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Why does Christmas mean so much to Christians with the nativity as meaningful as ever and the slogan "Jesus is the reason for the season" so popular among wreaths, church signs and media posts? For one, it is the foundation of the belief that God loved us so much he would send His Son to this world to grow and live the same way that we do. It was also the fulfillment of scripture written centuries before as the prophets foretold. While the crucifixion and resurrection display the power of God along with the unmerited favor for any and everyone that believes in Him, it is the birth of Jesus in a completely human form that shows the magnitude of love and the willingness to become this sacrifice on our behalf. Philippians 2:7-8 " But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." It is absolutely amazing that He would leave Heaven and its glory for our sake to take on the form of an infant and be bound in flesh until the agonizing death he would face all because of you and me! We were separated from God because of sin and He stepped in to become the sacrificial Lamb who could reconcile us to God. 2 Corinthians 5:19 and 21 says "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation... For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Wow, what love! He was willing to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. The birth of Jesus holds particularly special meaning for us in that because Jesus overcame, so can we. He was able to live and endure this world in human form, teach and love others, point them to the Father, then conquered death, hell, and the grave. 1 John 5:4 states "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is in you and I (Romans 8:11) and Christmas is the reminder that He was born into this world just like us and we have a hope of a home in heaven all because our Creator loved us so much that He was born in such a lowly fashion.



#### **ORGANIST**

Mary Frances Bostian

#### ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian, Carole Houck

#### **CHURCH TREASURERS**

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

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Jennifer Stull

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DEC 2 - BOBBY STANLEY

DEC 6 - MONTIE CLEM

DEC 8 - CAROLE HOUCK

DEC 8 - JOAN WOODWARD

DEC 15 - MARY FRAN BOSTIAN

DEC 15 - MARGARET SUNDAY

DEC 18 - COREY SUNDAY



DEC 16 - 26 yrs DOUG & JENNIFER SUNDAY



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#### **CONSISTORY**

Next Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 @ 12 noon.



## ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

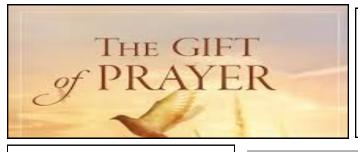
**JANUARY 16, 2022** 

SNOW DATE : JANUARY 23, 2022



In the May 2021 Newsletter, we advised members and friends of the fact that Faith spent over \$50,000 to install new roofing on parts of the Education Building and a new

air conditioning/heat pump system in the Fellowship Hall. As the end of the tax year is fast approaching, now would be a good time to make a donation to help Faith defray the cost of this huge but necessary undertaking. Checks can be written to Faith UCC and please indicate "Building Repairs" in the memo.



" Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you..."

**Exodus 23: 25** 

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY TOM BAZAN PATTY BECHLER BILL CLEM CHARLIE DICK **BOB GOEDERT** EMILIE GOEDERT JERRY GOEDERT JR **BOB HARTMAN** DAKOTA HOUCK **BILL HOWLAND** MARY FRANCES MAIN PEGGY MEEUWSEN **DORIS PENROD** CINDY SCHALL DONALD SHOOK The family of ROSS STULL STEVE STULL (Lewistown Fire Dept) MARGARET SUNDAY **BOB WARNER** 



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Donald Shook 301-898-4336

Bob Warner 240-490-5343

Bob Hartman 301-473-5905

Names on the prayer list will remain for 3 months unless otherwise requested longer.



#### PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear God, creator, teacher, the wise one, all-powerful Father. You are the one who has our future in your hands. You know how much our health means to us because good health is your plan for us. Your promises are for our families to flourish and succeed. Everyday you give us another opportunity to be alive and we are grateful for this. Amen.

WE DON'T CHANGE THE MESSAGE, THE MESSAGE CHANGES US.

THE WILL OF GOD NEVER
TAKES YOU TO WHERE
THE GRACE OF GOD WILL
NOT PROTECT YOU.

To  $\underline{ADD}$  or  $\underline{REMOVE}$  names to :

Prayer List

TANYA ZANGANAH

- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

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



" May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.

2 Samuel 2: 6

Thank you to **Carole and Bill Houck** for setting up and decorating the sanctuary Christmas tree.

Thank you to **Bill and Bob Houck** for finishing up the mowing for the year and to Bill for mowing up the leaves around the church grounds.

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

Thank you to **Bill Houck** for repairing the exhaust fans in the men's and women's restrooms.

Thank you to **Jennifer Stull** for preparing, taping, and narrating a 2-minute video about Faith Church in connection with the 40 Days of Prayer initiative of the Catoctin Association.

Thank you to **Jennifer Stull** for preparing and making the necessary copies of the Weekly Bulletins and the monthly Newsletters and for mailing out the Newsletters.

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for collecting the order forms and money for the Christmas poinsettias, to **Mary Frances Bostian** for ordering the flowers, and to **Mary Frances** and **Jim Bostian** and **Bill Houck** for picking up the poinsettias.



Thank you to **ALL** who have continued to support our community outreach food donation basket! The Christmas holiday is upon us and Food Banks are always looking to replenish their food supply. Thank you to **Jim and Mary Frances Bostian** for delivering the items to Thurmont Food Bank.

Items always needed:

PAPER PRODUCTS - CANNED GOOD - BOXED DINNERS - CEREAL



#### OFFERING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

The new envelopes for 2022 will be available. Make sure you destroy any left from last year as the numbers are different. For the year 2020 contributions receipts will need to be turned into co-treasurer Shirley Bazan as soon as possible.

#### **CLOSING POLICY**

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In the event of inclement weather, power outage, or any cancellation of worship service that may be necessary, we will use our current call list to contact all church attendees. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Catherine Martz 240-315-5855



# Three Gifts By Erma Grove

The wise men three brought gifts to thee, O tiny Bethlehem King;

> But I am poor and lowly, so What gift can I find to bring?

One offered gold, from riches sold, To honor God in man's form;

> No gold have I, but take my heart, Faithful and calm in life's storm.

Frankincense brought with reverence To worship God the divine;

> No perfume I give, but my mind; Let my will be lost in thine.

And one brought myrrh thus to confer Homage to Physician great;

> No spices I bring, only hands To thy work I dedicate.

Following a star they journeyed far To welcome the newborn King;

I, too, would give: heart, mind and hands, Faith, love, and service I bring.



Lindsey and Ben!



Lindsey (Stanley) and Ben Humphrey were married on Friday, August 27, 2021 at the Tea Room at Gambrill State Park. They had a small gathering of around 40 people. It was a beautiful wedding! After the wedding, they went on a honeymoon to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. They reside in Frederick and have 2 kittens, Finnegan and Beau.







## The Biath of Jesus Word Search

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