

Welcome to Worship!

We pray that you feel the warmth and love of Christ as you enter and that you sense God's presence in worship. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate in letting us know. We are grateful having you today and hope you will consider coming again.

Sun. 12/24 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 5:30PM

Mon 12/25 Christmas Day Dinner, gather at 11:30, eat at noon

Tues. 12/26 Men's Prayer Group, 7AM
Zumba, 4:30PM
AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM

Thur 12/28 Zumba, 4:30PM

Sat. 12/30 AA, 7PM

Sun. 12/31 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
Choir Practice, 9:15AM

Thank you to Carol Gaines for sharing her talents with us and playing the piano during our services today while Blake is away.

The UMW wish to **thank everyone** who participated in the Bake Sale and Craft Fair. The fundraiser was a huge success and could only have been so due to the tremendous support received.

Church office hours for the Christmas holidays: closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 2.

Thank you for allowing us to enjoy some time with family and friends during the holidays! Pastor Daniel may be reached, in case of an emergency, on his cell phone, 251-234-1122. Merry Christmas!

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the church should be received in the church office by December 31st to reflect on your 2017 Contribution Statement. Statements will be distributed the 3rd Sunday of January before & after the Worship Services. The Finance Team thanks everyone for their faithful support of LUMC.

LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Please be sure to check for greetings from your church family at the LUMC Post Office in the Fellowship Building foyer. If you know of any one in the church family who is homebound and you can deliver their cards it would be a blessing. Thank you.

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Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Please sign the registration pad. Thank you!

* **HYMN # 220** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY (SEE INSERT)

* **Affirmation of Faith** “The Apostles Creed” # 881

CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Carol Gaines

Doxology #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost.*

“God Bless America” “God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home, God bless America, my home sweet home”.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

CHILDRENS MOMENT 10AM

HYMN # 239

“Silent Night”

SERMON

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

HYMN # 246

“Joy to the World”

* **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER # 231**

“Christmas”

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, world without end. **Amen.**

* **BENEDICTION HYMN #204**

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.”

Please take this time to offer one another signs of Christ's Love and Reconciliation as we depart to fulfill the mission of Christ.

* *Please stand, if able.*

IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers: Ann Brock / Brenda Nicolaison

10AM Greeters: Nelson & Becky Beech

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Outreach: Luellen Sutton

Counters: Florence McLendon / Pat Leffard

Nursery Available from 8AM - 11AM for Birth to 3yrs .

A cry room is located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's Church for ages 4 yrs. thru 1st grade dismiss from sanctuary after Children's Moment. Activity Bags for ages 7-10 are located on the Opportunity Table for children remaining in sanctuary worship.

A Look At Our Faithfulness

12/17 Worship: 223 **General Fund Offering: \$10,251.00**

Happy Birthday!

Dec. 24 Glenda Rundall	25 Priscilla Westgate	26 Eugene Durham
30 Jim Wright	30 Becky Poore	30 Ann Brock

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Canaday	Otis Tisdale	Jean Dean	Jay Dufer
Cris Woosley	Darren Achorn	Hugh Helms	Priscilla Westgate
Barbara Wilson	Barbara Klingler	Barbara Roth	

LUMC COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE

We are starting a new service in January at Lillian UMC. Once a month we will be having a Community Prayer Service. The focus will be on prayer with interaction and a time of healing. In March we will focus on the World Day of Prayer and in May the National Day of Prayer. Anyone wishing to pray or anyone who needs prayer is welcome to join us. The first service will be on January 10, 2018 at 11AM in the church sanctuary. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at 251-962-4336.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.