

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 that you are here today.

- Sun. 12/09 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
 Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
 Choir Practice, 9:15AM
 LUMC Christmas Caroling, depart at 1PM
 King's Kids, depart at 5PM
- Tues. 12/11 Men's Prayer Group, 7AM
 AA, 7PM Al-Anon, 7PM
- Wed. 12/12 Weight Watchers, 4:30PM
 Choir Practice, 5:30PM
- Thurs. 12/13 Ladies Lunch Bunch, carpool at 10:45AM
- Fri. 12/14 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10AM
- Sat. 12/15 AA, 7PM
- Sun. 12/16 Worship Services, 8 & 10AM
 Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
 LUMC Choir Christmas Cantata, 8AM & 10AM

BIBLE STUDY CLASS will not meet on the 13th. Meet again on the 20th for a devotional and class *Christmas Social!*

LUMC CHRISTMAS CAROLING — Today—1 - 4:30PM

Meet at the church at 1PM. Join in and bring love and merriment to our area shut-ins and homebound.

KING'S KIDS OUTING— Today— depart LUMC at 5PM to attend the annual "Walk through Bethlehem."

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE - Gifts are due TODAY as they must be delivered tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who participated in this endeavor to brighten the Christmas season for local children in need.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH, Dec. 13th, Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley.

Celebrate the Christmas Season and enjoy lunch at Wolf Bay Lodge in Foley. Sign up or RSVP to Annie Laurie Lindley at 850-760-2948 by Dec. 9th. Carpool from LUMC at 10:45PM. All ladies are welcome.

LUMC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA—Dec. 16th, 8AM & 10AM

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at LUMC, 4 & 6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER, Gather at 11:30, Eat at noon

Sign-up sheets are available on the Opportunity Table and on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so that adequate portions can be prepared. The church will provide ham, drinks and tableware. You are asked to bring a side dish that will serve at least eight people.

Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE



Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:4-14

⁴As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶And all mankind will see God's salvation.' ⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. ¹¹John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" ¹³"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told ¹⁴them. Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely--be content with your pay."

December 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

2nd LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Christ Our Peace

Reading: Mark 1:4. **ALL:** We light this second candle of the Advent wreath as a symbol of Christ the WAY to PEACE. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation and ultimate PEACE for all the world.

* **HYMN # 240** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

* **Affirmation of Faith #881** "The Apostles Creed"

CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC Blake Riley (8AM) Choir (10AM)

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 3:4-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10AM)

HYMN # 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER

SERMON Prepare to Be Redeemed

* **HYMN # 218** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

* **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER # 201** "Advent"

* **BENEDICTION HYMN #204** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

* Please stand if able.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance 12/02/18: **184** Offering to the General Fund: \$10,045.25

IN HIS SERVICE

8AM Ushers / Greeters: David & Annie Drury

10AM Greeters: Richard & Judy Wittig

10AM Ushers: Mike & Janice Spooner

Outreach: Ann Brock

Today

Counters: Joan Schuck
Paula Ledbetter

Next Sunday

Joan Schuck
Paula Ledbetter

Nursery Available from 9AM - 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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing to volunteer in the nursery on an as needed, rotation basis, please contact Nelson Beech, Chair of SPR Committee, at (251) 962-3099.

SPR Announcement: It's that time of year again! The time has come to give our Pastor and staff their Christmas bonuses. I would encourage everyone to continue as you have in the past to donate as generously as you can. We would like to show appreciation to our pastor and staff for their dedicated service. Please have your donations in by Sunday, December. 16th. Thank you, Nelson Beech

WORDS OF THANKS Ecumenical Ministries wishes to thank LUMC and the community of Lillian for providing through the 2018 Food Drive. 4,400 pounds of food was collected and \$400.00 in monetary donations was received. Thank you for being a blessing to those in need.

LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Drop your Christmas greeting cards off to people in your church family at our "Post Office" set up in the foyer of the Fellowship Building. Be sure to check often for greetings from others.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary!

9 Bruce Clements 10 Jim Westgate 13 Dan Randall
13 Mariah O'Hara 8 Ellis & Paddy Coleman

PRAYER CONCERNS

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