



*The DPUMC Spirit*

Sunday, November 29, 2020

## First Sunday of Advent

**8:30AM**

**GREETERS:** Joy Grimm & John Moxley  
Cindy Saylor

**LITURGISTS:** Pastor John Dean

**11AM**

Donna Upton, Randi Carlisle &

Pastor John Dean

### NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 6)

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Donna Upton, Randi Carlisle &  
Cindy Saylor

**LITURGISTS:** Cindy Davis

John Moxley

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been  
given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were  
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:3-9)*

**THANK YOU** - Thank you to everyone who ordered cards for a cause for the Sunday school fundraiser! Cards have been ordered and will be here in about 3 weeks. Jill Janocha Redmond will reach out about pick up when they arrive. It will also be shared on the church Facebook group. The Sunday school children have been busy learning about giving thanks all month. This week marks the start of their advent studies!

**THANK YOU** – to Mike Broyles and helpers for working to make the worship services available online.

**THANK YOU!** – Your continued financial support as we navigate these unprecedented and difficult times is very much appreciated. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to have our fundraisers. Our fundraisers have been a significant part of the General Fund (*raising over \$8000*) helping with the expenses that are needed to support the ministry of our church. Please consider making a donation for what you might have donated or spent at the fundraisers.

**UM STUDENT DAY** - Today, November 29 is one of the Church-wide special Sundays that we support. Your donations help deserving UM students continue their education & their faith journeys. See donation envelope on the table in the narthex.

**POINSETTIAS FOR SANCTUARY** – Forms available in the narthex, due Sunday, Dec. 13.

**MITTEN TREE** - See the tree in the narthex for your donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves & hats. All donations will be distributed locally in Carroll County. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth. Any questions contact Gary Saylor 443-465-1023.

**UMW & SISTERHOOD CHRISTMAS PROJECT** – We are asking for the congregation's help so we can give our adopted family a nice Christmas. This is the same family we supported last year! A mother with 2 children. We are collecting money to purchase food, extra gift cards or for items not received. We also need donations of gift cards from the following places: Weis, Aldi's, Taco Bell, McDonald's, Chick-Fil-A, Pizza Boli (on Main St), Hoffman's Ice Cream, Walmart, Target, Target Visa Card - which can be found on Target Gift card rack. (*Please attach gift card receipts to cards*). Please put your donation in an envelope, marked "For our Christmas Family" and give to Cindy Saylor. **Deadline is next Sunday, December 6.** Thanks for your support. Contacts are Shirley Miller & Janet Wallett.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – Sunday, December 13 to shut-ins, meet in the social hall @ 12:30PM. Please bring your own snack. Driving separately. If you will be participating, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or let Cindy or Gary know so we can have enough bells.

**CALL FOR COATS** – This year is a little different with the collection of coats for The Shepherd's Staff. Because of COVID-19, the cleaners will not be accepting the coats for cleaning. Shepherd's Staff will only accept coats that are new. There is a designated place for coats to hang on the coatrack near the main entrance doors. They will also accept monetary donations. Any questions see Gary Saylor.

**WESTMINSTER COLD WEATHER SHELTER** - Collection boxes in the narthex for food items and socks & new underwear. **THEY NEED EVERYTHING!** Contacts are Ginny Weaver & Janet Wallett.

**NOTE!** - Ruth & Gene Myers have moved. Their new address is 630 Harmony Drive Apt 250 New Oxford PA 17350. Ruth Horner has also moved. Her new address is 619 Calliope Circle Mount Airy MD 21771.

## ..... THIS WEEK

**ADVENT STUDY** - Wednesday @ 1PM. The book is "Making Room – Sharing the Love of Christmas" by Ed Robb. You don't have to sign up, just show up! Contact is Pastor John.

.....**NEXT WEEK**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT** – December 6, services @ 8:30 & 11AM.

Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM, meets in the Sanctuary.

**TRUSTEES** – NO meeting.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – Tuesday, December 8, 2:30-7:30PM @ Calvary United Methodist Church (3939 Gamber Road, Finksburg, MD, 21048). Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! See Gary Saylor with questions, 443-465-1023.

.....**LATER THIS MONTH**

**ADVENT SUNDAYS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Dec. 13 Services 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Dec. 20 Services 8:30 & 11AM. Adult Sunday school @ 9:45AM.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** - Saturday, December 19 @ 12Noon. REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. The ceremony will not be open to the public due to COVID19. The trustees will lay the wreaths. Donations are needed to be able to lay wreaths on as many graves as possible. To donate to Deer Park Cemetery wreaths use the link: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/43676/Overview/?relatedId=0>; click the red "Sponsor" button. Thank you for supporting Deer Park Methodist Cemetery & Wreaths Across America! Mel Blizzard

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.**

7:00 PM -Family Friendly Service with candlelight and glow candles for children

11:00 PM -Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion

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**WORSHIP SERVICES** – Two services **8:30AM & 11AM**, in the Sanctuary. We are following the CDC guidelines for your safety. We take attendance & temperatures at both services and you must wear a mask, masks are available if you don't have one or forgot yours. Hand sanitizer is also available. Please observe social distancing. Pews are marked to aid in maintaining social distancing. A collection box is at the double doors for your offering.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** – Are in the narthex. If you need one contact Cindy Saylor. Additional Upper Room resources are available on the website <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>.

**AMERICAN FLAGS** - If you have a torn or worn American Flag that you would like discarded, please give to Cindy Saylor in the church office. Carroll Hospice is collecting them for a new program called "Stars for our Troops". Give Gary Saylor a call on 443-465-1023 with questions. For more information about this program, you can go to [www.starsforourtroops.org](http://www.starsforourtroops.org).

**ONE CALL NOW** - We use this system to inform our members of those who are requesting prayers and send church information including updates to services and building closures. If you are not receiving phone calls and/or emails and would like to be added to the list, please contact Cindy Saylor (410-375-5955).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** – We are working on enhancing the Video taping of our church services. If you are interested helping with this effort, please contact Pastor John at 240-285-5965 or [jdpreacher@outlook.com](mailto:jdpreacher@outlook.com).

**CHURCH PROJECTS** – Funds are still needed for the new playground. See the chart in the narthex for our progress. Any questions contact John Walker. Mark contributions with a note/memo: **Playground. Thanks for your support of the children!**

**BRING YOUR CAN TO CHURCH** - Or box or plastic jar--of food! Let's keep the grocery cart full with our donations for Carroll County Food Sunday by bringing at least one non-perishable item every Sunday. Donors are encouraged to give the kind of nutritious food they would serve their own families. The CCFS Wish List includes: Peanut Butter; Jelly; Hot or Cold Cereal; Canned Soup (non-tomato preferred); Beans (red & black); Pancake Mix; Pancake Syrup. Thanks to all for reaching out to our neighbors in need.

**FEED MY SHEEP** – FMS has converted to carryout meals only. Gary Saylor has taken on the leadership role. If you want to help, contact Gary on 443-465-1023. Financial donations continue to help provide food and supplies. Please mark your donation to FMS.

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**Please submit bulletin announcements by Thursday, 11:00AM to the Office**  
**Prayer Chain: Shirley Miller (Coordinator) 410-861-8292**  
**Chain I Kate Gorsuch 410-876-2745 / Chain II Brenda Six 410-756-2507**  
**Flag raising & lowering: Gary Saylor**

**An Advent question for you (\*see next page for answer):**

**When Christians speak of Advent, they are referring to which of the following?**

- A. A season of 4 weeks prior to Christmas Day
- B. A time of expectant waiting
- C. Looking forward to the birth of Jesus or his Second Coming
- D. All of the above



# SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS



If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for **\$12.00 each**, you can place one or more in memory of or in honor of a friend or beloved family member.

Your loved one's name will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Please use this form and have payment with order please.

**Orders must be received by December 13.**

Place in the offering plate. Contact is Carol Ann Bryan.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**RED or WHITE** (Please circle)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Deer Park United Methodist Church  
THANK YOU!

