

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **TODAY 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.

CAROLING Join us for church-wide Christmas caroling! Meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 17. Be sure and dress for the weather and we will ride in the church van and cars to different locations in Hillsville. Our final stop will be for delicious hot chocolate in the fellowship hall at the church. You do not have to be a singer or a member of the choir to participate. Come and make a joyful noise! Everyone is invited!
(Please check the Facebook page in case of inclement weather.)

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Tuesday, December 19**, at **6:30** in the Library.

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

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.

BIG BUCK CONTEST next week we will announce the winners for the Big Buck Contest.

RESURRECTION Youth, Resurrection will be here before you know it. Permission slips are due by Jan. 19th, turning them sooner is better. If you have not paid, please get your \$40 to Ben ASAP. A parent meeting to discuss the trip will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10th, at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. **AT LEAST ONE** parent/guardian should be at the meeting along with the youth attending. If there are any questions contact Ben Mullins at fumcbe@gmail.com or 276-733-2612.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full church calendar at hillsvillefumc.com/calendar

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Monday	4 PM	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	4 – 6 PM	Dinner Bell Community Meal
Tuesday	7 PM	Preschool Program
Tuesday	7 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30 – 12 PM	CCMA Food Pantry
Sunday	10:30 AM 7 PM	Christmas Eve Services

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.

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.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Robert Smith

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY
"Savior of the Nations, Come" *Johann Heinrich*
Cindy Jackson, Organist

GREETING Dennis Ward & Candace Iroler

INVOCATION Dennis Ward & Candace Iroler

*HYMN OF PRAISE
"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymn #196
"Ven, Jesus muy esperado" Hymn #82

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Tom Lintecum Family

A SERVICE OF RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(RITO DE LA RECEPCION A LA IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA)

PASTORAL PRAYER
Rev. Robert Smith & Saul Huerta-Barba

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS Rev. Robert Smith

OFFERTORY Janie Napier, Pianist

*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 & Saul Huerta-Barba

THE SONG HEARD ROUND THE WORLD:
A CHRISTMA CANTATA

BENEDICTION Rev. Robert Smith & Saul Huerta-Barba

SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD
"You Shall Go Out With Joy"
Cindy Jackson, Organist

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

First Church Volunteers

DATE	December 17	December 24
Usher Team (10:10 AM)	Larry Snow Team	Richard Webb Team
Greeters (9:10 AM)	Susan Kirkland & Audrey Burnett	Richard & Diane Webb
Scripture Reader		Vivian McBride
Acolyte	Junior Huerta Zepeda	Christyan Stilwell
Flowers	Advent Wreath	Advent Wreath
Golden Years	Audrey Burnett	NO Class
Children's Church	Nathaniel & Chelsea, Tilda Mullins	All Worship in Sanctuary for Christmas Eve Sermon: Nate & Chelsea
Nursery	TBD	Judy Beasley
Media Team	Bill Webb & Jake Worrell	S.C. Cox & Bill Brown
Sunday School Class Assistants	Open Arms	Upper Room

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

WORSHIP: 143

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 88



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Example: FUMCHILLSVILLE \$25
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Offering Report	
2017 Ministry Goal:	\$ 402,012
Weekly Offering Needed for Goal:	\$ 7,731
Weekly Offering Received 12.10.17	\$ 5,255
2017 Ministry Goal Received To Date:	\$ 350,912
% of 2017 Ministry Goal Received:	87.3%

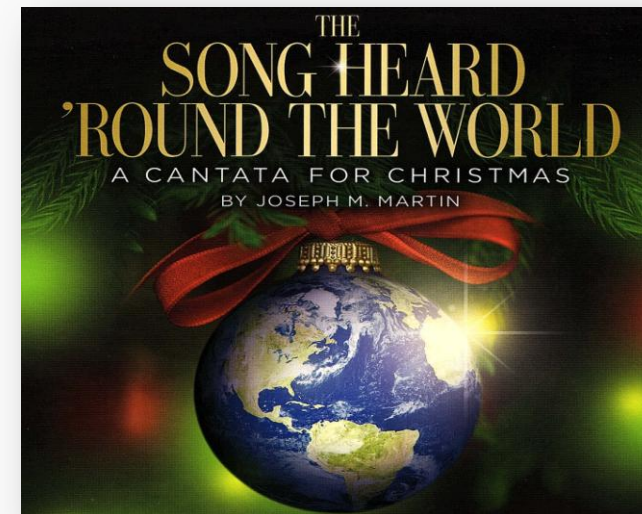
Pause, Pray, Listen Intently, Be Obedient



"Called to be and make disciples for Jesus Christ"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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