

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Union Cross Moravian Church

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

**Chimes
Taylor Draper**

**Lighting of Advent Candle
Josie Jenkins**

Welcome and Announcements

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Liturgy for Advent 2

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing our Gifts with the Lord

**Offertory Hymn
“Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee”
by Johann Sebastian Bach
Played by Alice Linville**

**Cantata
“Tapestry of Light,
A Celtic Christmas Celebration”**

Benediction



Pastor: Rev. Russell Williams
Choir Director: Phyllis Long

Organist/Pianist: Janice Reich
Alice Linville

Today

Sunday School

Opening

Karen Vaughn

Infant Nursery

Courtney Greene
Pam Greene

Preschool Nursery

Jennifer Smith
Michaela & Jesse
Smith

Custodial Check

Lisa Willard
Cindy Pruitt

Greeters-Narthex

Mike and Sandy
Sisk

Greeter-Vestibule

Randy Knox

Usher Captains

for December

Doug Vaughn
Terry Tucker

Next Sunday

Sunday School

Opening

Tony Draper

Infant Nursery

Catherine Draper
Tony Draper

Preschool Nursery

Kim Greene
Emma Greene

Custodial Check

Cindy Pruitt
Dan Johnson

Greeters-Narthex

Mike and Sandy
Sisk

Greeter-Vestibule

Randy Knox

Usher Captains

for January

David Kapp
John Woodard

Today

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

Monday

Christmas Day Church Office Closed

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Gibson, who entered into the more immediate presence of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

Announcements

Before and After School-Is in need of a Director, Assistant Director and Counselors. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Megan Linville. Job descriptions can be picked up in the church office.

Unity Prayer Watch-Since 1957 the Unity Prayer Watch has assured that prayer for the work and witness of our world-wide Moravian Church is being offered somewhere in the world 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Prayer Watch is a renewal of the "hourly intercession", begun in Herrnhut in 1727 which continued uninterrupted for 100 years. Our church will carry on the tradition on January 1st from 4pm to midnight. Volunteers can sign up to pray for the Unity Prayer Watch in the Fellowship Hall.

Building Fund-Next Sunday we will have our last special offering for the building fund for this year. Remember this is year end, there is no better way to take advantage of those tax deductions than by giving to the building fund.

The Nominations Committee is working together to prayerfully nominate individuals to serve on the Board of Elders or Trustees for the next two years. If you are asked to be on the ballot, please know that you were chosen after much prayer and with much thought. Please prayerfully consider your nomination. If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate, please contact anyone on the Nomination Committee **FIRST**. As always, anyone may be nominated from the floor of Church Council. It is our hope, however to secure a sufficient number of confirmed nominees beforehand to be better stewards of everyone's time at Church Council.

Nomination Committee: Brad Johnson, Catherine Jenkins, Chrissy Johnson, Cindy Pruitt, Joan Grant (at large member), Karen Kapp and Kim Craver.

Crystal Etchings- We have a new shipment of Lovefeast crystals. 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.

Educational Opportunities for Seniors-Novant Health is offering several educational events for seniors dealing with depression, loss of pets, weight loss, and vascular screenings. Times/places and more information can be obtained from the bulletin board called "Senior Friends" in the educational wing.

† Prayer Request Updates †

Please Add: Bobo Brown, friend of Kim Craver.

Peggy Bodenheimer, having MS medical issues.

Robert Welch, went to Forsyth hospital and was admitted to ICU.

Julia Torrey

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. 25** Christmas Day-Church Office Closed
Dec. 31 Special Building Fund Offering
Jan. 1 Church Office Closed
Unity Prayer Watch 4pm-Midnight
Jan. 2 Circle Meetings
Jan, 3 Adult Choir Practice 7pm
Jan. 7 Communion 11am
Confirmation Class immediately after Worship
Jan. 8 Girl Scouts 6pm
Board of Elders 7pm

Watchword for the Week is from Luke 1:49

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Our Generosity of Time and Treasures

Attendance 12/17/2017		Last Week's Offering \$3222	
		Building Fund	\$1000
Praise Service	24	12/10	\$1978
Sunday School	109	12/03	\$5154
11 AM Worship Service	174	11/27	\$3053
		11/19	\$5016

Pastor's Office 336-986-9406

Kim Harris, Secretary: 336-769-2411;

The Secretarial hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., M-F

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