

# Tear Sheet

Visitors & Members

Please fill out as applicable, then hand to the Worship Leader during the first hymn.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Visitor: 12/10/2017

Desire a Call/Visit

Wish to become a Member

Member: 12/10/2017

Desire a Call/ Visit

## Prayer Request

### Joy/Concern

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do not read aloud

Please share with congregation

For Church Prayer Chain



Coffee with the Pastor, Every Thursday, Espresso Bar and Café, Downtown Walking Mall, 1:00pm

Lunch with the Pastor, Monday, December 18, Mission BBQ at noon

Dinner with the Pastor, Thursday, December 21, TGIF 7:30pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

Serving in Worship Next Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 8:30 and 11:00am

Acolytes: \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers 8:30am ☼ 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_ Worship Leader: Kathy Baccary

### ABBREVIATION LEDGER

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal	APR-Apple Pie Ridge Campus	STZ-Stanza
TFWS-The Faith We Sing	FUMC-First United Methodist Church	HO-Hunger Offering
OT-Old Testament	NT-New Testament	GF-General Fund
TOP-Teens Opposing Poverty	UMM - United Methodist Men	UMC-United Methodist Church

### "Songs and Stories for a Festive Season"

Our members, Melody Harmon and Lew Costello are a part of the Winchester Musica Viva, and would like to invite you to an upcoming event. Winchester Musica Viva will present their 36th annual holiday concerts, "Songs and Stories for a Festive Season," **December 15, 16, and 17**. Musica Viva will share exquisite music and heart-warming stories from Jewish, Latino, and Ghanaian holiday traditions, as well as traditional Christmas music. The program includes toe-tapping music from Africa, Spanish carols, Hanukah songs, and familiar carols for the choir and audience. Community members will share personal stories from their own cultural celebrations and memories. Performances will take place **Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 pm**, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, and **Saturday, 8:00 pm, and Sunday, 4:00 pm**, at Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and free for children and students.

### WALKING GROUP CHALLENGE!

We started on July 11, but please join us on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at 6:30pm, at Handley High School. Our goal is to walk the distance between Nazareth and Bethlehem (80 miles) by Christmas! The last day for walking is Thursday, December 21st. This is a very "doable thing" if we walk 1 and 3/4 miles 8 times a month. Please bring a friend!



### "The Littlest Angel Choir"

On **December 15 at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary, Discovery Preschool will present: "The Littlest Angel Choir" by Karl Hitzemann. This is our annual mission outreach to the children and their families to share the real reason for Christmas. This year the play is about how every member of the church is preparing for a special Christmas service except the young children. The choir and band have been rehearsing and the pastor busy writing his sermon, but the young children are wondering what their role is in the Christmas service. Some of the children are trying to figure out the true meaning of Christmas. So come join us and see how the little ones handle various little problems that cause them to be in charge of the special Christmas service!

### Prayer Concerns

**Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:** Jake Philibin, Gloria Darr, Amy and Stanley Barnes, Reba and Harold Cooper, Phyllis Lee, Elsie Benegar, Andy Kiser, Phyllis Steele, Herbert Darr, Nancy Crim, Tabby Starks, Emily Dick, Stuart Perry, Ruth Anderson, Cayden, Krista Link, Olin Wright, Chuck Rumsey, Carl Alder, Betty Sager, Matt Ritter, Matt Nichols, Doris & Jim Dawson, Geoff Westgate, Sharon Anderson, Gail Winters, Larissa Strosnider, Nancy Johnson, Dr. Jimmy Gordon, Jack Fazenbaker, Tommy Clark, Bonnie Wilfong, Larry & Sue Correll, Daniel Hannemann, Daisy and the family of Cooper Abbot and Stan Pascal.

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### Mission Statement

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World".

### Apple Pie Ridge Campus:

362 Apple Pie Ridge Road,  
near the elementary school.

## WE WELCOME YOU TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

**THE TEAR SHEET IN THE BULLETIN** is provided for your convenience. As you arrive for worship, please fill it out including your prayer "joy and concern" as well as indicating your desire to participate in some of the ministries provided by our church. Thank you!

**WORSHIP IS CENTRAL** to the life of our congregation. Next week, we will continue the worship series, "Coming Home for Christmas" with a sermon titled, "Joy Is Our True Home", based on Thessalonians 5:16-24. Join us as we celebrate Advent, a season in which we prepare ourselves to receive Christ at Christmas.

### Children Are Important at First Church!

FUMC offers Children's Church during our 8:30 & 11am worship services. We also provide a nursery during our 9:45am Sunday School hour. For a list of upcoming Children's Church topics, please visit the information board located outside of the nursery, Room 105.



### HELP



### Blood Drive

On **Monday, January 8th from 1:30-7:30pm** we will be having a blood drive at the Red Cross Building in Sunny Side on Highway 522 North, just outside of town. If you are able to donate, please contact Tim Anderson at (540) 247-8849 to schedule your appointment.

### WATTS

Heads up! Our WATTS (Winter Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) week has changed! Our new week is **Saturday, Feb. 3 - Feb. 10**. Please check your calendar for your availability and let Jill Johnson (540) 247-2990 know when you'd like to volunteer.

### HELP WITH DISASTER RELIEF

By giving to an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church, one hundred percent of your gift will go toward needed supplies as administrative costs have already been underwritten by apportionment giving. Make your check out to FUMC and write UMCOR ADVANCE #901670 on the memo portion of your check. These funds will be used to help with hurricane relief in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.



**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:30 & 11:00 am**

Chimes	<i>The people are seated in preparation for worship.</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. White
Prelude	<i>Bringing in the light of Christ</i>	Acolytes
Collection of Bulletin Tear Sheets (during first hymn)		Worship Leader
*Opening Prayer (All praying)		
	Leader: It is good. <b>People: It is good.</b> Leader: To be in the house of the Lord. <b>People: To be in the house of the Lord.</b> Leader: One more time. <b>People: One more time.</b>	
*Hymn	"Gather Us In"	#2236 (TFWS)
	<i>Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.</i>	
Children's Time		Rev. White
	<i>After "Children's Time", the children are invited to depart for "Children's Church". Parents may pick up their children in room 105 after the service.</i>	
Anthem	"Looking for the Light"	Choir
*Reading	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Worship leader
*Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Stz. 1-4)	#211 (UMH)
Sermon	"Home is Where We Meet"	Rev. White
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	8:30am Dick & Debbie O'Hara // 11:00am Kim Mowrey, Connie &	Craig Stultz
Offering		Worship Leader
Offertory		
*Doxology	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>Praise Him, all creatures here below;</b> <b>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;</b> <b>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>	
Prayer Requests, Joys and Concerns		Rev. Will White
Prayers for the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	#238 (UMH)
*Invitation to Christian Discipleship		

\* indicates to "please stand if you are able".

*If you desire to dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ, please come forward during the last hymn.*

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<b>Worship Leader</b>	Bob Johnson
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:30 & 11:00 am - Ushers

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OVERFLOW ROOM** will be receiving a new name! There is a suggestion box located on the welcome table in the back of the Sanctuary. Suggestions will be accepted until January 28th. The Council will come to a decision in February.

**DOWN TO EARTH** - Have we ever really grasped the miracle that took place in Jesus' birth? Join us as we explore what the Christmas miracle means to each of us. Using story and scripture we will be challenged to respond during Advent with down-to-Earth love, humility, lifestyle, and obedience. We will meet in the Overflow Room December 17, 24, and 31 during the Sunday School hour.

**LOCAL ANGEL TREE!!** We have a tree in the Overflow Room with gift items for a needy family of six from our area. Please pick an envelope from the tree, purchase the item, and return it unwrapped under the tree (with the envelope from the tree attached). Jill Johnson, our mission's coordinator, will deliver to this needy family.

**COUNTERS NEEDED!** We are currently looking for volunteers to help count the weekly offerings. Those interested should contact Lew Costello 540-722-5288 or Becky Starliper at bstarliper@brielpc.com

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** has designated UMCOR, UMVIM and WATTS as the recipients of the Thanksgiving and Christmas special offerings, in amounts to be established after (1) collection of said offerings, and (2) re-evaluation of the needs of said recipients. Use your "Thanksgiving" and "Christmas" envelopes to make these offerings.

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday** – Walking Group 6:30pm - John Handley High School Parking Lot **Wednesday** - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Choir Room // Building Committee 7:30pm - FUMC Parsonage **Thursday** – Coffee w/the pastor 1:00pm - Espresso Bar & Café Downtown Mall // C-CAP Prep 6:30pm - FUMC Kitchen // Walking Group 6:30pm - John Handley High School Parking Lot **Friday** - Children's Christmas Program 6:30pm - FUMC Sanctuary // "Songs & Stories for a Festive Season" 7:30pm — Trinity Episcopal Church **Saturday** - C-CAP Christmas Giveaway 8:30am - C-CAP Building on Kent St. // "Songs & Stories for a Festive Season" 8:00pm — Trinity Episcopal Church **Sunday** - **2nd Sunday of Advent** // Worship Service 8:30am // Sunday School 9:45am // Worship Service 11:00am // "Songs & Stories for a Festive Season" 4:00pm — Trinity Episcopal Church

**LAST WEEK**

**ATTENDANCE**

**WORSHIP: 8:30am:** 48 **11:00am:** 73 **Sunday School:** 53 **Small Group:** 41

**OFFERINGS TO GOD:**

**General Fund:** \$8,620.00; **52 Week Average:** \$5,232.55; **Needed Weekly:** \$6,372.17; **GF Year to Date:** \$273,761.76; **Hunger Offering:** \$135.00; **HO Year to Date:** \$8,575.00; **Capital Improvements:** \$305.00; **Balance Owed:** \$0.00.

**December 10th, Ugly Christmas Sweater & Tie Day** and **Christmas Social** gathering between services in the Overflow Room.

**December 13th,** Building Committee Meeting 7:30pm at the Parsonage

**December 14th,** C-CAP sandwich & snack preparation, 6:30pm FUMC Kitchen

**December 15,** The Littlest Angel Choir" Children's Program, 6:30pm FUMC Sanctuary

**December 19th,** Computer Class with Bryon 6:30pm in the Chapel

**December 24,** 8:30am service is **CANCELLED**, but 11:00am worship service will be held // 7:00pm Las Posadas Family Candlelight Service // 9:00pm Candlelight Service

WINTER  
SMALL GROUPS

**MEMBER & GUEST SMALL GROUPS**

**If you are able to make it to one or all of these member/guest events, please let us know by checking the box (s) below.**

- Walking Group Challenge - **every Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30pm @ Handley High School Parking Lot**
- Down to Earth Class - **December 17, 24, & 31 in the Overflow Room**
- Computer Class with Bryon — **December 19th in the Chapel @ 6:30pm**

**C-CAP Christmas Giveaway!**

**Please Note: Our food prep day has changed!**

- I would LOVE to help!! Count me in!**

Our church each year provides food and support for the volunteers who will be distributing Christmas gifts to hundreds of local, needy, residents.

Please join Bobby Dick on **Saturday, December 16th, from 8:30am until noon** at the CCAP office building on Kent Street. You can also help make sandwiches and prepare gift bags in our church's kitchen on **Thursday, December 14, 6:30pm**. Financial donations are also needed.

Oh, yes, and CCAP stands for "Congregational Community Action Plan". It is an organization supported by many local churches that helps local homeless and needy people.

**Please contact Bobby Dick at 540-539-4459 or email Bobby at bobbrend@gmail.com.**