

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have patience with us while we are working on filling the position of Financial Secretary. We apologize for the office hours differing. We are working on fixing this as soon as possible. We hope each and every one of you have a very merry and a blessed Christmas. –Staff

OFFICE CLOSED the office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25. We will also be closed January 1st for New Years and January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER LISTS if you are in charge of a volunteer list here at FUMC, I will need a copy of the new lists for 2018 as soon as possible. I am missing a new scripture, acolyte, flower, commonwealth, children's church, media, and communion list. Thank you! Jenna

CHRISTMAS CARDS do not forget to check the mailboxes for Christmas Cards!

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.

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 fumcben@gmail.com or 276-733-2612.

UMW will meet **January 9th at 2:00 PM** in the Fellowship classroom more details to come.

HAPPY SENIOR MEAL date has been moved to **January 9th, beginning at noon**.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Full church calendar at hillsvillefumc.com/calendar

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tuesday	4 – 6 PM	Dinner Bell Community Meal
Thursday	9:30 – 12 PM	CCMA Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 PM	Scouts
Sunday		Happy New Years Eve
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED	NEW YEARS

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. We will start back on January 10th.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Robert Smith
BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" <i>Walther</i>	Cindy Jackson, Organist
CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION	Susan Clark
*PRAISE & WORSHIP "Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King Of Heaven" "Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)" "Go Tell It On The Mountain"	
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	Jerry, Jared, and Jordan Cox
A TIME FOR CHILDREN	Nathaniel & Chelsea Mullins
PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS	Rev. Robert Smith
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Robert Smith
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & GIFTS	Rev. Robert Smith
OFFERTORY "Rejoice! Christ is Born!" Martin Adult Choir with Janie Napier, Pianist & Cindy Jackson, Director	
*DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" <i>*Children may be dismissed to Children's Church during the doxology*</i>	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Rev. Robert Smith
SCRIPTURE "Isaiah 9:2-7"	Vivian McBride
SERMON "The Light of Christmas: Love"	Rev. Robert Smith
HYMN OF DEDICATION "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" Hymn #218	
BENEDICTION	Rev. Robert Smith
SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD	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
John Bedsaul |
| Camp Dickenson
Caregivers | Marge Bernklow
Jennifer & Allen
Boliek |
| Children from
Broken Homes | Sebastian Boliek |
| Church Family | Max Brown |
| Church Leaders | Elizabeth Cecil |
| Families in Crisis | Claudia |
| First Responders | Jim Clay |
| FUMC Ministries | Grace Cox |
| Homeless | Paula Cox |
| Hurricane Victims | Hezekiah Goad |
| Israel | Margaret Guynn |
| Law Enforcement Officers | Haigler Family |
| The Lost | Boss Harmon |
| Middle East | Billy Hibbit |
| Military & Families | Diane Hunley |
| Ministers | Jean Kidd |
| Missionaries | Gary Lawson |
| Nursing Home Residents | Abby Mayo |
| Peace of Jerusalem | Mike Sisk |
| Persecuted Church | Ruth Sisson |
| Sanctity of Life | Rick Slusher |
| Sanctity of Marriage | Kitty Smith |
| School Bus Drivers | Jerry Williams |
| Teachers, Students | Mary Willis |
| Terminally Ill | |
| Traveling Mercies | |
| Unemployed | |
| Unspoken Requests | |
| Veterans | |
| War Torn Countries | |
| World Leaders | |

First Church Volunteers

DATE	December 24	December 31
Usher Team (10:10 AM)	Richard Webb Team	Ty Coalson Team
Greeters (9:10 AM)	Richard & Diane Webb	Tilda Mullins & Susan Kirkland
Scripture Reader	Vivian McBride	Oliver McBride
Acolyte	Christyan Stilwell	Catrina Iroler
Flowers	Advent Wreath	Advent Wreath
Golden Years	NO Class	Dennis Ward
Children's Church	All Worship in Sanctuary for Christmas Eve Sermon: Nate & Chelsea	Nate & Chelsea Kim Reitzel Sermon: Rick Clark
Nursery	Judy Beasley	Sara Byrne
Media Team	S.C. Cox & Bill Brown	Bill Webb & Don White
Sunday School Class Assistants	Upper Room	Challengers

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

WORSHIP: 251

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 110



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Offering Report	
2017 Ministry Goal:	\$ 402,012
Weekly Offering Needed for Goal:	\$ 7,731
Weekly Offering Received 12.17.17	\$ 5,429
2017 Ministry Goal Received To Date:	\$ 356,340
% of 2017 Ministry Goal Received:	88.6%

Pause, Pray, Listen Intently, Be Obedient



"Called to be and make disciples for Jesus Christ"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 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

First United Methodist Church

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