

HOLLYWOOD UMC

Love

FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 22, 2024



# WELCOME

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

## PRELUDE

“When Hope Came Down”

Mary Jane Seanor

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **OPENING HYMN** “I Love to Tell the Story”

UMH #156

\* **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

### Choral Intro

“Advent’s Holy Light”

**Leader:** Today the fourth candle, the candle of Love, joins the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Like the combined glow of many candles, let this season remind us of the strength found in unity as we come together to love and uplift one another. Let the warmth of love illuminate the connections that bind us together and foster us in a deep sense of belonging. Love creates the bonds that provide us with deep meaningful relationships.

**People:** The greatest gift of all is love.

**Leader:** Love inspires random acts of kindness and generosity.

**People:** The greatest gift of all is love.

**Leader:** Love causes us to only look for the best in others.

**People:** The greatest gift of all is love.

**Leader:** Love allows us to be accepted for who we are, flaws and all.

**People:** The greatest gift of all is love.

**Leader:** Gracious Creator, we gather in your presence today, hearts brimming with gratitude for the extraordinary gift of love you have bestowed upon us. May the celebration of love extend beyond our immediate circles, creating ripples of compassion and unity in the world. In recognizing the beauty of love, may we become vessels of your light, shining brightly for all to see. Amen.

**People:** Sing “Advent’s Holy Light”



## ADVENT’S HOLY LIGHT Joel Raney

(on cue)

Lord, we are wait - ing for peace to reign.

Lord, we are lis - tening for love's re - frain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to -

nite in the beau - ty and won - der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

# to WORSHIP

[WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/HOLLYWOODUMC](http://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/HOLLYWOODUMC)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 1:26–38

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

The Choir



**HYMN DURING CANTATA**

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” v1

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

See the back page for a variety of ways to give.

Offertory

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Mary Jane Seanor

\* Doxology

UMH #95

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* **HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

UMH #234

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” v2-6

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Mary Jane Seanor

\* We stand in body or in spirit to give glory to God.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Pray for the healing of our church family,  
friends & relatives*

Pat Brown	Kyle Reed (9/23)
<b>Lailon Dorsey</b> (12/17)	Sue Rehder (9/26)
Estelle Elmore (10/15)	<b>Ethan Reuter</b> (12/5)
Brian Frounfelker (9/12)	David Roberts (10/8)
Johnny Gatton (10/15)	Keith Southworth (8/7)
Nelson Houchens (10/9)	Rev. Harry Spear (7/2)
<b>Kathryn Liebschutz</b> (12/18)	Douglas Tucker (10/3)
Jim & Carole Lupis (6/20)	<b>Nancy Williams</b> (12/18)

*Pray for those who are battling cancer*

Mike Britt	Curtis Graves	James Rothwell
Tim Buckheit	Nathan Gray	Lorena Stiefel
Christine Clontz	Harold Insley	Rob Sutor
AJ Davis	Gene Keller, Jr.	Yvonne Tabor
<b>Melvin Dean</b>	Mike Knight	<b>Janet Taylor</b>
Sandy Denison	Lance Lupis	Denny Woodruff
Jason Duke	Bob Napier	Sarah Zsak
Connie Evans	Steven Nourse	
Pam Grace	Leanne Riley	

**REJOICE**  
ALWAYS,  
**PRAY**  
WITHOUT CEASING,  
**GIVE**  
**THANKS**  
IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSV

*Pray for Pastor Matthew & Danielle,  
and Amelia, Simon, and Ambrose*

*Pray for our Homebound*

Robert & Sharon Hayes	<b>John Porter</b>
Connie Langford	CD & Judy Wood

To request prayer, fill out a Keeping in Touch card or call or [email the office](#).

Please keep us updated on the status of your prayer requests.

Names in bold indicate new prayer requests or those who need extra prayer this week.



HUMC mugs are available on the counter in the narthex. Take a mug. Place some money in the jar. Give the mug as a Christmas gift. Use the mug during your devotional time. Use them as your guest mugs. Coffee! Hot chocolate! Hot tea! Soup! Enjoy!





# P O I N S E T T I A S

## G I V E N B Y . . .



Tom & Janet McGovern  
IN MEMORY OF  
Margaret McGovern,  
Tom's Mother

Candy & Bill Cain  
IN MEMORY OF  
Fred, Iva, and Jeff Cain,  
Bill's Family

Brian Getty  
IN MEMORY OF  
Marilyn Getty,  
His First Wife;  
Leonard & Barbara Getty,  
His Parents; and  
Steve Getty,  
His Brother

Tom & Janet McGovern  
IN MEMORY OF  
James F. Wild, Sr,  
Janet's Father

Candy & Bill Cain  
IN HONOR OF  
Janet Taylor,  
Candy's Mother

Gail Hepp-Getty  
IN MEMORY OF  
Roger Hepp,  
Her First Husband; and  
Milton & Althea Louden,  
Her Parents

The Branch Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mike Branch

Tammy Burr  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Sharon Williams,  
Her Parents

Kathryn Liebschutz (x2)  
IN MEMORY OF  
Those Who Have Perished

Beverly & Steve Wilson (x2)  
IN MEMORY OF  
Joan & Dave Wilson,  
Steve's Parents

Sarah Burr  
IN MEMORY OF  
Paul & Jean Rothwell,  
Her "Adopted"  
Grandparents

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
J. C. Tubbs,  
Kim's Father

Beverly & Steve Wilson (x2)  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mary Ellen & Kinsey Burke,  
Beverly's Parents

Jean Loffler  
IN MEMORY OF  
Carl "Buddy" Loffler,  
Her Husband

Kim Bentley & Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Shirley Tubbs,  
Kim's Mother

Shirley Tubbs  
IN MEMORY OF  
JC Tubbs, Her Husband,  
and IN HONOR OF  
Her Children &  
Grandchildren

Harley & Janet Cook  
IN HONOR OF  
Their Family

The Benhams  
IN MEMORY OF  
Bill & Barbara Benham,  
Bill's Parents

The Benhams  
IN HONOR OF  
Lailon & Frankie Dorsey,  
April's Parents



# P O I N S E T T I A S

## G I V E N B Y . . .



The Blundell Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Carol Chapman  
Mother

Elise & Richard Smith  
IN HONOR OF  
Frank and Wendy van Vliet,  
Parents

Linda Coppage  
IN MEMORY OF  
Steve & Mary Pogany,  
Her Parents,  
Plus Her Grandparents

The Blundell Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Robert & Janet Blundell  
Parents

Dianne Tavera  
IN MEMORY OF  
Jose Tavera  
Her Husband

Chuck Gantz  
IN MEMORY OF  
C. Kenneth & Margaret D.  
Gantz,  
His Parents

The Blundell Family  
IN HONOR OF  
Charles Chapman  
Father

Dianne Tavera  
IN MEMORY OF  
Preston & Rosalie Insley  
Her Parents

Cathy Nash  
IN MEMORY OF  
Marty Nash,  
Her Husband

The Prelog Family  
IN MEMORY OF  
Henry Burger,  
Sarah's Father

Marty & Betsy Barley  
IN MEMORY OF  
Sharon Barleu

Christee Bauer  
IN MEMORY OF  
Virginia Apelian  
Her Grandmother

Pat Brown  
IN MEMORY OF  
Mickey Brown,  
Her Husband

Marty & Betsy Barley  
IN MEMORY OF  
Andy Westerfield

THANK YOU for helping us make the sanctuary beautiful for Christmas!  
PLEASE take your poinsettias home following the 7:00 PM service.  
Do not take the large poinsettias on the pedestals.



# M E R R Y

# Christmas Eve Services



We hope to see you and yours on Tuesday at one or all  
of our Christmas Eve services!

**4:00 PM**    **Family Service**

Your whole family will enjoy this service!

**7:00 PM**    **Candlelight Service**

Bring the whole family to this service featuring carols,  
choral music, special music, and candles.

**11:00 PM**    **Vigil**

Featuring candles, carols, prayer, and communion.

# CHRISTMAS

**Thank you** so much for supporting this ministry! These are the items we currently need in our pantry for local school children who need food during weekends of the school year.

- ♥ Oatmeal Packets
- ♥ Pop Tarts

**S M T W T F S**

Bring in 2024 WALL calendars and place them in the Amen Corner or in the box on the shelves outside Pastor Matthew's office. They will be given to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Next Sunday, December 22, is the last day they will be accepted.

## WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Help us get a jump on next year's wreaths! Through January 14, due to a matching program, sponsor 2 wreaths and we will receive FIVE!



# HOLLYWOOD YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT 6:00 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

Tonight we'll be watching a classic holiday movie about a kid whose parents accidentally leave him behind, the ne'er-do-wells who have it in for him, and the ensuing chaos! Bring desserts! Talk with Ryan if you are interested in sharing a testimony or providing dinner with the teens at one of our monthly Taste-imony nights!

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to the HUMC Needy Fund and Three Oaks Center. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve services will be directed to the Christmas Offering. You can also use the Christmas Offering envelope from your numbered box or [give online to the Christmas Offering all month long.](#)

## PAJAMA CONNECTION


THANK YOU!! Because of your monetary and gift donations, and with the support of our Preschool families, and local businesses, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for **73** children in Southern Maryland! Praise the Lord! Merry Christmas!

*Christmas Brings*  
**LOVE**





**12 Days of  
Christmas  
Service**  
**Sunday, December 29  
10:00 AM**  
**KIDS! Bring a toy next Sunday for  
the Blessing of the Toys!!!!**



**EPIPHANY/STAR WORDS  
SERVICE**  
**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 5, WILL FEATURE  
STAR WORDS FOR YOU TO  
FOCUS ON IN 2025.**



# unDECK THE HALLS

## *Undecorating Party*

### Sunday, January 5

### Following the Morning Service

#### YEAR-END GIVING

The year is quickly coming to a close. For your tithes and offerings to be credited for 2024, they need to be received as follows:

- Physical offerings (in-person) must be received by 10:00 AM on Monday, December 30.
- Online offerings must be submitted by end of business on Tuesday, December 31.
- Mailed offerings must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31.

If you have moved in 2024, please make sure we have your current mailing address. Giving statements will be accessible in Realm. Stay tuned for more info. Thank you for your continued faithful giving.

#### KITCHEN CREW

The Kitchen Crew handles funeral lunches/repasts, keeps the kitchen clean and orderly, and supports any church groups or functions that include kitchen use. This is a help whenever you can, however you can ministry. Please let Terri Van Asdlen know if you would like to be on call for the Kitchen Crew.

# LUKE THRU DECEMBER

Each day between now and Christmas Eve, read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each day in December until Christmas Eve. Tune in to Facebook or YouTube each day and join with Pastor Matthew as he reads and discusses that day's chapter. Our youth participated in the creation of Pastor Matthew's discussion outlines! You want to catch each video! If you miss a video, you can catch previous videos on either our YouTube channel or Facebook page.



**Tia's Cantina**  
**January 20**

# WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) Youth Group Movie Night
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
Wednesdays	10:00 AM 6:30–8:00 PM	Wednesday Bible Study (Youth Room) Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH) Deadline for Bulletin Info for Next Sunday
Fridays	9:00 AM	Pastor's Sabbath Jazzercise (GH)



~~Event~~ indicates a weekly event that will not be held this week.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 22	7:00 AM Noon 6:00 PM	Fourth Sunday of Advent—CANTATA! All You Can Eat Breakfast w/Santa! (HVFD) Calendars for Charlotte Hall Donation Deadline Youth Group Movie Night
Tuesday, December 24	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Kid Friendly Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve Vigil
Wednesday, December 25		Christmas Day—Office Closed
Thursday, December 26		Office Manager Vacation Day
Friday, December 27		Office Manager Vacation Day
Sunday, December 29	10:00 AM	12 Days of Christmas Service
Tuesday, December 31		New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1		New Year's Day—Office Closed
Sunday, January 5	After Service	Epiphany/Star Words Service Solomons Mission Center Collection Undecorating Party
Monday, January 6		Epiphany
Saturday, January 11	5:00 PM	Game Night & Potluck
Sunday, January 19		Human Relations—UMC Special Sunday





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Wade Thompson

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

## WAYS TO SUPPORT HOLLYWOOD UMC

✝ Mail a check to us at the address above!

✝ [Click here to give online or scan the QR Code.](#) We incur a smaller fee when you give directly from your bank account versus a credit card.

✝ You can give indirectly to HUMC through [iGive](#) as you shop online!

