

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Entering into Our Worship Together

WORDS TO MEDITATE UPON

“This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"  
(Matthew 3:3)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**  
One: Again, I say "rejoice!"  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice!**  
One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**  
One: The Lord is near!  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!**

\*HYMN OF PROMISE "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Hymnal#203  
(see screen)

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR Stand and Wave!!

COMMUNITY SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Gilley family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Light the Advent Candle" TFWS Hymnal# 2090  
(vs.2) (see screen)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming?" Hymnal#216

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:1-12  
pew Bible pg: 3-4

SERMON "Prepare the Way" Pastor Tommy

Our Response to God’s Word

Service of Holy Communion  
Hymnal #pg. 13 or see screen

Sending Forth

SENDING HYMN "In The Bleak Midwinter" Hymnal #221  
(see screen)

\*BENEDICTION  
Prophets of old put forth bold and broad dreams of the coming of God. So too may we, here and now, imagine unlikely and precious life – possible once more as the Divine draws near. The opportunity is ours to be faithful and courageous in our commitment to that incarnation.

\*POSTLUDE



Prayer Concerns

(Prayer requests must be received in the office at 540-896-3970 or office@sunsetdriveumc.com by Thursday at 10am to be included. Names stay on for two weeks.) You can also email your prayer requests to: sdumcprayerchain@gmail.com

| Our Church Family ...       | Our Extended Family ...        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nancy Hoover (Pastor Tommy) | Rhonda McDonald (Karla Dick)   |
| Judy Rhodes(Pastor Tommy)   | Rick Morris' family (Ed Roach) |

Prayers for Our Military Families.....  
Will Freds: U.S Army (son-in- law of CW and Peggy Grandle)  
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)  
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces  
Richard Ruley: US Air Force (great- nephew of Michael and Esther Malloy)



The *worship committee* is asking for people to sing, recite a reading, or share a talent, for our special music time in our worship services. If you would like to participate please contact Karla Dick at 540-560-1062, or email her at feelfree2emailme@comcast.net.

**UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am until 9am. Meal includes- bacon, eggs, sausage gravy, pancakes and biscuits. Donations in the form of a free will offering will be used support teachers and students at Plains Elementary. The breakfast is open to the community. All are welcome, bring a friend and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and some fellowship. Hope to see ya there!.



**Youth Group Dates And Activities for December**

- Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Children’s Program (10am)
- Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> -Shop For Local Family And Dinner At Cici’s 5:45pm
- Monday, December19th- Youth Group 6pm-7pm Dinner And Go Over Nativity
- Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Live Nativity/Walk To Bethlehem 6pm-8pm
- Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> -Make-Up Date



**Christmas Musical Practice Schedule**

- Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - Both speaking and singing
- Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 10am- 11:30am: Dress Rehearsal



**The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature G. F. Handel's *Messiah* accompanied by the SVCS Chamber orchestra and student soloists from James Madison University’s College of Visual and Performing Arts. The second half of the concert includes a variety of new and traditional carol settings and will feature the premier of a new carol arrangement by local composer Dr. John G. Barr. The choir has 115 voices, including church members John Sellers, Susan Holsinger, and Sue Olson.

Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-Op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and on-line at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.



**Stewardship Report: November 27, 2022**

Worship Last Sunday 60

General Fund \$1,202.67

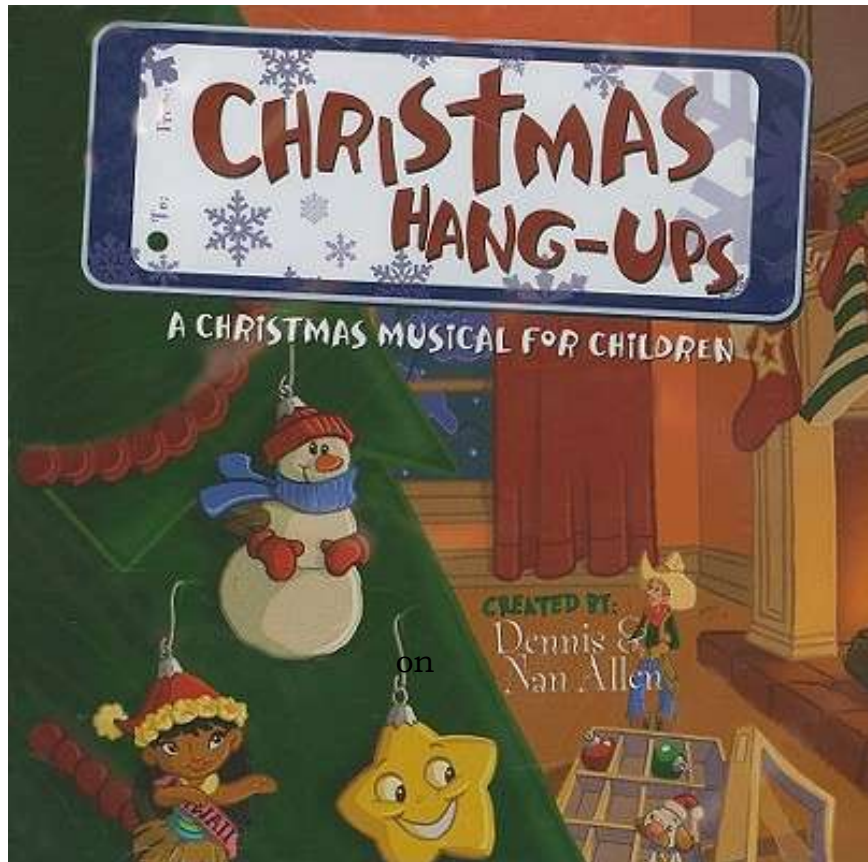
Needed weekly to meet budget: \$4,225.46

*Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine.*

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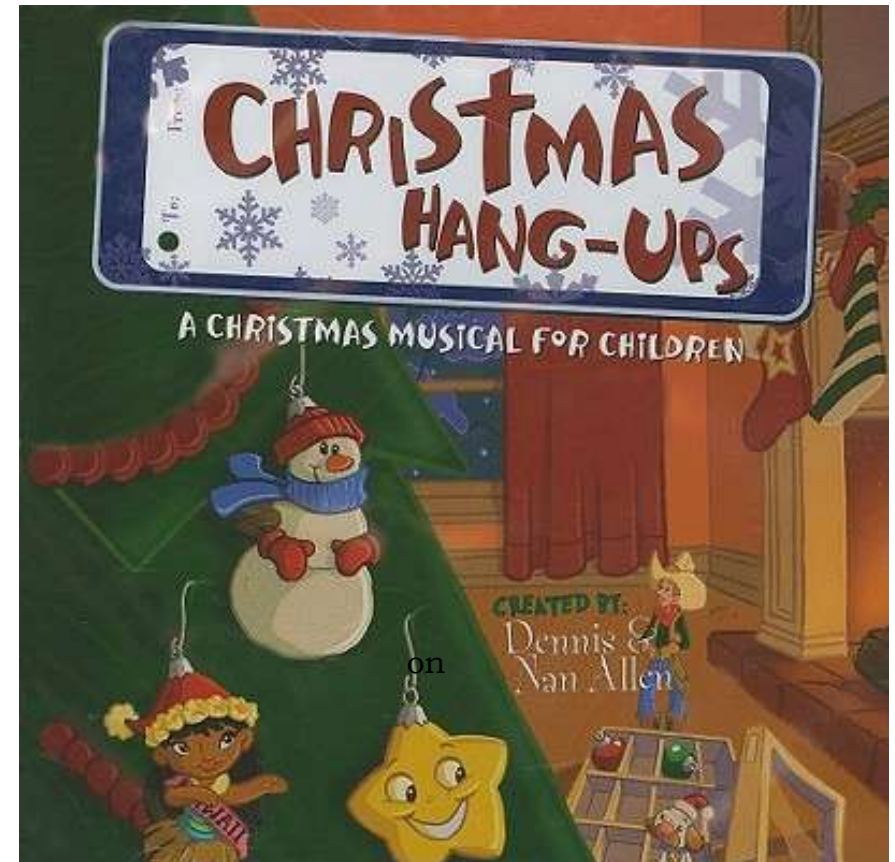
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