

TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight! We hope to see you again! Our regularly scheduled worship services are at 8:30 and 11:00am on Sunday mornings. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45am. Children's Church is provided at each service. We have coffee fellowship each Sunday in the Overflow Room after each worship service. If you would like to learn more about our church, please consider coming to FUMC 101 on January 7th.

May God Bless You Richly!
Rev. Will White, Lead Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUMC 101 WILL BE January 7, 14, 21 in the Overflow Room between the services

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a follower of Jesus? What does it mean to be a part of a church? A member? Come

explore the answers to these questions with Rev. White during this three part series.

BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, January 8th from 1:30-7:30pm 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.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL has designated UMCOR, UMVIM and WATTS as the recipients of the 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 "Christmas" envelopes to make these offerings.

OUR WATTS (Winter Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) 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.

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 1 New Year's Day

Revelation 21:1-6, "All Things New"

Epiphany Series: "Rise Up! God is Speaking"

January 7, Epiphany Sunday [White]

Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2:1-12, "The Magi's Visit" (God is Speaking)

January 14, [Green]

1 Samuel 3:1-10 & John 1:43-51, "Many Will Be Called" (Listen)

January 21, [Green]

Jonah 3:1-5 and Mark 1:14-20, "Going Public (Move)"

January 28, [Green]

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Luke 4:21-30, "Dealing with Demons" (Answer)



A Manger for the World

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00pm Candlelight Communion Service

First United Methodist Church

308 N. Braddock Street

Winchester, VA 22601



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GATHERING

Chimes	<i>The people are seated in preparation for worship.</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Will White
Prelude	Bringing in the light of Christ	Acolytes
*Hymn	“O Come All Ye Faithful”	#234 (UMH)
Collection of Visitor Cards	<i>(during first hymn)</i>	
Anthem	“Run, Run, Shepherds”	Chancel Choir
*Reading	“Luke 2:1-20”	Worship Leader
*Hymn	“The Friendly Beasts”	#227 (UMH)
Sermon	“A Manger for the World”	Rev. Will White
Lighting the Advent Wreath	Dickens-Bowman Family	

Reader 1: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Reader 2: How perfect it is that God would send a child to lead us. The voice of God was heard in the cries of a baby, and that sound reminds us that God cared for us enough to be with us, to save us from the powers of death and destruction, and end our journey in darkness. We light these candles knowing that Jesus is born, and Love has come to earth.

(lighting of the five candles)

Reader 1: And so we offer this mysterious prayer:

ALL: Lord Jesus, quickly come.

Offering

*Doxology

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Anthem “No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy” Chancel Choir

Thanksgiving and Communion with Candle Lighting #15 (UMH)

As you receive communion, assistants will provide candles, led candles, etc.

*Hymn “Silent Night” #239 (UMH)

*Blessing and Dismissal:

Rev. White: Christ the Savior is born.

Go forth in the strength of the spirit

To ponder and proclaim the good news.

People: **Amen.**



* in the order of worship indicates to stand if you are able

*Please see the back for more information **