

2019 Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 1 - 4:30pm - Advent Wreath Family Event, Assembly Hall

Tuesday, December 3 - 6:30pm - Prayer Walking, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 3 – 6:00pm - UMCOR Open House, Building 2, Lower Level

Wednesday, December 4 - 12:00pm - Advent Service and Luncheon:
Rev. Cameron Merrill Preaching, Sanctuary & Assembly Hall

Thursday, December 5 - 6:30pm - Prayer Walking, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 8 - 8:30am and 11am services - Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 10 - 6:30pm - Prayer Walking, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 11 - 12:00pm - Advent Service and Luncheon:
Rev. Crystal DesVignes Preaching, Sanctuary & Assembly Hall

Thursday, December 12 - 6:30pm - Prayer Walking, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 14 – 7:30pm - Crystal Coast Choral Society
Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15 - 7:30pm - Moravian Love Feast

Wednesday, December 18 - 12:00 pm - Advent Service and
Luncheon: Rev. Edgardo Colón-Emeric Preaching,
Sanctuary & Assembly Hall

December 24 – Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Services
3PM Family Christmas Service, Sanctuary
5PM Traditional, Sanctuary
5PM Beacon, Assembly Hall
7PM Traditional, Sanctuary



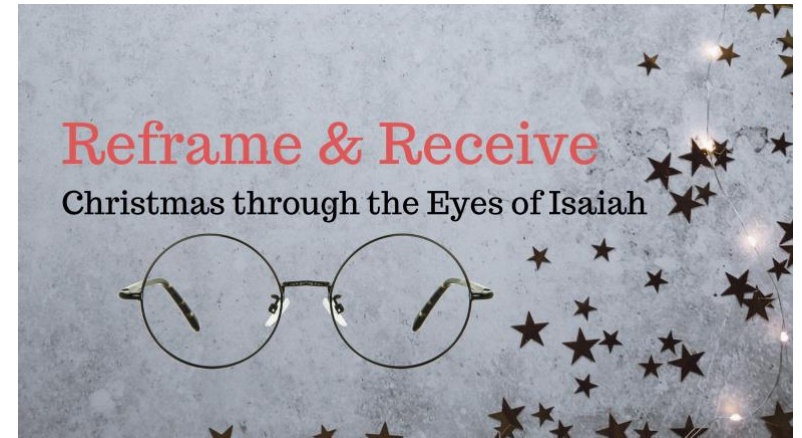
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NOTES



"Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World"



December 1, 2019 8:30 am

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Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Gathering

Welcome, Announcements and Connection Cards

Introit "O Come, Emmanuel"
Terri Boykin

*Call to Worship The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Come let us go up to the Lord's mountain so that we might receive God's good gifts!
O come let us adore Him, who alone brings us light, hope, and life!

*Hymn UMH 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Opening Prayer of Confession
God of light and hope, we are ready for your promises now. We long for your peace, your justice, and your restoration to fill our lives and the world around us. In this season, we too often cram our lives so full we find it hard to calendar you in; we find it hard to locate the time to fully prepare our hearts and lives to welcome the Light of the World. Forgive us for our holiday busyness that can distract us from your truth. Wake us up from our complacency and guide us into a true readiness to receive you as Lord and Savior anew. This we pray in the name of Jesus, the Son of David and our Bright and Morning Star. Amen. (All Pray in Silence)

*Assurance of Pardon
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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*Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Call to Prayer "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Merle Epperson

Prayers of the People Lord, in Your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Children's Hymn UMH 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Vrs. 1

The Children's Message Pastor Kevin

Scripture Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Communion Homily "Come Walk in the Light" Pastor Adam

Holy Communion

Invitation UMH 12

Giving our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Come On, Ring Those Bells"
Cheryl Epperson

Everybody likes to take a holiday, everybody likes to take a rest, spending time together with the family sharing lots of love and happiness. Come on, ring those bells, light the Christmas tree. Jesus is the King born for you and me. Come on, ring those bells, everybody say, Jesus, we remember this your birthday. Celebrations come because of something good, celebrations we love to recall. Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem, the greatest celebration of them all.

*Doxology UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Great Thanksgiving The Faith We Sing 2257 a-d
Breaking of the Bread
Giving of the Bread and Cup
Anointing with oil

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*Prayer after the Meal

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn UMH 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Benediction

Postlude "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
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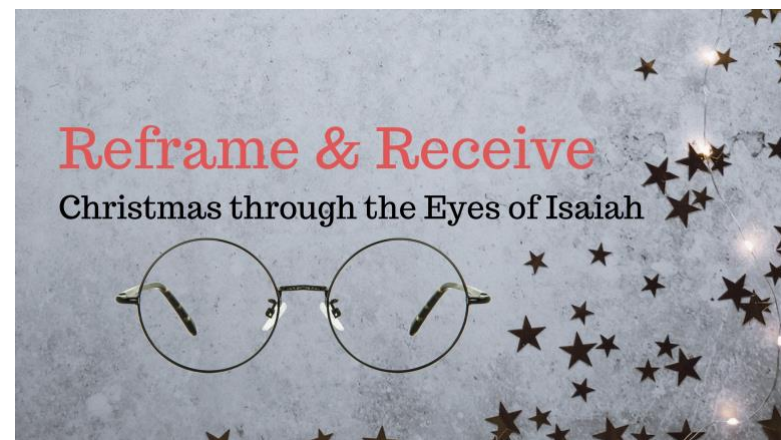
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Offertory “Comfort Ye (From Messiah)” Handel
Cheryl Epperson

Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem. And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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Communion Music “Advent Kyrie” Lantz

Ceilings of cedar, lamp stands of gold, bronze covered pillars, beauty untold; yet in the splendor of all we behold, our hearts lie barren and cold. Kyrie, we pray for mercy. Kyrie, show us the way. Kyrie, send us a Savior, Kyrie. Sign of deliverance, glimmer of peace, dreams of Messiah, visions increase; Father in heaven, give us a sign. Send Your Redeemer divine. Amen

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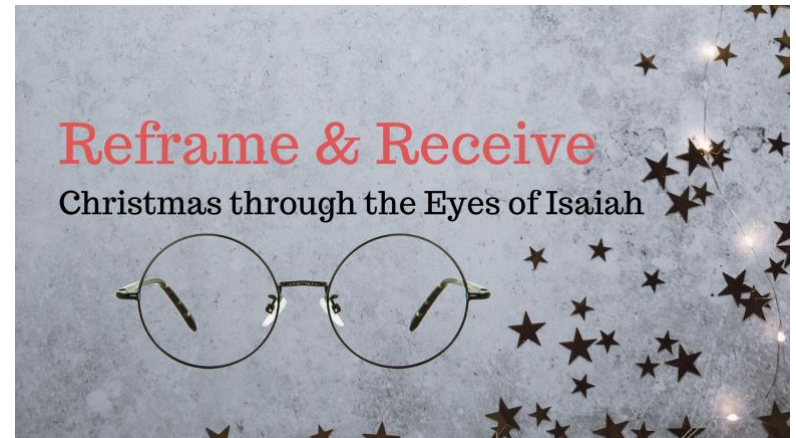
Choral Benediction “Go Now In Peace”

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Contemporary Worship

Opening Song

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Praise & Worship

Congregation Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

“Come Walk in the Light”

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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Song of Commitment/Sending Forth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Family Advent Celebration** Today, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall (Building 3). Make a family advent wreath and enjoy a spaghetti dinner. The items to make a wreath will be provided. Please bring sheers or scissors and some greenery from your yard. Hope to see you there!

- **The Lord's Ladies Christmas Party** The Lord's Ladies is a group of women, mostly widows, who gather each Sunday after the eleven o'clock church service to enjoy good fellowship while having lunch together. We rotate different restaurants weekly. Each year we have a Christmas Party and this year's will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 5:30pm at Swansboro Food and Beverage. It will be a dutch treat meal (pay for your own). We usually have a gift exchange but we have decided this year to give the \$10 we would spend on a gift and collect the money and give to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. To make reservations, please call Linda Mack at 252-393-6650 before Saturday, December 14th. We feel very blessed to have the Christian fellowship and friendship with each other and welcome other women who might like to join us.

- **UMCOR Open House** Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:00-7:30 pm. Are you interested in what has been changing in the lower level of building 2? The UMCOR team is opening up the doors this Tuesday for the church to see what has been happening. There will be opportunity for people to sign up to volunteer for a day or days to help the people in our community that still need it. We hope to see you there!

- **The Christmas Cantata** "Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!" will be presented by the Chancel Choir, Sunday, December 8th at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services.

- **Prayer Walking**, SUMC Sanctuary (Bldg 2)

Tuesday Dec. 3 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday Dec. 5 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday Dec.10 6:30-8:00 p.m.

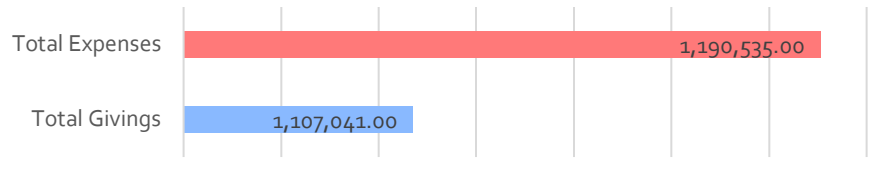
Thursday Dec. 12 6:30-8:00 p/m

Come anytime for a time for personal reflection and prayer during this busy season of the year.

- **Note from Jim & Lynn Rouse:**

Jim Rouse's mom, Roberta "Shorty" Rouse, has not passed away. She is alive and well at Carolina Rivers Nursing Home in Jacksonville, NC.

Financial Status at a Glance Month ending - October 2019



Financial	October Month End	Year to Date
Tithing and Gift	\$ 71,135	\$ 774,464
\$20 Fellowship Fund & Building Gifts	\$ 15,158	\$ 126,394
Childcare Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 67,500
Transfer In for Parsonage Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 22,167
Transfer In for A/C Unit	\$ 0	\$ 17,822
Transfer From Hurricane Repair Funds	\$ 1,486	\$ 98,694
Total Income:	\$110,279	\$1,107,041
Less Operating Expenses:	\$106,175	\$1,028,579
Hurricane Repair Expense	\$ 1,486	\$ 98,694
Net	\$ (2,618)	\$ (20,232)
*Apportionments not paid	\$ 0	\$ 63,262

OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:30 – 157 9:45 – 166 11:00 – 143 11:15 – 64

OUR SERVICE

Nursery

8:30 Adele Hyla-Brewster 11:00 Cindy Rogers

Children's Church

8:30 Millie Morris 11:00 Laura Lamonica

Prayer Room

8:30 9:45 11:00 Janice Bean

- **The Seekers Sunday School Class** at SUMC will start a continuing Bible Study Class on December 1, 2019. You are invited to join us every Sunday morning at 9:45am in room 27, building 1 for a new look at God's Holy Word.

Beginning on Dec. 1 with the study of the birth of Jesus for the four Sundays in Advent. Dec. 1st and 8th - explore what Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of Jesus in the book of Matthew. On Dec. 15th and 22nd - Luke's account of the virgin Mary's visit by the angel Gabriel, Joseph's part in God's plan and on Dec. 29th - how Jesus' birth in Bethlehem fulfilled prophecy. In Jan. 2020 we will continue to study in the New Testament while looking at fulfillment of OT prophecies, beginning with the book of Mark. In March (during Lent) we will follow the last weeks of Jesus' ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection. In April and May, we will study the book of Matthew and the meaning of Pentecost. The summer schedule will be planned soon. For more information, contact Lynn Rouse at 910.358.3572, Ray Bihary at 252.204.3248 or Richard Montfort at 910.382.8005.

The Chancel flowers are given in memory of Hazel Kilpatrick by her family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Eleanor Cooper, Jill Geelhard, John & Angie Hall, John Henderson, Don Henriksen, Dee Hoover, Shelton Kellum, Sheryle Kinney, Beth Lenthall, Bryant Smith, Larry Wicker (*shut-in)

Friends & Family: Sara Bergazzi, Gregory Davis, Ronnie Ernst, Ray Haga, Eric Hart, Bridget Marie Hodsdon, Al Kohler, Molly Mackey, Darla & Kenny Morton, Woody & Tammy Murphy, Kathy Nilsen, Deborah & Bob Nolan, Lee Orwat, Anna Rodriguez, Angela Ulin, Freddy Valez, Charlie Walker, Carolyn Willey,

Deployed Military: Jimmy Gainey, Dennis Grazios*, Scott Harper Jr.*, Lee Moffett, James Pidgeon III, Cooper Redfearn, Michael P. Smith, Jason Sullivan, Erik Werhner, Lance Young (*Church Member)

OUR GIFTS

- In memory of Dr. Oscar Schindelar given by Harold & Louise Fulp.
- In memory of Rudy Norris given by John & Carol McLean.
- In memory of Peg Fredeen given by John & Carol McLean.
- In memory of Rufus Hatsell given by John & Carol McLean.
- In memory of Mary Bergazzi given by John & Carol McLean.

UMCOR

-There will not be any volunteers staying with us until after the first of the year.

This Week at SUMC

Sunday

8:30 am Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 am Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
4:00 pm Celebration Rehearsal (Bldg 1, Choir Rm)
4:30 pm Advent Wreath Family Event (Assembly Hall)

Monday

7:00 am Emmaus Reunion Group - Men (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
8:15 am Emmaus Reunion Group - Women (Bldg 1, Rm 29)
10:30 am Mission Monday (Bldg 1, Rm 10)
6:30 pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Bldg 1, Choir Rm)

Tuesday

9:15 am Pastor's Planning Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
10:00 am Church Staff Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
6:00 pm UMCOR Open House (Bldg 2, Downstairs)
6:30 pm Prayer Walking (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Crystal Coast Choral Society Rehearsal (Upstairs Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday

7:15 am SUMM Bible Study (Bldg 1, Rm 13)
12:00 pm Advent Service & Luncheon: Rev. Cameron Merrill (Sanctuary)
1:30 pm Alpha Prayer Group (Bldg 1, Rm 29)
5:00 pm UMW Executive Board Meeting (Bldg 1, Library)
6:30 pm Beacon Band Rehearsal (Assembly Hall)

Thursday

5:30 pm Trustees Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 13)
6:30 pm Prayer Walking (Sanctuary)

Friday

10:30 am Journaling the Word (Bldg 1, Library)

Saturday

8:00 am Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

December 1, 2019

Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
Sunday School
Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall)
Celebration Rehearsal (Bldg 1, Choir Rm)
Advent Wreath Family Event (Assembly Hall)

December 2, 2019

Emmaus Reunion Group - Men (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
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Mission Monday (Bldg 1, Rm 10)
Adult Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Chancel Choir (Bldg 1, Choir Rm)

December 3, 2019

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Church Staff Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 27)
UMCOR Open House (Bldg 2, Downstairs)
Prayer Walking (Sanctuary)
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December 4, 2019

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Advent Service & Luncheon: Rev. Cameron Merrill (Sanctuary)
Alpha Prayer Group (Bldg 1, Rm 29)
UMW Executive Board Meeting (Bldg 1, Library)
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December 5, 2019

Trustees Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 13)
Prayer Walking (Sanctuary)

December 6, 2019

Journaling the Word (Bldg 1, Library)

December 7, 2019

Cantata Rehearsal (Sanctuary)