

## 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. 12/23    Worship Services, 8 & 10AM  
                  Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM
- Mon. 12/24    Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4 & 6PM
- Tues. 12/25    LUMC Christmas Lunch, 11:30AM  
                  AA, 7PM AI-Anon, 7PM
- Thurs. 12/27    Bible Study, 9:30AM
- Sat. 12/29    AA, 7PM
- Sun. 12/30    Worship Services, 8 & 10AM  
                  Sunday School for all Ages, 9AM  
                  Choir Practice, 9:15AM

**POINSETTIAS:** Pastor Daniel has requested that poinsettias be picked up after the Christmas Eve Services, if possible.

**THANK YOU** to Jane Head for playing the piano today while Blake is away. Jane is a blessing to LUMC.

**WELCOME** to Rev. Bob Bailey who will bring us the message next Sunday, 12/30, at the 8 & 10 Worship Services.

**WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING** This offering benefits children at the United Methodist Children's Home. Donations will be received throughout December. Special envelopes are available from the Opportunity Table if you prefer to use one. Thank you so much for taking part in this traditional Christmas mission opportunity. Please memo your check "UMCH". Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE at LUMC, 4 & 6PM**

**LUMC CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE**

Visit the LUMC Post Office today and check for greeting cards. If you have a neighbor who is part of our church family and is homebound it would be a blessing to them to have their cards delivered. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The church office will close on December 20th thru January 2nd. Thank you for allowing us to spend extra time with friends and family. Paula will be taking care of office business on an as needed basis throughout this time but will not be in for normal office hours. As always, if you have an emergency, you may reach Pastor Daniel at 251-234-1122 or Paula at 251-600-9488. Thank you.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS**, There will not be a meeting on December 26th. Beginning on **January 8th** Weight Watchers will meet on **Tuesdays** at 4:30PM.

# Lillian United Methodist Church

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Isaiah 9:6-7

“<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”

**4<sup>th</sup> LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**    **Christ Our Love Reading: ALL:** We light this fourth candle of the Advent wreath as a symbol of Christ the Lord, the greatest expression of the Love of God! With praise and adoration, we celebrate this precious babe of Bethlehem who has saved us from our sin. He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

December 23, 2018

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the registration pad ! Thank you!

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Christ Our Love

\* **HYMN # 220** "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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

### CELEBRATION OF BEING STEWARDS OF GOD

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jane Head and Steve Duckworth  
"I Pray at Christmas"

**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

Isaiah 9:6-7

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT (1 OAM)

### HYMN # 229

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER

### SERMON

"When Love Was Born"

### \* HYMN # 239

"Silent Night"

\* **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** Lord we come to the manger and stand in awe at the wonder of the gift that you are to us and all the world. Emmanuel, God with Us! Restore to us the wonder that came with Jesus' birth, When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth. Keep us close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name we pray. AMEN

### \* BENEDICTION HYMN #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

\* Please stand if able.

## A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance 12/16/18: 258 Offering to the General Fund: \$4,195.50

## IN HIS SERVICE

**8AM Ushers / Greeters:** Adele Hartman / Ann Brock

**10AM Greeters:** Richard & Judy Wittig

**10AM Ushers:** John & Joyce Poehlein

**Outreach:** Ann Brock

Today

Next Sunday

**Counters:** Florence McLendon  
Pat Leffard

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.

**WORDS OF THANKS** The LUMC staff wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our church family for our Christmas bonus. We also appreciate your support and kind words of encouragement throughout the year. Merry Christmas and May God Bless you all!

**Volunteers needed:** The Finance Committee needs volunteers to help count the Sunday Offering. Please call the church office if you are interested. *Details:* Meet in the office after the 10AM Worship Service. Counting usually takes 20-25 minutes. Counters are assigned to one Sunday per month.

### 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to LUMC should be received in the church office by December 31st to reflect on your 2018 Contribution Statement. If you would like to receive your contribution statement for 2018 please contact Paula and a statement will be printed for you. The Finance Team thanks everyone for their faithful support of LUMC.

*Happy Birthday!*

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Frank Gregory Joe George Sonny & Gail Keigley Ruth Ginn

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