

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Union Cross Moravian Church

“A Christian Family seeking to reflect God’s Love”

**Chimes
Taylor Draper**

**Lighting of Advent Candle
Elijah Johnson**

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

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Liturgy for Advent

(Hosanna, p 239; Men sing 1st Part, Women sing 2nd Part)

Sharing our Gifts with the Lord

**Offertory Hymn
We are Waiting**

Hymn 757

Be Still My Soul

Sermon- Rev. Russ Williams

Sermon Text: Mark 13:24-37

“The Last Christmas”

Hymn 256

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Benediction



*Pastor: Rev. Russell Williams
Choir Director: Phyllis Long*

*Organist/Pianist: Janice Reich
Alice Linville*

Today

Sunday School

Opening

Dwight Deal

Infant Nursery

Karen and Doug
Vaughn

Preschool Nursery

Cindy and Grace
Pruitt

Custodial Check

Karen Vaughn
Ronnie Sisk

Greeters-Narthex

Mike and Sandy
Sisk

Greeter-Vestibule

Randy Knox

Ushers for

December

Doug Vaughn
Terry Tucker

Next Sunday

Sunday School

Opening

Karen Harris

Infant Nursery

Jane Lawrence
Sheila Underwood

Preschool Nursery

Chrissy and Brad
Johnson

Custodial Check

Ronnie Sisk
Kim Craver

Greeters-Narthex

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8:00 AM Praise Team Rehearsal

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service

9:45 AM Sunday School Opening

10:00 AM Sunday School Class

11:00 AM Worship Service

**5:00 PM Christmas Party and Potluck
Everyone is welcome - Young and Old!**

Monday

6:00 PM Joint Board Meeting and Supper

Tuesday

9:45 AM Women's Circle # 3 Meeting

5:45 PM Baptist Hospital Star Lighting

7:00 PM Women's Circle #1 Meeting

Women's Circle #2 Meets at Anita
Whittington's House

Wednesday

7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

Announcements

This evening we will have a church pot luck dinner and Christmas party. The Potluck supper begins at 5pm. For the Christmas Party; We'll be playing Christmas Bingo with awesome prizes and there will be door prizes, too!

Baptist Hospital Star Lighting-This year, the service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 5:45pm. Pastor Russ will be the guest speaker and the children of UCMC will also sing during the service. (Children should be there no later than 5:40.) The service takes place on the top floor of the Eden Terrace Parking Deck which can be accessed from Hawthorne Rd.

Crystal Etchings- There are still a few Lovefeast Crystals available. If you would like one please see Natalie Johnson. Each crystal is \$50 and 100% of the total sale price goes to the church building fund.

FOX8 Gifts for Kids-The Salvation Army serves more than 20,000 children in the Piedmont at Christmas. Please bring new and unwrapped gifts to the church and place under the Christmas tree. On December 10th the youth will take all gifts to the FOX8 studios.

Church Nurseries- If you would like to be added or removed from the nursery roll for 2018, please let the church office know. We are looking for people that enjoy children and would be willing to serve about an hour in the nursery every 6 weeks.

Special Service Next Sunday- Our adult choir will present a special service next Sunday morning by praising God in song with the Christmas Cantata, "**Tapestry of Light, a Celtic Christmas Celebration.**" May this special 11 AM worship service renew your spirit in the true meaning of Christmas.

Bojangles Night- On Monday, December 11th, join us for chicken at Bojangles from 5 until 8 PM. Bo will contribute 15% of all their proceeds to support the Union Cross Backpack program. After eating there will be an opportunity to take pictures with Santa! Don't be naughty, come on out!

‡ Prayer Request Updates ‡

Please Add: Betty and Doug Talley. Betty, Doug's mother, fell and broke her hip and had surgery on Thursday.

Deborah Mullins, friend of Joyce and Dean Mabe.

Please Remove: Vicki Bodenhamer, who entered into the more immediate presence of her Savior on November 28th.

Tate Manning, who is doing good.

Karen Vaughn, Carissa DiPresso and Kristy Blakely

Ongoing prayer requests can be found in the Church Newsletter.

Any prayer requests or updates can be submitted either by email (ucmc@unioncrossmoravian.org) or by contacting the church office (336-769-2411).

Looking Forward

- Dec. 10 Christmas Cantata**
- Dec. 11 Bojangles Night for the Backpack Project**
- Dec. 12 Candle Trimming and Pot Luck 6 PM**
- Dec. 13 Adult Choir Practice 7 PM**
- Dec. 17 Children's Christmas Program**
Christmas Lovefeast 7 PM
- Dec. 19 Christmas Candle Tea for Union Cross Academy**
- Dec. 22 Church Office Closed**
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day-Church Office Closed**

Our Generosity of Time and Treasures

Attendance 11/12/2017

Last Week's Offering \$3053

Praise Service	21	11/19	\$5016
Sunday School	75	11/12	\$3354
11 AM Worship Service	126	11/03	\$4796
		10/29	\$6439

Watchword for the Week is from Mark 13:26

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.

Pastor's Office 336-986-9406

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The Secretarial hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., M-F

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