

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS CANTATA The Adult Choir and instrumental ensemble of First United Methodist Church will perform "The Song Heard 'Round the World" by Joseph Martin during the **10:30 AM** worship service on **December 17**. The program is a journey of international carols and folk songs that incorporate narration and scripture to share the anticipation, incarnation, and proclamation of Christ's birth. Each section of the program is from a different nation, filling the work with musical diversity. "The Song Heard 'Round the World" has an overall theme of unity and peace. Our Hispanic congregation will be joining us in the sanctuary for this special bilingual presentation. Everyone is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

ALL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Thanks to all who participated in the two fellowship events this fall. Please plan to join us in a December Call to Service... put on your calendar the week of **December 11-16** for multiple opportunities to work with the Carroll Christmas Fund...more details to follow. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **December 16**, at **6:30** in the Library.

A SANTA BREAKFAST hosted by the Youth Group is scheduled for **Saturday, December 16th**, from **9 AM to 11 AM**. Please spread the word and invite lots of kids and their parents to join us!! (Youth will need to be at the church by 8 AM to set up until Noon to clean.)

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE will be here at FUMC on **December 26, from 10 am to 2 pm**. It is the season of giving. Please consider donating blood to those who are in need this Christmas. Donate blood, help save lives.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS will be taking a break for winter/Christmas. We will have our last meeting in **December on the 13th**. We will not meet again until **January 10th**.

HILLSVILLE PRESCHOOL will be having their Christmas Program on December 19th, at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

NEEDED! Socks and Undies! Our UMW is working to distribute a small supply of **NEW** socks and underwear to all Carroll County Elementary Schools. Emergencies happen! Sizes to fit Pre-K to 3rd grade. The donation box is in the fellowship hall.

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Monday	4 PM	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	4 – 6 PM	Dinner Bell Community Meal
Tuesday	4 – 6 PM	CCMA Food Pantry
Wednesday	6 – 6:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesday Meal
Wednesday	6:30 – 7:15 PM	Wonderful Wednesday Services
Wednesday	7:25 PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 – 12 PM	CCMA Food Pantry
Saturday	9:00 AM	Santa Breakfast
Saturday	11:00 AM	Orchestra Rehearsal – 11 Choir Rehearsal – 12 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Christmas Cantata

THE DINNER BELL is currently collecting new or gently used coats to give to those in need in our community. Any size is needed but we are really in need of children's coats. Coats may be hung on the clothing rack in the fellowship hall. Thank you Missions Team.

CCMA FOOD PANTRY As the weather cools, the CCMA Food Pantry serves even greater numbers of the hungry in our community. Unfortunately, the holiday season also is traditionally a time when the Pantry receives fewer monetary donations as people are busy with their holiday activities. Currently the pantry has only about \$500 left in their funds. If you are able, please remember the Pantry in your giving and please spread the word to others in our community of their need. Donations can be made in person to the church office or mailed to CCMA Food Pantry, c/o FUMC, PO BOX 356, Hillsville VA 24343.

HILLSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is in need of reading tutors for first and second grade students. If anyone would like to volunteer or learn more about this opportunity to make a powerful difference in the life of a child, please contact Leona Brown. Her email address is leonaloves2teach@gmail.com. Her phone number is 733-7745.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help prepare Wonderful Wednesday meals. If you would like to volunteer one evening, contact the church office or let Pastor Robert know.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Ben Mullins
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY	
"Let There be Peace on Earth" <i>Miller</i>	
	Cindy Jackson, Organist
CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION	Ben Mullins
*PRAISE & WORSHIP	
	"Rejoice"
	"Good Good Father"
	"Jesus Messiah"
A TIME FOR CHILDREN	Susan Clark
SPECIAL MUSIC	
	"Alle, Alleluia" Caribbean Melody; <i>Taylor, arr.</i>
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	The Brian Craig Family
PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS	Rev. Robert Smith
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Robert Smith
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS	Rev. Robert Smith
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	
	"An Advent Prayer" <i>Martin</i>
	Adult Choir with Janie Napier, Pianist & Cindy Jackson, Director
*DOXOLOGY	
	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
	Children may be dismissed to Children's Church during the doxology
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Rev. Robert Smith
SCRIPTURE	Rev. Robert Smith
SERMON	"The Light of Christmas: Peace" Rev. Robert Smith
*HYMN OF DEDICATION	
	"Alleluia"
BENEDICTION	Rev. Robert Smith
SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD	
	"Allegro Moderato"
	Cindy Jackson, Organist

First Church Prayer List

We want to pray with you. Please write prayer celebrations or concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate or email them fumchillsvilleprayers@gmail.com

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| Abused Children
America | Pauline Arthur
Ben Bolen |
| Camp Dickenson
Caregivers | Jennifer & Allen Boliek
Sebastian Boliek |
| Children from
Broken Homes | Max Brown |
| Church Family | Elizabeth Cecil |
| Church Leaders | Jim Clay |
| Families in Crisis | Grace Cox |
| First Responders | Paula Cox |
| FUMC Ministries | Hezekiah Goad |
| Homeless | Margaret Guynn |
| Hurricane Victims | Haigler Family |
| Israel | Boss Harmon |
| Law Enforcement Officers | Jean Kidd |
| The Lost | Gary Lawson |
| Middle East | Wayne Lewis |
| Military & Families | Janice Morris |
| Ministers | Pam Hicks Reece |
| Missionaries | Ruth Sisson |
| Nursing Home Residents | Rick Slusher |
| Peace of Jerusalem | Eldon Smith |
| Persecuted Church | Michelle Teen |
| Sanctity of Life | |
| Sanctity of Marriage | |
| School Bus Drivers | |
| Teachers, Students | |
| Terminally Ill | |
| Traveling Mercies | |
| Unemployed | |
| Unspoken Requests | |
| Veterans | |
| War Torn Countries | |
| World Leaders | |

First Church Volunteers

DATE	December 10	December 17
Usher Team (10:10 AM)	Dennis Ward Team	Larry Snow Team
Greeters (9:10 AM)	Dennis & Sue Ward	Susan Kirkland & Audrey Burnett
Scripture Reader	Dot Jones	
Acolyte	Cole Ward	Junior Huerta Zepeda
Flowers	Advent Wreath	Advent Wreath
Golden Years	Esther Taylor	Audrey Burnett
Children's Church	Nathaniel & Chelsea, Sara Byrne Sermon: Susan Clark	Nathaniel & Chelsea, Tilda Mullins Sermon: Leona Brown
Nursery	Rita Parker	TBD
Media Team	S.C. Cox & Justin Lintecum	Bill Webb & Jake Worrell
Sunday School Class Assistants	Fellowship	Open Arms

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

WORSHIP: 164

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 117



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Offering Report	
2017 Ministry Goal:	\$ 402,012
Weekly Offering Needed for Goal:	\$ 7,731
Weekly Offering Received 12.3.17	\$ 9,262
2017 Ministry Goal Received To Date:	\$ 345,656
% of 2017 Ministry Goal Received:	86.0%

Pause, Pray, Listen Intently, Be Obedient



"Called to be and make disciples for Jesus Christ"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

PASTOR: Reverend Robert Smith



SUNDAY MORNING'S SCHEDULE

A nursery is provided during Sunday school and Worship Service. If you're unsure where a class or service is ask us and we'll be glad to help you find what you're looking for!

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
9:00 a.m.	The Gathering, Coffee & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m.	Prayer Group	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School, Children & Adult Classes	Sunday School Classrooms
10:00 a.m.	Nacimiento en Fe Sunday School & Worship	Spanish Language Sunday School & Worship Service
10:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship Service	Sanctuary

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