

# FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



DECEMBER 2018

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.' Herod asked the Wise Men to find Jesus and tell him where he was, not so he could go and worship him as he said, but so he could kill him! He thought that Jesus sounded like a new King that could come and take his power away.

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Legends are told about them and they have been given names.

This is how they are often described:

- Gaspar (or Caspar), who has brown hair and a brown beard (or no beard!) and wears a green cloak and a gold crown with green jewels on it. He is the King of Sheba. Gaspar represents the Frankincense brought to Jesus.
- Melchior, who has long white hair and a white beard and wears a gold cloak. He is the King of Arabia. Melchior represents the Gold brought to Jesus.
- Balthazar, who has black skin and a black beard (or no beard!) and wears a purple cloak. He is the King of Tarse and Egypt. Balthazar represents the gift of Myrrh that was brought to Jesus.

SUNDAY

**Fellowship**

10:30 am

Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

**WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

**11:00 am**



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*Thank  
You!*

*“Each of you should  
use whatever gift you  
have received to service  
others, as faithful  
stewards of God’s  
grace in its various forms.”  
1 Peter 4:10*

Thank you to **Carole and Bill Houck** for setting up and decorating the sanctuary Christmas tree. And to **Carole Houck** for switching out the décor for all the seasons in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

Thank you to **Bill Houck** for mowing and grinding up all the leaves around the church grounds.

Thank you to **those** who bring delicious refreshments for fellowship.



Please turn in any receipts you have that you may want to

be recorded as contributions to Treasurer Shirley Bazan *as soon as you can*. She will provide the end of year contribution forms in January. Offering envelopes for 2019 will be distributed soon.

## News & Announcements

Donald Shook is recovering from a fall from four weeks ago. He has a swollen, bruised and painful leg.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 23, 2018**

This will be our usual worship service at **11:00 am**. There will be **NO** Christmas Eve service on Monday evening December 24th.



### OUTREACH

Thank you for all the donations for our food basket in the arcade! We continue

to collect items for the Thurmont Food Bank. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the donated food. All appreciated!

PAPER PRODUCTS - CANNED GOODS  
BOXED DINNERS - CEREAL



### GREETER

Donald Shook

### ORGANIST /PIANO

Mary Frances Bostian

### ACOLYTES

Kevin Sunday/Ashlee Sunday/Jim Bostian

### USHERS

Bill Houck / Doug Sunday / Jennifer Stull

### ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian/Carole Houck

### Weekly BULLETIN

Jennifer Stull

### CHURCH TREASURERS

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

### Monthly NEWSLETTER & MAILING

Jennifer Stull

### LABELS FOR HOFFMAN HOMES

Loberta Staley

### HOMEWOOD Auxiliary Representative

Carole Houck / Loberta Staley

### FELLOWSHIP MORNING

Jennifer Stull

### CONSISTORY BOARD

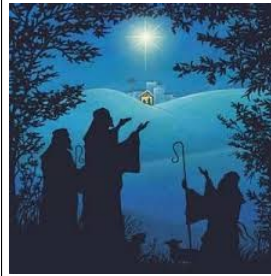
Mary Catherine Martz, Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Calvin Woodward, Jennifer Sunday, Jennifer Stull

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, William Houck

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull



## ***A CHRISTMAS SONG***

*By ERMA GROVE*

On a starlit night in the long ago,

In the little Bethlehem town,

In a stable bare, there was born a Babe,

While angels from heaven looked down.

No trumpets blew, no royal robes he wore,

Yet he was king o'er all the earth,

And the heavens shone as the angels sang

To welcome the dear Christ Child's birth.

"Glory to God, and on earth, peace and good will"

Shepherds heard the good news that night,

And hastened to worship the little one,

With hearts made glad and spirits bright.

There is so much noise in the world today

The angels' song can scarce be heard;

But it still is there, if we but listen

We hear again each precious word.

Then like shepherds of old may we heed it

And come kneel at the Savior's feet,

Pledging to serve him, the hope of the world;

To all men the glad news repeat.

May the quiet peace of that holy night

Fill our lives with abiding love,

So the Bethlehem Babe may dwell in our hearts

To lead us up to God above.



<i>TOM BAZAN</i>	<i>LILLIE BELL HOBBS</i>	<i>BOB WARNER</i>
<i>PATTY BLANK</i>	<i>ROBERT KALASKI SR</i>	<i>ROBERT WASTLER</i>
<i>JIM BOSTIAN</i>	<i>SARA KNIGHT</i>	<i>CALLIE WATKINS</i>
<i>BILLY BOWSER</i>	<i>ANTHONY MAIN</i>	<i>SANDY WETZEL</i>
<i>RILEY BRANNAN</i>	<i>MARY FRANCES MAIN</i>	<i>JOEL WILCOX</i>
<i>TRISH BRANNAN</i>	<i>ROBERT MARSH</i>	<i>BILL WISSMAN</i>
<i>CLARKE BURELL</i>	<i>PEGGY MEEUWSEN</i>	<i>HEATHER ZIMMERMAN</i>
<i>BILL CLEM</i>	<i>MARGARET PASLAWSKY</i>	
<i>BRYAN DINKLE</i>	<i>JERRY PENICK</i>	
<i>BRENDA DINKLE-WRIGHT</i>	<i>DORIS PENROD</i>	
<i>MARION DOUGHERTY</i>	<i>KATHY PETERS</i>	
<i>JOHN DREISONSTOK</i>	<i>MEHRL RAMSBURG</i>	
<i>ROGER FARBER</i>	<i>THELMA RAMSBURG</i>	
<i>NOAH FINDLEY</i>	<i>BOBBY REMSBERG</i>	
<i>BRADLEY FLOOK JR</i>	<i>PATRICIA SCOTT</i>	
<i>ANGIE FORREST</i>	<i>GARY SMITH JR</i>	
<i>DOT GLASSCOCK</i>	<i>MELVIN SMITH</i>	
<i>BOB GOEDERT</i>	<i>BARBARA SNOOTS</i>	
<i>EMILIE GOEDERT</i>	<i>SANDY SPENCER</i>	
<i>JERRY GOEDERT JR</i>	<i>BOB STANLEY</i>	
<i>MICK HARLEY</i>	<i>LINDA TROPE</i>	
<i>JERRY HAYES</i>	<i>PATRICK VASOLD</i>	

To **ADD** or **REMOVE**  
names to :

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

*Please contact Jennifer Stull*  
*mychurch.js@gmail.com*  
*301-788-1656*

### *Our In-Home Members*

**Margaret Sunday** lives at home, visitors welcome —call first 301-304-0214.  
**Brenda Dinkle Wright** lives at home, call to say hello or visit—call first 301-663-8341.  
**Donald Shook** lives at Genesis Care Center, call to say hello or visit 301-898-4336



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

DEC 2 - Dastan Zanganah  
 DEC 2 - Bobby Stanley  
 DEC 6 - Montie Clem  
 DEC 8 - Carole Houck  
 DEC 8 - Joan Woodward  
 DEC 15 - Mary Frances Bostian  
 DEC 15 - Margaret Sunday  
 DEC 18 - LCPL Corey Sunday

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

DEC 16 - Doug and Jennifer Sunday

# Silent Night 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Gentle tunes and soothing words that touch the soul:

The magic of "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht) has remained uninterrupted for 200 years. A song that promises consolation and gives hope. Over and over again.

For centuries, the song has crossed borders and overcome crises. It connects people no matter their origin, age or religion, and provides a link back to the time during which it was created. 200 years ago, Joseph Mohr, a priest from Salzburg, and Franz Xaver Gruber, a teacher from Upper Austria, sang the song for the very first time at the St. Nikola Church in Oberndorf near Salzburg. The original poem was authored by Joseph Mohr, whereas Franz Xaver Gruber added the melody on his request. Only a few years later, singing families from the Zillertal valley carried the song from Austria into Europe and the rest of the world. Today, the song is performed in over 300 languages and dialects.

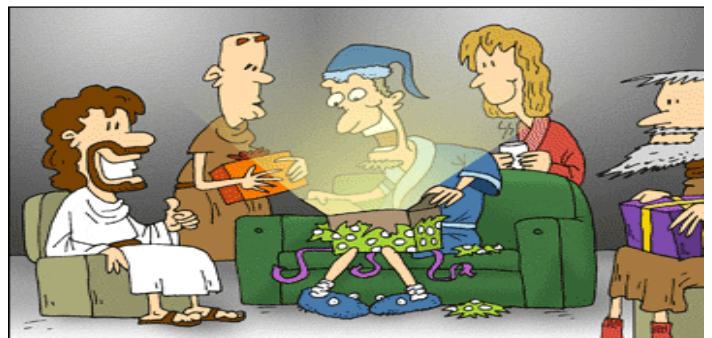
CONSISTORY MEETING  
 DECEMBER 12 @ 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Congregation Meeting. This is set for **January 20, 2019**. Details will be in the January newsletter.

## SNOW POLICY

In the event of inclement weather or a power outage, cancellation of worship services may be necessary. Road conditions will be evaluated by two members that live close by. We will use the Call List we have that is divided up between the four members listed below to call all our church attendees. **However, do not attempt to come if you feel travel is unsafe in your area regardless.**

Mary Catherine - 240-315-5855  
 Francia Stanley - 301-712-8519  
 Jennifer Sunday - 301-788-2427  
 Jennifer Stull - 301-788-1656



Thanks to Andrew S.  
 ETERNAL LIFE, MY FAVORITE ... THANKS JESUS!

12-21-2007

# The Birth of Jesus

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## WORD LIST:

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