

Faith United Church of Christ



DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY

Fellowship

10:30 am

Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP

SERVICE

11:00 am

" Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31 : 6



ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS

Angel Gabriel visits Virgin Mary

The Biblical account begins with God sending the Angel Gabriel to visit the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, in the town of Nazareth. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' Mary was very disturbed by his message and questioned what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel spoke to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.'

'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.' 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May it be to me as you have said.' Then the angel left her.

Angels visit the Shepherds

Shepherds of "fat-tailed" sheep were keeping watch over their flock near the town of David when an Angel of the Lord appears to them and scared them with its presence. The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they rushed to find Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they witnessed baby Jesus, they quickly spread the angelic message that had been told about the child, and all who heard it were over-joyed with amazement. The shepherds then returned, praising and adoring God for all the things they had observed, which were just as predicted by the angels

FROM THE BIBLE

LUKE 1 : 26-38

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." **29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." **34** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail." **38** "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

LUKE 2 : 8-20

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." **16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



*"May my prayer be set before you, like
incense; may the lifting up of my hands
be like the evening sacrifice"*

PSALM 141 : 2

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY

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

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

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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 - 301-663-8341.

Bob Warner lives at home, call to say hello - 240-490-5343



GREETER

Donald Shook

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Jennifer Stull

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Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull



*By Erma
Grove*

Christmas Eve's a time for reverence:

*In the calm and silent night,
Kneel again before the manger,
While the star is shining bright.
Hear once more the song of angels,
As they tell of "Peace on earth";
Breathe a prayer as you worship,
And adore the Savior's birth.*

Christmas Morn's a time for giving:

*As God gave his only son,
Give- and feel the warmth of sharing,
In some deed of kindness done.
Share with those who know and love you,
Give to those who need a lift;
Give to others all around you,
Give yourself, love's perfect gift.*

Christmas Day 's a time for oneness:

*As the family gathers near,
There's a unity of spirit;
Found no other time of year.
Time for understanding others,
Time for harmony and mirth;
Why not tend that feeling caref'ly
Till it circles the whole earth.*



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**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
DECEMBER 22,
2019**

This will be our
usual worship

service at **11:00 am**. There will be
NO Christmas Eve service on
Tuesday evening December 24th.



Donald Shook has
been recuperating for
several weeks from a
fractured hip. We are
glad to have our
Greeter back on December 1st!
Many, Many prayers for Brenda
Dinkle Wright, our thoughts are
with her always.

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.

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for switching
out the décor for all the seasons in the
Fellowship Hall and sanctuary.

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

Thank you to **Carole Houck** for cleaning
up the flower beds around the church.

Thank you to **those** who bring delicious
refreshments for fellowship and cleaning
up afterwards.



Joy to the World is a
popular Christmas
carol with words by
Isaac Watts. As of the late 20th
century, the song was the most-
published Christmas hymn in North
America.

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING

DECEMBER 11th at 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE for the *Annual
Congregational Meeting*. This is set
for **January 19, 2020**. Details will
be in the January newsletter.



Please turn in any receipts you have that you may want to be recorded as contributions to the church to

Treasurer **Shirley Bazan** *as soon as you can.* She will provide the end of year contribution forms in January. Offering envelopes for 2020 will be distributed soon.



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



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 - CPL Corey Sunday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

DEC 16

Doug and Jennifer Sunday



OUTREACH

Thank you for all the donations for our food basket in the arcade

throughout this year! Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the food to the Thurmont Food Bank. The donations and always appreciated! After the holidays, they will need to replenish their shelves so we will always keep a basket in the arcade.

Nativity Word Search

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Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U
R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S
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J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J
M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T
D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M
Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



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donkey
innkeeper
Jesus
Joseph
king
manger
Mary
nativity
salvation
sheep
shepherds
star
wisemen