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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude *"Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming"* — Mansfield Mrs. Carolyn Gregg, Organist
Bringing in the Light Acolyte
Welcome & Announcements Rev. Shannon Marie Berry
**Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pads, passing them down the row and back again.*

PROCLAMATION

*Lifting Our Voices in Praise *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* UMH #234
Congregational Hymn Congregational Choice
Lighting of the Advent Candle

ALL: "O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife."

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Leader: On the fourth Sunday of Advent.....light a candle

ALL: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Young Person's Message Rev. Jerry Jones

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Berry

Call to Prayer *"Spirit Song"* Mrs. Gregg

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

*Scripture Rev. Berry

Luke 1:46-55

Special Music *"Joseph Good, Joseph True"* — Rouse Hope Jones, Soloist

Sermon *"God Makes This World a Home"* Rev. Jones

RESPONSE

*The Peace

Offertory *"Cradle Song"* — Kirkpatrick Mrs. Gregg

Doxology UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* UMH #240



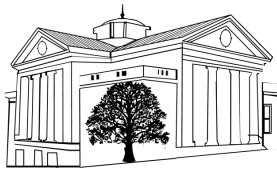
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*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UMH #881
*Gloria Patri UMH #70

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen. Amen.

Children's Message Mrs. Kim Brown

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song. This is where children belong.

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Call to Prayer Chancel Choir
Prayer

"Spirit Song"

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Anthem "Were You There On That Christmas Night?" — Sleeth
Sermon "God Makes This World A Home" Rev. Jones

RESPONSE

Hymn of Invitation "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory "Away in the Manger" Alyssa Crawford, Flutist UMH #95
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn of Invitation "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

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**OUR GIFTS AND PRESENCE
For December 17th, 2017**

Budget Offering: \$19,580.21
 Specials Fund: 0.00 Second Mile: \$1,050.00
 Capital: \$10,575.00
 Year-to-Date Actual Offering: \$497,866.84 Behind Budget: \$78,662.16
 Organ Pledges: \$163,780.00 Pledges Received: \$116,789.00

8:00AM:33 10:30AM: 120 10:40AM: 88
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 59 TOTAL WORSHIP: 241

Depositor Schedule for:	December	January
8:00AM Service	Frank Jennings	Frank Jennings
10:30AM Service	Doug Debusk	Frank Holzschuh
10:40AM Service	Linda Fitzpatrick	Brenda Ottinger

Childcare is available during the worship service for children ages newborn to preschool in the Children's Area, under the Sanctuary. Please see an usher, greeter, or staff person for more information. Childcare is provided by Ms. Toni Weems & Ms. Janet Coates.

PRAYER REQUESTS
New requests in bold.

Cancer Patients: Riley Balcita; Victoria Batts; Mary Bettis; Tony Bible; Maggi Brominsk; BJ Broyles; Brenda Bruce; Sandra Carter; Shirley Carter; Lisa Chapman; Tonya Creel; Marya Crotwell; Chris Cowens; Max Cox; Clinton Dalton; Bob Dappert; Eldon Duncan; Crystal Dykes; Lori Fawbush; Gail Fletcher; Mike French; Joe Goodman; Jason Green; Nan Hawkins; Judy Helton; Nathan House; Laine Howells; Bea Jennings; George Kastendike; Bill Langston; Gina Leach; Martha Lowery; Harper Marsh; Ken Martin; Gayle Matthews; Cherrisa McInturff; Troy McInturff; Danny Morelock; Gina Myers; Mike Myers; Beth Neas; Linda Nichols; Kathryn P; Patsy Dority; Oscar Payne; Tillery Phillips; Ellen Pilkington; Judith Plucker; Julie Proffit; **Gary Ross**; Gene Shepherd; Cheri Smith; Jay Smith; Ronnie Smith; Mindi Southerland; Brad Strange; Carolyn Taylor; Charlene Thomas; Nancy Wagner; Hugh Wells; Barbara Weller; Toni Weems; Peggy Williams; Glynn Wynne.

Other Requests: Minnie Anderson; Shelley Berry; Vicky Britton; Orland Britton; Leigh Ann Brookman; Nicole Bruce; Ryan Cloyd; Darlene Collins; Russ Crum; Michael Elswick, Nancy Elswick; *Sue Engold & her mother Jean; Sy Gallimore; Gavin Green; Laura House; Kathy Jones; Trevor Long; Cyrsta Mater; Kevin McCullough; Barbara McKenna; Janice Moore; Bernie Sams; Alan Shipley; *Ramona Shupe; *Jim Thurber; Bettye Weems; Bobby Wells Sr. Asbury's shut-ins; brothers & sisters in the faith with addictions; our country. **Brant Fitzpatrick, Hannah Hoese, June McQueen, Joyce Whittenburg, The family of Mary Louise Flanders, The family of Dr. Gether Irick Jr.**

Service: Jason Angel; Rev. Amy Beth Bartee; Bob Croxdale; Rev. Ryan Davenport; Chase Ellenburg; Ajayla Ewing; John Ewing; Anthony Faitel; Paul Garritt; Connor Gulmire; Brandon Hoban; John Junio; Michael King; PFC Marshall Lane; Stephen Leifert; Jason Miller; Duncan Powell; Jacob Richey; Robert Riley; Jared Saylor; Lincoln Taylor; Hunter Waddell; Tyler Waddell; Kenny Wells; Captain David Weston; Zach Whitlock; Rob Wright.

Note: If you wish to add someone's name or update the information requested in this prayer request section of the bulletin, please contact the church office at 423.798.1050 or email general@asburyumconline.com (**Prayer concerns will remain on our list for six weeks.**) **All names marked with an * will be removed.**

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On Call 12/29–12/31 Rev. Jones, 423.620.2668

This Week at AUMC
Sunday, Dec. 24th:

4:00PM—Our Father's Place—CH
 5:00PM—Christmas Eve Service—ST
 11:00PM—Christmas Eve Service—FH

Monday, Dec. 25th:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 27th:

8:00AM—Van Dreal Study Group—DC
 10:00AM—Prayer Shawl Ministry—PSR
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Thursday, Dec 28st:

9:00AM—PEP Club—LB

Friday, Dec. 29th:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 1st:

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Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB	Children's Area-CA
Chapel-CH	Choir Room-CR
Disciple Classroom-DC	
D&H Brown Classroom-DH	John Wesley Class-JWC
Fellowship Hall-FH	Library-LB
LaRue Classroom-LR	Prayer Shawl Room-PSR
Parlor-PL	Rev. Berry's Study-RBS
Rev. Jones' Study-RJS	Rev. Jones' Study-RJS
Sisters By Grace-SG	Sanctuary-ST
Youth Room-YR	

Wednesday Night Meal: Wednesday Night Meals and Programs will resume January 10th.

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End of Year Giving: Please note; our offices will be closed on Friday, December 29th, and Monday, January 1st. If you wish to make end of year contributions, please do so by Tuesday, January 3rd.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH
 9:15 / 9:30AM—Sunday School Classes
 10:30AM—Traditional Worship—ST
 10:40AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

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PRAYER REQUEST

Can this be shared with church?

Yes No

For church staff only?

Yes No

Do you request a Minister's Call?

Yes No

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
RSVP**

Name: _____

____ No. of Children's Meals—\$3

____ No. of Adult Meals—\$6

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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