

Opportunities to Worship, Learn and Serve

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for a candlelight service at 6pm at Antioch.

Choir- Thursday, December 28 at 7 p.m.

Poinsettias given in honor/in memory

Deceased members of the Adult Sunday School Class – The Class

Deceased members of the United Methodist Women – UMW

Hillary Violet Bacon – Dana, Frank and Camille Bacon

Richard Bacon - Frances Bacon and Family

Wellington and Ethel Bacon – Nannie Sue and C. W. Dawson

Wilson and Edna Bagley – Betsey, Wayne, Bobby and Grandchildren

Neil and Thomas Barnes – Family

Elroy and Sarah Agnes Callis – Earl and Barbara Callis

Charlie (Granddaddy) and Dorothy (Mac) McDaniel – Gloria, Bonnie,
Dianna, Linda and Tammy

Herbert Overby and Loved Ones – Mae Overby and Family

Claiborne Shields and Audrey Smith – Dorothy Shields and Family

Grove and Peggy Walker – Gloria, Bonnie, Dianna, Linda and
Tammy

Our Grandparents – David and Ginny Arthur

Servant Leaders:

There will be a sign up sheet going around, please sign in and help us be in ministry with one another.

Serving Next Week, December 31

Greeters –

Acolyte –

Nursery –

Worship Leader –

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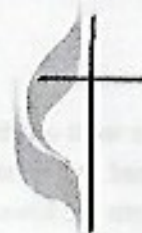
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United Methodist Church



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

December 24, 2017

Serving Today

Greeters – Trudy Wilkins

Acolyte – Colton Neal

Nursery –

Worship Leader – Tessie Bacon

Rev. Sharma Lewis, Richmond Area Bishop

Rev. Bob Parks, Farmville District Superintendent

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PRAYER LIST

Diane Bacon
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Earl Callis
Tommy Cage
Neal Carnes
Eduardo/Katie Carrillo
Herbet Clay
Joe Coleman
Christina Compton
Myrl and Anne Crowder
Jerry Davidson
Patricia Dix Family
Dorothy Driskill
Gene Evans
Thelma Fallen
Melanie & Cameron Hall
Johnny Hite
Shirley & Haynie Hite
Tommy Hite
Carrie Hostotter
Destiny Hostotter
Homeless & marginalized
people
Pam Jones
Dean Keefing
Family Marvin Lobanc
Georgia & Will Lewis
Ronald Lewis
Family of Carolyn Roberts
Family of Bernard Wilson
Family of Betty Yerby
Tommy Hite
D. C. Keeter
Krissy Linkletter
Jean McAden
Wanda McCorkle
Kelly and Joel Meeks
Military families away from
home
Ashby Murray
Gary Newcomb
Mae Overby
Lydia, Mike, & Natalie Pearson
Gary Peebles
Keith Purvis
Lois Raba
Roger Reese
Wendy Ripberger
Alice H. Rozenbrock
Johnny Shiver
Paul Springer
Roger Tanner
Tom Tanner
Jack and Betty Thompson
Unspoken
Caroline West
May West
Martha G. White
Tineey Whalthrop

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

The long expected wait is almost done, let us prepare to receive Christ the child

*The Gathering

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David."

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kin-dom of God.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

(Light two purple candles, the rose candle, and the last purple candle.)

*Song of Praise *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come* # 246

*Prayer for Christ's Presence

O God, who comes to us in Jesus Christ of Bethlehem, in our busy preparations and our joyous celebrations, may we not crowd you out of our minds. Forbid that we should spend our time all for passing pleasures and fail to find the deeper, richer joys. Rekindle our sense of wonder and worship. Like the shepherds, may we return to our humble lives knowing that heaven is not some distant place, but is ever near because of the coming of the Christ child. Bless us, O God, one and all on this Christmas Eve. AMEN

THE MESSAGE

Children's Time Telling the Story
Old Testament Lesson Luke 1:26-38
The Message Mary's side of the story

TIME OF GRATITUDE

*Song of Grace *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* # 196

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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* # 234

*Blessing

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