Training Day, Floris UMC

**Pick-up Your Advent Devotional Book Today:** Reclaim the spiritual dimensions of the Advent season this year with **Surprises Along the Way**, a timely devotional booklet from the Society of St. Andrew, as relevant as today's news. Make room in your heart and in your busy days throughout December for a few minutes each day reading scripture, reflecting on a brief meditation, and praying, in preparation for the Savior who is to come. They can be found in the Welcome Center this morning. *Take one for yourself - take one for a friend!*



**Advent Study:** Our advent study, *To Live Again* by Sheila Jacobs, will begin on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00AM on Sunday mornings for study and reflection based on the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*. Advent Study books are available in the church office. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the book.



# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You can place a dedicated poinsettia plant in the church for our Christmas Eve worship service by filling out the form below.

Return it to the church office with your payment no later than **December 16th**. In order to avoid confusion, **please use a separate form for each plant** if you want more than one. Cost for each plant is \$10 - please make your check out to CWUMC and mark 'poinsettia' on the memo line. Extra forms can be found in the Church Office.

## Poinsettia Order Form

Red    or    White    (please circle one.)

In (honor) or (memory) of: *circle one*

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In the bulletin, please list me/us as:

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Telephone number (for contact information)

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**Please plan to pick up your poinsettia(s) after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or sometime during the week after.**

## ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT THE HUNGER CHURCH

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TheHungerChurch.org

**"TO LIVE AGAIN" SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES:  
Four Sundays, December 2 – December 23, 9:00 am**

*To Live Again*, based on the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, discusses perfect Advent themes such as: how our lives can change other people's destinies without our truly knowing it, how God uses everything we've been through for his glory, and how what the enemy means for harm, God will turn for good.

**ESSENTIALS FOR SHARE DRIVE: December 2 – December 24**

SHARE is the organization that provides emergency assistance to our neighbors in need in McLean, Pimmit Hills, and nearby areas of Northern Virginia. Each year, from the start of the Advent Season through Christmas Eve, we conduct the "Essentials for SHARE Drive" where we focus on collecting non-food items that are critically important to the people SHARE serves. **This year the focus of the drive is collecting baby wipes and disposable diapers (especially sizes 5 & 6). Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 or Christmas Eve, or to the church office during the week.** All items will be placed under the Chrismon Tree and then taken to SHARE for distribution. We hope to make this year's drive the most successful yet; thank you for participating!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Bring your family and friends to celebrate Christmas Eve on Monday, December 24th, at 7:00 pm. Experience "The Noisy Nativity", an activity for children of all ages.