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## Morning Worship on the Lord's Day

Gathering

Welcome
First Time Guests / Announcements and Connection Cards

Introit "An English Carol"
Handbell Choir

*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 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Opening Prayer of Confession
**Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**
(all pray in silence)

*Assurance of Pardon
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle
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Prayers of the People
Lord in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

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

Chancel Choir
Presents
**"Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!"**
Merle Epperson, Director
Terri Boykin, Pianist
(see insert)

Giving our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"
Terri Boykin

*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

*Hymn 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Christians, Be Joyful"
Terri Boykin

***Indicates Congregation Standing as Able.** Hearing Aids, Large Print Bibles, Large Print Hymnals are available. If you need any of these, please see an usher or greeter. **Please silence all cell phones.**

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# *Contemporary Worship*

**Opening Song**

**Welcome and Announcement**

**Scripture**
**Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

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**Praise & Worship**

**Congregation Prayer**

**Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture**
**Matthew 3:1-12**

**Sermon**
**"The Stump"**

**Song of Commitment/Sending Forth**

**Please pick up your children during the last song.**

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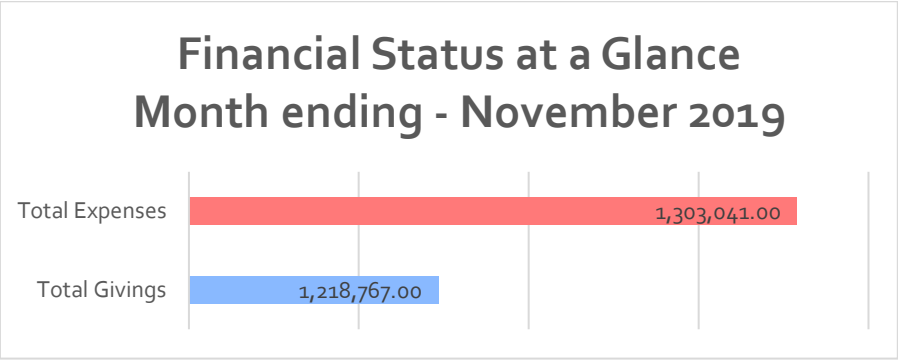


| Financial | November Month End | Year to Date |
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| Tithing and Gift | $ 83,490 | $ 857,955 |
| $20 Fellowship Fund & Building Gifts | $ 15,289 | $ 141,682 |
| Childcare Contribution | $ 0 | $ 67,500 |
| Transfer In for Parsonage Expenses, A/C Unit, and Fellowship Hall Carpet | $ 0 | $ 47,936 |
| Transfer From Hurricane Repair Funds | $ 12,948 | $ 103,694 |
| **Total Income:** | **$111,726** | **$1,218,767** |
| **Less Operating Expenses:** | **$107,506** | **$1,136,085** |
| **Hurricane Repair Expense** | **$ 5,000** | **$ 103,694** |
| Net | $ (780) | $ (21,012) |
| *Apportionments not paid | $ 0 | $ 63,262 |

## OUR PRESENCE

*Sunday, December 1, 2019*

**8:30** – 150 **9:45** – 186 **11:00** – 140 **11:15** – 57

## OUR SERVICE

**Nursery**

8:30 Janet Morgan 11:00 Sarah Fulp

**Children's Church**

8:30 Abby Young 11:00 Susan Stuart

**Prayer Room**

8:30 9:45 11:00 Cathy Harris

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**- Poinsettias** Today is the last day to place an order for Christmas Poinsettias. If you haven't ordered yours yet, please fill out an order sheet found in the pew pads and place it in the offering plate with the payment attached. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 22nd and can be picked up following the 7 pm Christmas Eve service through December 27th.

**- UMW Dixie Moore/Mary Smith Circle** will meet Wednesday, December 11th at 10 a.m. in Bldg 1, Library. Program: 'Christmas Stories' by Circle Leader, Tina Bell Midgett. All women are welcome.

**- Crystal Coast Choral Society** will have their Christmas Concert Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

**- Celebrating 65 years!** Silverdale Elementary Students and Staff cordially invite you to Leadership Day on December 12, 2019 beginning at 9AM. The students will be showcasing the campus and cultural changes throughout the years. "We hope you'll be able to join us as we celebrate 65 years of learning and leading at Silverdale."

**- Thanks** to all who contributed to the MANNA food drive recently. Snacks were given to Silverdale School, our Food Pantry was updated, and extra foods delivered to the Women's Shelter in Morehead City and the Jacksonville Soup Kitchen. Needed now---meats (small canned hams), cereals, canned fruits, peanut butter/jelly and household items.

**- Blue Christmas/Winter Solstice service** The season of Advent and Christmas holidays often bring joy and happiness to many, but it also means not everyone feels like being cheery, joyful, and upbeat. The season seems more like a time of despair and darkness instead of hope and light. Many are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer, or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations that result in seasonal parties being painful instead of jovial. Many in our community are living through dark times this Christmas season, especially in the aftermath of Florence. Swansboro UMC on December 21, in the Sanctuary of building 2, at 6:00 pm will have a Blue Christmas/Winter Solstice service. This will be a service of reflection, acceptance of where people really are, and a reiteration of the healing and hope in God; who overcomes the darkness people face. Come to reflect, recognize your pain, and know that an Almighty and Gracious God is with you!

**- You're invited** to PRAYER WALKING in the Sanctuary. Dec. 9 & 12. Come anytime between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. in this busy season, special opportunity for personal silent meditation, prayer in the sanctuary lighted only by the Christmas tree. A member of our Meditation Workshop will be in the narthex to provide guidelines and suggestions.

**- 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.

***The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.***

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Members:** Barbara Brown, Eleanor Cooper, Matthew Felipe, 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, Smith Family, 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 Deanna Smith given by Mike, Chris, Evan, & Logan Wilson.

-In memory of Mary Bergazzi given by Dave & Abby Young.

## This Week at SUMC

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| **Sunday** | **December 8, 2019** |
| 8:30 am | Cantata - Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 9:45 am | Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall) |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| 11:00 am | Cantata - Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 11:15 am | Beacon Worship Service (Assembly Hall) |
| 4:00 pm | Celebration Rehearsal (Bldg 1, Choir Rm) |
| 4:30 pm | Confirmation (Bldg. 2, Sanctuary) |
| 4:30 pm | UMKids (Bldg 1, Choir Rm, Rm 10, 14, Upstairs Fellowship Hall) |
| 4:30 pm | Youth (Bldg 3, Youth Rooms) |
| **Monday** | **December 9, 2019** |
| 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** | **December 10, 2019** |
| 9:15 am | Pastor's Planning Meeting (Bldg 1, Library) |
| 10:00 am | Church Staff Meeting (Bldg 1, Library |
| 6:30 pm | Prayer Walking (Sanctuary) |
| 7:00 pm | Crystal Coast Choral Society Rehearsal (Upstairs Fellowship Hall) |
| **Wednesday** | **December 11, 2019** |
| 7:15 am | SUMM Bible Study (Bldg 1, Rm 13) |
| 10:00 am | UMW Morning Circle Meeting (Bldg 1, Library) |
| 12:00 pm | Advent Service & Luncheon: Rev. Crystal DesVignes (Sanctuary) |
| 1:30 pm | Alpha Prayer Group (Bldg 1, Rm 29) |
| 4:00 pm | Ethlyn Hurst/Nettie Merritt Circle Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 13) |
| 6:30 pm | UMM Executive Board Meeting (Bldg 1, Rm 13) |
| 6:30 pm | Beacon Band Rehearsal (Assembly Hall) |
| 7:00 pm | UMW Night Circles Meeting (away from church) |
| **Thursday** | **December 12, 2019** |
| 6:30 pm | Prayer Walking (Sanctuary) |
| **Saturday** | **December 14, 2019** |
| 7:30 pm | Crystal Coast Choral Society Christmas Concert (Sanctuary) |