

HOLLYWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOWING
JESUS
AND
MAKING
JESUS
KNOWN



LOVE

Herein is LOVE, not that
we loved God, but that he
loved us, and sent his Son.

1 JOHN 4:10, KJV

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2023



PRELUDE

Mary Jane Seanor

"Child in the Manger"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** OPENING HYMN**

UMH #202

"People, Look East"

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Choral Intro: "Light of Light"

Reader: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

People: God of Love, fill our hearts with true compassion.

Reader: Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

People: God of Love, help us to speak truth with kindness.

Reader: Advent is a time to share with those in need.

People: God of Love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

Reader: Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

**People: God of Love, help us see the world
through loving eyes.**

Reader: Today, we light four candles - the candles of hope, peace, joy, and the candle representing love. This candle is a symbol of Christ's eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been instructed to love others as we love ourselves. Because God is love, and because we were created in God's image, we ourselves are the embodiment of God's love here on earth. Love is patient and kind and powerful, and we all share the calling to go into the world and spread that love to others. Amen.

**MY SOUL MAGNIFIES
THE LORD,**

LIGHT OF LIGHT

by Joel Raney

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
prayers of those who seek re - lief.
End their dark - ness, hear their call for
peace on earth, good will for all.

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People: God of love, we open our hearts to you today and ask that you fill us with the power of your love. Take away our bitterness, greed, and jealousy. Remind us that we are brothers and sisters, all sharing the wonderful gift of life. Help us treat others with respect and love, and help us care for the world that you have given us with loving hearts and gentle hands. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:26-38

BAPTISM OF CHLOE MYERS

Choral Lullaby

“God Claims You”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Light of Peace”

**AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES
IN GOD MY SAVIOR,**

A COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

- * **HYMN OF PREPARATION** UMH #215
"To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

- * **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON Rev. Matthew Tate

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #882
The Apostle's Creed

TITHES & OFFERINGS

With thanksgiving in our hearts, we give of our resources to our ever-present Lord. See the back page for a variety of ways to give.

Offertory Mary Jane Seanor
"O Jesu So Meek, O Jesu So Mild"

- * Doxology UMH #95

- * Prayer of Thanksgiving

- * **HYMN OF CELEBRATION** UMH #234
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

- * **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mary Jane Seanor
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

**FOR HE HAS LOOKED WITH FAVOR
ON THE LOWLY STATE
OF HIS SERVANT.
SURELY FROM NOW ON
ALL GENERATIONS
WILL CALL ME BLESSED,
FOR THE MIGHTY ONE
HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME,
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME**

LUKE 1:46-48

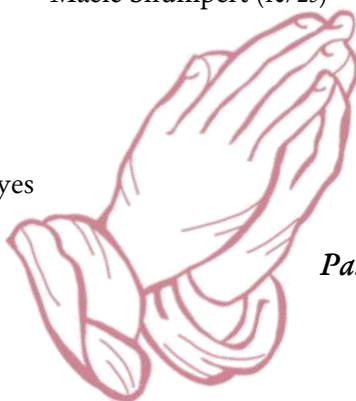
PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Wendy Borja (9/18)	George Halvosa (11/26)	Pari Thomas (12/11)
David Bruton (9/6)	Tommy Johnson (11/3)	Joyce Williams (9/4)
Jenny Carroll (10/3)	Max Long (11/29)	Dave & Joan Wilson (11/28)
Christine Clontz (7/5)	Jim & Carole Lupis (11/29)	CD & Judy Wood (7/10)
Ashley Dorsey (11/8)	Dr. John Roach (12/12)	
Mary Dorsey (12/21)	Macie Shumpert (10/23)	

*Pray for our
Homebound*

Oneita Dohrman
Robert & Sharon Hayes
Lynne McGuffie
Connie Langford
John Porter



Pray for
Michael Spence
OUR PRESCHOOL

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

Pray for those who are battling cancer

Mike Britt	Jason Duke	Mike Knight	Richard Sandidge
Tim Buckheit	Connie Evans	Lance Lupis	Janet Taylor
Beth Carter	John Felicitas	Bob Napier	Patsy Webster
Cynthia Chan	Pam Grace	Wendy Pratley	James Wild
Gabriel Crow	Curtis Graves	Leanne Riley	Sarah Zsak
AJ Davis	Nathan Gray	Myrna Robbins	
Sandy Denison	Gene Keller, Jr.	Jessica Royal	

REJOICE
ALWAYS,

PRAY
WITHOUT
CEASING,

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

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

GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

To request prayer, fill out a Keeping in Touch
card, call or email the office during the week,
or email Pastor Matthew by noon on Saturdays
to ensure they are included in Sunday's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



POINSETTIAS



The list of poinsettia dedications will be in this evening's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas Offering will go to our HUMC Needy Fund and to Three Oaks. All offerings received during the Christmas Eve evening 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

THANKS to your generosity, and with the help of our community, we were able to provide Christmas presents for **61** local needy children!



Filling Empty Little Tummies

Stay tuned for what we'll need once school starts back up in January! **THANK YOU** for your continued support of this vital ministry to local children!

PRAYER SHAWL

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or a friend in need, contact Karen Melotti at 301-481-8093.

GIVING TUESDAY

Thanks to all who have supported OUR preschool with our Giving Tuesday initiative. If you missed out, you can still give a donation to help us head into the new year with a solid foundation. [Support OUR Preschool!](#) Every Tuesday can be Giving Tuesday!



Bring in 2024 **WALL** calendars and place them in the Amen Corner or on the shelves outside Pastor Matthew's office. They will be donated to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. **Please do not bring calendars in after today.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Sunday Night Youth Group meeting will be on January 7! See below for info about our retreat in January! If you would like to provide dinner for the youth on a Sunday evening, [email Sarah](#).

JANUARY 19–21, 2024

Youth Group Retreat!

We are excited for our first youth group retreat coming together! We'll be going to our West River United Methodist Center near Annapolis. Activities will include large group sessions, small group times, worship services, fellowship, music, games, and meals! We'll be sleeping in cabins (with heat! "Not like creepy cabins," says Sarah).

Cost is \$50 per student. Don't let the cost of the retreat prevent you from participating! Talk to Sarah and she will work something out with you.

Please pray over this and if you would like to be an adult volunteer, talk to Sarah.



JOYFUL

Merry

AND

Blessed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AND YOURS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING!

4:00 PM Family Service

Your whole family will enjoy this service as we go through the ABCs of Christmas.

7:00 PM Candlelight Service

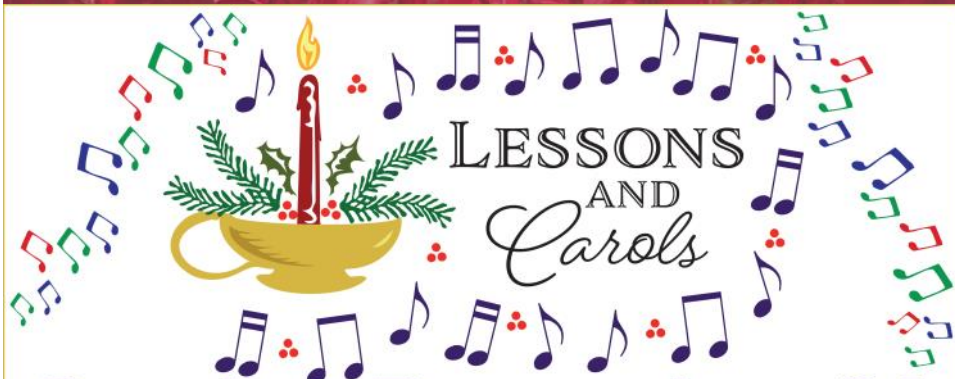
Bring the whole family to this service featuring congregational carols, choral music, special music, and candles.

11:00 PM Vigil

A simple service featuring candles, carols, prayer, and communion.

*Christmas
Eve*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday, December 3 |
10:00 AM**



**EPIPHANY/STAR WORDS
SERVICE**

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 7, WILL FEATURE
STAR WORDS FOR YOU TO
FOCUS ON IN 2024.**

Joyful
MERRY & BLESSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry
Christmas



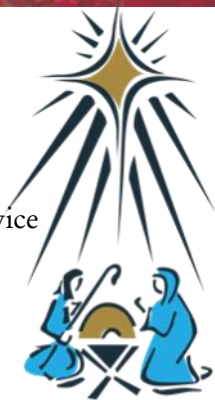
WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship Service (In-Person/ YouTube)
	5:00 PM	Youth Group
Mondays	6:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study (GH)
Tuesdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	6:45 PM	Ladies Bible Study (Youth Room)
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Wednesday Bible Study (Youth Room)
	Noon	Lunch Bunch (GH)
	6:30–8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)
	10:00 AM	Deadline for Bulletin Info for Next Sunday
Fridays		Pastor's Sabbath
	9:00 AM	Jazzercise (GH)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now–January 1	SMCPS Christmas Break
Sunday, December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Regular Morning Schedule
4:00 PM	Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Vigil
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26	Office Manager Vacation Day
Wednesday, December 27	Office Manager Vacation Day
Sunday, December 31	New Year's Eve
10:00 AM	Lessons & Carols Service
Monday, January 1	New Year's Day—Office Closed
Saturday, January 6	Epiphany



**A SEASON
of JOY**



For easier access to the web links in the bulletin, download the PDF at
<https://hollywoodumcmd.org/news-events/announcements/>

Let us know you joined us in worship by filling out our Connect Card!
[Just scan the QR Code with your phone's camera or click here!](#)

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