

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

Gathering Thought: “Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.” — St. Teresa of Calcutta

ENTRANCE

**Gathering
Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude *Lo How a Rose E're Blooming*

Johannes Brahms
Patti Gould

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candlelighting

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please place your prayer concerns and praises in the offering plate.

Offertory *A Wesley Christmas* arr. Carl Wiltse
Handbell Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

*Samuel Chin & Cathy Miles, conductors
Patti Gould, pianist
Adrian Palazzi & Aleece Roehl, narrators*

Processional Carols and Bidding Prayer Patti Ferguson & Cheryl Wagner-Koogler
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Once in Royal David's City UMH 250, 4th verse

First Lesson and Carol Talia Roehl-Jacobs, flute
The Sans Day Carol

Second Lesson and Carol Chancel and Handbell Choirs
Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH 220, 1st verse

Third Lesson and Carol Chancel Choir
For unto Us a Son Is Born (from Handel's Messiah)

Fourth Lesson and Carol Chancel and Handbell Choirs
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240, 3rd verse

Fifth Lesson and Carol Cecelia Miller, Caitlin Webster, Judy Zahren & Jan Hoener
What Child Is This Samuel Chin, guitar

Sixth Lesson and Carol Debi Wynn & Brian Miller, soloists
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Good Christians All Rejoice! UMH 224, 2nd verse

Seventh Lesson and Carol Brian Miller, Edward Smith, Jonathan Wilson & Pete McGinnes
Sing We Now of Christmas
The First Noel UMH 245, 1st verse

Eighth Lesson and Carols with Closing Blessing Chancel Choir
Hallelujah Chorus (from Handel's Messiah)

SENDING FORTH

***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

***Postlude** *Joy to the World* arr. Franklin Ritter
Patti Gould

***Going Forth**

**Please rise in posture or spirit*
TFWS: *The Faith We Sing* UMH: *U.M. Hymnal* **Bold print: in unison**
W&S: *Worship and Song*

SHARING, CARING, AND STUDYING OPPORTUNITIES

Our **Advent sermon series “Time’s Up!”** concludes on Christmas Day.

The **2017 LRUMC OFFICER LISTS** are available in the narthex.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

During this December missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of Peanut Butter (18 oz.), Jelly, Rice, and cereal. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

A Special thank you to our **ALTAR GUILD AND THEIR HELPERS** for making our sanctuary so beautiful year-round.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, you may telephone the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church – in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

Send a Christmas Blessing: What could be better? Send your church family a group Christmas card and donate the money you would have spent on more cards to Lifewater Canada. Last year the money raised helped provide clean drinking water in towns where people got sick and some died from water related disease. Just sign one card and post it on the big board in the arcade, starting first week in December. Make your donation by using the envelope in your pew marked “Christmas cards.” Checks should be made out to LRUMC, memo “Missons.” Thanks for being a blessing to others.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| Today | after worship | Fellowship Time | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:30 a.m. | <i>Finance Cmte. Meeting postponed to January</i> | |
| | | St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church | Sanctuary |
| Monday – Friday | | | |
| | 6:30 AM – 6:00 p.m. | The Learning Garden Preschool | Rooms 122, 116 |
| | 6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m. | IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care | Rooms 208, 214 |
| Monday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| Tuesday | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| Thursday | 9:15 a.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Aerobics | Auditorium |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Handbell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| Friday | 10:30 a.m. | Al-Anon | Room 128 |
| Saturday | 10:00 a.m. | St. Paul’s Choir Rehearsal | Room 210 |
| | 6 to 9 p.m. | St. Paul’s Ghana Methodist Church | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:30 | Festival of Music | Sanctuary |
| | 8:00 | Candlelight Worship Service | Sanctuary |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec. 23 & 26 | Church Office Closed |
| Dec. 26 to Jan. 3 | Pastor Cliff on vacation |
| | <i>For pastoral emergencies, please call</i> |
| | <i>Rev. Wayne Harting, 410-663-0421, or the church office.</i> |
| Dec. 27 to 29 | 9 to 12 Church Office Hours |
| Dec. 29 | 9:00 am Spire Assembly |
| Dec. 30 & Jan. 2 | Church Office Closed |
| | Fellowship Hall |



Please join us
Christmas Eve
at Loch Raven UMC

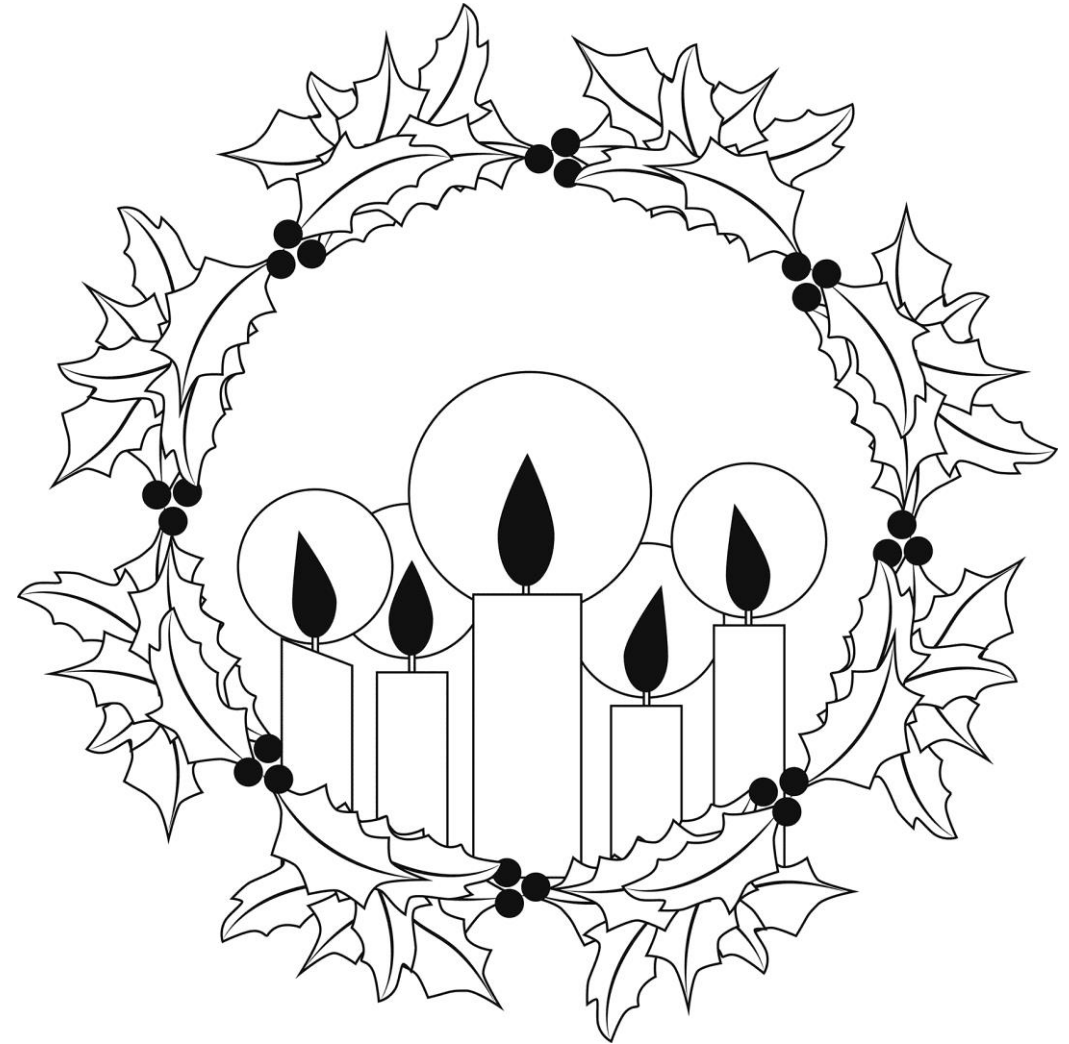
New Prayer Requests

The family of Lee Hammond who passed 9 December *(by Judy Zahren 12/20)*
Dontae Pendleton *(by Jan Hoener 12/11)*
Dellroy Harrison *(by Merrill Harrison 12/11)*
David Pearce *(by Sharon Neumann 12/11)*

Recent Prayer Requests

James Edmonds *(by Rebecca Mickey 12/6)*
The family of Ralph Bartram *(by Bob Bartram 12/4)*
Michele Nelson and family of Eleanor *(Marcia Smith 11/27)*
Ray Weiss *(Marcia & Gary Smith 11/27)*
Georgia Fredette *(Cecelia Miller 11/27)*
James Wagner *(Myra Wagner 11/27)*
The family of Cheri Potter *(sister-in-law of Judy Zahren 11-22)*

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless notified otherwise.



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8:00 Candlelight Worship Service