

Order of Worship

November 27, 2016 1st Sunday in Advent 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of God's Children		
Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		William Elliott
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Acolyte
Choral Call to Worship	"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"	Chancel Choir
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Ervin/Charlotte Rich
Sung Response	"Star-Child" (Verse 1)	FWS 2095
Opening Prayer		
<i>God of Justice and Peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, That all earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.</i>		
*Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	UMH 196
Children's Time	<i>(Children will be dismissed to Children's Church)</i>	Cindy Elliott
Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory		William Elliott
*Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Anthem	"Mercy Flows"	López
	Chancel Choir	
Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44	
Sermon	"Of That Which Is Unexpected"	Pastor Brad
Response to the Word		
*Affirmation of Faith	"A Modern Affirmation"	UMH 885
*Invitation to Discipleship		
*Hymn of Dedication	"Away in a Manger"	UMH 217
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Choral Benediction	"A Christmas Blessing"	Chancel Choir
*Taking out the Light of Christ		Acolyte
*Postlude		William Elliott
*People Stand as Able		

PRAYER REQUESTS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Eddie **Abshire**, Fran **Alba**, Andy **Anderson**, Patsy **Arnold**, Jim **Ayers**, Janet **Barker**, Charlotte **Bass**, Catherine **Beamer**, Dennis **Bennett**, Phyllis **Blankenship**, Carol **Bohaboy**, Suzanna **Bovenizer**, Doug **Coon**, Veleda **Davidson**, Anna **Deitrich**, Blair **Deskins** (Jean Miller's Granddaughter), Richard and Patty **Dillon** (Wade's Parents), Darlene **Dolin**, Linda **Douthat**, Steve **Epperly**, Gertrude **Farmer**, Beth **Farrington**, Vicki **Furrow**, Michelle **Garcia**, Debbie **Gillespie**, Laura **Gooch**, Stephanie **Gressett**, Amanda **Griffith**, Bill **Harless**, Gus **Hartsock**, Millie **Hartsock**, Susan **Hastings**, Erinn **Hollo**, Jim **Houchins**, Tim **Jarrett** and his doctor (Dr. Brasfield), Amanda **Jessee**, Sharon **Johnson**, Jim **Justice**, Mary Virginia **Lester** (Linda Hash's Sister), Tammy **Little**, Mary **Martin**, Owen **McGlamary**, Penny Sue **McKenzie** (Keith's Daughter-In-Law), Louise **McVey**, Richard **Morsan**, Ethan **Oliver**, Phil and Rebecca **Peterson**, Steve **Prout**, Johnny **Puckett**, Evelyn **Ragan**, Patty **Ramage**, Brian **Rose** & Family, Ruby **Roten**, Deb **Sarver**, Kenny **Sawyers**, Suzette **Sawyers**, Carol **Scott**, Mary Ruth **Scott**, Ruth **Shrader**, Marguerite **Smith**, Ellie **Spencer**, Ann Grim **Sparger**, Roger **Stacey**, Amanda **Stephenson**, Russell **Synan**, Will **Thompson**, Kim **Tinder**, Lee **Toliver**, Robert **Trenton**, Dave **Trippett** (Shirley Saunders' Nephew), Betty **White**, Edith **Wilkinson**, Michael & Susan **Williams** (Mary Ruth Scott's nephew)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

OUR MILITARY

Ryan **Shott**, Lucas **Graham**, Jeremy **Woody**, and those serving our country

LONG TERM ILLNESS

Joe **Akers**, Marie **Anderson**, Barbara **Bailey**, Bobbie **Bellamy** (Margaret Elam's Sister), Smokey **Blaylock**, Edna **Bone**, Joe **Davidson**, Leon **Devor**, Ethel **Earls**, Syd **Ellison**, Margaret **Farmer**, Russell **Garrett**, Shirley **Glover**, Dr. David **Kovach**, Charles **Miller** (Pam Rose's father), Gary **Pardue**, Gerrie **Porter**, Wilma **Shay**, Nancy **Trenton**, Irma **Webb**, Ted **Yost**

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to **Barbara Bates** and family in the death of her husband, Ben.

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex. One for ages 3-6 and one for ages 7-12.

*The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God
and in memory of Betty Yost.*

By: Ted, Pam, Cindy, Lori, and Amy

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27	Morning Worship	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 29	TOPS	5:30 p.m.
	Trip to Processing Center	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 30	Prayer Time at the Altar	9:00 a.m.
	Advent Study	6:00 p.m.
	Handbell Rehearsal	6:15 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 1	Head Start Party	6:00 p.m.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS	
NOVEMBER 2016	
2016 Monthly Budget	\$23,417.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings to Date	\$13,180.30
Monthly Unbudgeted Receipts to Date	\$ 6,615.00
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES YTD	\$10,045.00
ATTENDANCE: November 20	
8:30 a.m. Worship	23
10:30 a.m. Worship	120
TOTAL WORSHIP	143
Sunday School	43
Community Thanksgiving Service	43



Bluefield First United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

A special thanks to everyone that supported the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT**. Our church put together 457 shoeboxes. If you would like to go to the processing center, we have openings on both dates. On Tuesday, November 29 they will leave at 12:30 p.m. and 14 slots are available. On Monday, December 5 they will leave at 6:30 a.m. and 14 slots are available.

The **HEAD START CHRISTMAS PARTY** sponsored by the United Methodist Women will be on Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Palmer Hall. Each child will receive Christmas gifts and each family will receive a bag filled with food. We have planned a fun filled evening for the children and their families. If you would like to make a donation to help with this party, mark your donation for Head Start. Also, we need volunteers to help us on December 1. Please contact Charlotte Rich at 276-322-4572 if you are available to help.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 a.m. Rev. Don Scott and Bill Elliott will lead the devotions. The First UMC Men's group will prepare the meal. Men and women are invited to attend and enjoy this great time of fellowship and a delicious breakfast.

The Men's group is sponsoring a **FOOD COLLECTION PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE BLUEFIELD UNION MISSION**. Non-perishable food items are needed and can be dropped off Monday through Thursday at the church office. The project continues until year end. The food will be delivered to the Mission the first week of January.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m.
- No 8:30 a.m. Service – Special Christmas Brunch at 9:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)
- 10:30 a.m. combined Worship Service



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