

## Opportunities to Worship, Learn and Serve

**Poinsettias**---The cost for the wonderful poinsettias is \$14.50. All orders are due no later than Dec. 17.

**Choir Rehearsal**---Tuesday December 12 at 7 p.m.

**Angel Tree**---Friendly reminder all gifts are due today.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**---December 16 from 9 to 11 at Shoppers Value 618 Main Street, Kenbridge. Thank you for helping others!

**Senior Lunch**---Tuesday, December 19, lunch at noon at church.

**UMW** ---This month the UMW will meet on December 19 at 7:30p.m. at Antioch Church. The program is Christmas/Incarnation: The Sacred Space of God with us/in us presented by Barbara Callis, all women are invited to join us!

**Beginning Sunday, December 17**, the prayergrams will be done a little differently. The prayer list will stay on the lectern as people enter the church and, as usual, add your prayer concerns to that list; however, the attendance manifest that constitutes the actual prayergram will be passed around during worship service for people to sign. It has been noted that people are not signing the prayergram and if that is their choice, that's fine. This is such an important ministry that the more signatures we get, the recipient will see that many more people prayed for them that Sunday. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

### Serving Next Week, December 17

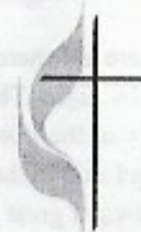
Greeters - Barbara & Earl Callis                      Acolyte - Robert Hite  
Nursery - Katlyn & Bobby Moseley                  Worship Leader - Earl Callis

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# ANTIOCH

## United Methodist Church



*Loving God  
Loving People  
It's What We Do*

December 10, 2017

### Serving Today

Greeters - Wanda & Jimmy Chumney  
Acolyte - Carter Gee  
Nursery - Shirley Hite, Lori McDaniel, Sara Hite  
Worship Leader - Dawn Bacon

Rev. Sharma Lewis, Richmond Area Bishop  
Rev. Bob Parks, Farmville District Superintendent

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## PRAYER LIST

Allen Reid  
Ashby Murray  
Bereaved families at the  
holidays  
Betty Thompson  
Caroline West  
Carrie Hostetter  
Chester turner  
D. C. Keeter  
Destiny Hostetter  
Diane Bacon  
Dorothy Driskill  
Eric Sturgeth  
Family of Nancy Cobb  
Frances Bacon  
Gary Newcomb  
Gene Evans  
Georgia Lewis  
Hosa Allen  
Jean Keeling  
Jennifer Ledbetter  
Joe Coleman  
Keith Purvis  
Kelly and Joel Meeks  
Lisa Word  
Littleton Barnes  
Lunenburg Charge  
Lydia and Mike Pearson  
Mae Overby  
Martha G. White  
Mary Mills  
May West  
Mrs. Hancock and family  
Nannie Sue Dawson  
North Carolina baby  
Pastor Eduardo & Katie  
Paul Springer  
Roger Reese  
Roger Tanner  
Sheryl Gee Burgay  
Thelma Fallen  
Tinee Walthrop  
Tom Tanner  
Tommy Hite  
Unspoken  
Voni Thompson  
Wendy Ripberger  
Will Lewis

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

You are welcomed in this place, God loves you!

*Choir Special*

\*The Gathering

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

**People:** Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

*(Light two purple candles.)*

\*Song of Praise      *To God Be the Glory*      # 98

\*Prayer for Christ's Presence

**Oh God, You call to us from the wild places, You call to us from the inner chambers of our hearts. We come in answer to your call. We come to pray, to praise, to learn of your love for all creation. Reveal your glory that we may see it together - Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time. Amen.**

## THE MESSAGE

Children's Time      Prepare the Way

Old Testament Lesson      Isaiah 40:1-11

The Message      Advent Growth

## TIME OF GRATITUDE

*Choir Special*

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Giving Our Gifts for God's Kingdom

\*Praising God

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## SENDING

\*Sending Song      *Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      # 211

\*Blessing

*No matter what you've done, where you've been or what you've been through, Remember that God loves you!*