



# Fourth Sunday in Advent

**December 21, 2008**

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Welcome to  
**Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church**  
In this "holy ground" we offer hospitality to all who seek food for  
the spirit and a faithful community that seeks to embody and  
express God's grace.

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# Peace

**PRELUDE:** *Pastorale Symphony from "Messiah"* by G.F. Handel  
arr. Franklin Ritter

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**WORDS OF GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: O God, whose Name is wonderful,  
People: **We will sing of your love forever, and declare your  
faithfulness to all generations.**  
Leader: The universe is yours, and so is the earth. You established them  
and all they contain.  
People: **Your judgment seat is built on righteousness and justice.  
Love and fidelity stand in your presence.**  
Leader: Happy are those who know how to praise you, who walk in the  
light of your presence.  
People: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

**\*HYMN:** *Once in Royal David's City* #250

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh among us in Jesus  
Christ. At the message of an angel, Mary placed her life at the service of your  
will. Filled with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your Word.  
Strengthen us by the example of her humility, that we may always be ready to  
do your will, and welcome into our lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE**

9:00 am: Jodi, Emil, Hadley, Jon & Hope Dzuray

10:30 am: Carole & Eric Silberhorn

**HYMN:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #211 v.1

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 16: 25-27

**\*GOSPEL:** Luke 1: 26-38

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (10:30 Service) Aiden James Winfield  
Parents: Gina & Steven Winfield  
Godparents: Lisa Redman & Jamie Jankowski

PROMISE OF THE PARENTS

BLESSING OF THE WATER

BAPTISM

**PLEDGE OF THE PEOPLE:**

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of  
Christ, that Aiden, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the  
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.  
**JESUS LOVES ME**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANTHEM:** *Selections from "Messiah"* an Oratorio by G.F. Handel  
*And the Glory of the Lord*  
*Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion*  
*Hallelujah!*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord's Prayer

**\*HYMN:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #2120

**SERMON:** "A Magnifying Soul"

Rev. Bryant Oskvig

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES & COMMITMENTS:**

**OFFERTORY:** For Unto Us a Child is Born from "Messiah"

by G.F. Handel

**\*PRESENTATION:** #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #218

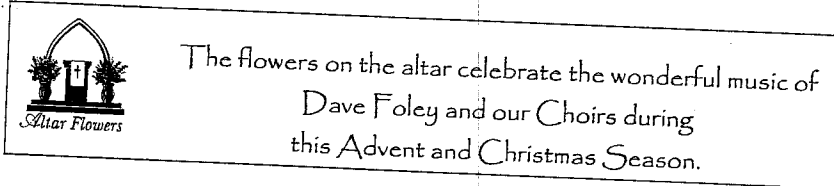
**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Overture Fugue from "Messiah"

by G.F. Handel

*\*Please stand as you are able*



## Please Pray For

**JOY – Rayanne Clark** thanks LLUMC for prayers for Bill's healing from knee replacement surgery.  
**JOY –** for the dryer that was donated so that our CWS guests can wear clean clothes.

**\* Prayers for our guests of our Cold Weather Shelter. May they find peace, warmth, and hope while they are with us this week.**

**Jennifer Asher** – is traveling weekly to care for her Mother in PA.

**Carol Brain** – deployed to assist in recovery from the flooding.

**Joan Brannan** – continued prayers for health problems.

**Estelle Brown** – continued strength.

**Kay Brown** – continued healing.

**Beverly Conroy** – continues to recuperate from surgery.

**Steward Frazier** – has back pain. Prayers for continued healing.

**\* Meg Goldberg's brother-in-law, Marc** – is in the hospital with serious health issues. Prayers for healing and strength.

**Grace Hammann** – continued prayers for health.

**Cindi Hinson** – is home recuperating from surgery.

**\* The Howard family** – journey mercies for Chad as he begins his trip home for the holidays and JOY for the family – Chad will be home for two weeks!

**Hank Maeser** – is being treated for leukemia. Please keep him in prayer.

**\* Shahzad Majeed's** – his mother has been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting chemotherapy.

**Jennifer Marrow** – is seeking answers to personal prayer.

**Stanley Nimmo** – seeing specialists. Prayers for comfort and successful treatment.

**Anthea Nwandu** – continued success with her HIV clinic in Nigeria.

**Susan Roth** – health and family. Please keep her in prayer.

**Mitzie Scruggs** – continued prayers for health.

**Gloria Simpson** – is home and recuperating. Please keep her in prayer.

**Charlotte Stoughton's son, Parks; her grandson, Christopher; and her friend, Noel,** who has have inoperable cancer, prayers for healing.

**\* Peace on earth.**

**Prayers for those who have lost their home.**

**Improvement in the global economy.**

**Prayers for victims of natural disasters.**

**Prayers for families & individuals experiencing the loss of a job and help to those looking for work.**

**The safe return of the troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**\*Denotes new prayer requests (a complete list is found in the WWW)**

**To have your prayers included, please fill out a prayer request found in the pew.**

# We Invite Everyone to Share in the Life of our Church

## GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE!

In the upcoming season of peace, love, joy and hope, please consider giving a gift to one or more of the organizations listed in the Alternate Giving Catalog sponsored by the Outreach Ministry. Catalogs, envelopes and giving cards can be found on the Info Table or in the pews.

## COLD WEATHER SHELTER ~ Our Inn Is Open!

Please remember we are hosting the shelter through Monday, December 22. Bring in your meals, supplies and come and visit our guests. If you have questions, please call Cathy [410-531-1647] or Helen [301-854-0199].

## ACTIVITIES

**CARPENTER'S KITCHEN ~ Saturday, December 27 – 2 pm** Serve those in need. Meet in the LLUMC parking lot and carpool to Mount Vernon UMC in downtown Baltimore. Also, we need Brownies (no nuts please) for our guests. Please RSVP to Peter Jones 410-871-0674.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS

**Christmas Eve 7 pm Service ~ Youth-Led Service** All youth in grades 6th – 12th are invited to participate. Rehearsal tonight at 5 – 6 pm. Contact Beth Jaczun.

**UMYF & Confirmand Christmas Party ~ Tonight (Dinner at 6 – Party finishes at 8)**  
Bring something to share at Potluck Dinner and a gift (\$5 max) to exchange

**Puppet Rehearsal ~ Today from 11:45 am -12:45 pm**

Hilltop performance – Monday, Dec. 22 – 10:30 – Noon

**Sunday, Dec. 28 – No UMYF or Confirmation**

**LOUD ~ Outreach to Our Shut Ins – January 11 (5-7 pm)** Contact Tricia Sisney (410-531-1958) or Peggy Beidleman (240-755-0110) to RSVP your child, learn more or to, help out.

**HEART'S PLACE ~ Sunday, January 4** Help feed a meal to the hungry. Meet in the church parking lot at 4 to carpool. We will set out and serve the meal. Brownies (no nuts) will be appreciated too! Contact Gigi Curtis at 410-531-2987 to volunteer.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE ~ LLUMC – Sunday, January 4** Please support our twice yearly drive to help save lives. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors. Come in to donate.

**EARTH CINEMA CIRCLE ~ First one on Tuesday, January 6 – 7 pm** Everyone is welcome to join us. First movies: *Flow: For Love Of Water*, an in-depth look into the troubling privatization and distribution of water on a world-wide scale; and *Coffee To Go*, what exactly is fair trade and how do we create more equitable, sustainable and truly fair exchange between consumer and producer. Discussion of the films will follow. Snacks will be provided. Future movie dates (all Tuesdays): Jan. 13, Feb. 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21. Sponsored by the Environmental Ministry. Questions? Contact Mary McBride at 301- 854-0179.

**BOOK GROUP ~ Thursday, January 8 – 6 pm** Join us at Ruby Tuesdays in Clarksville in the River Village Center. The books for January are *Night of Rain and Stars*, set in the Greek Isles, by Maeve Binchy and *My Sisters Keeper* by Piccolt.

**ISRAEL/PALESTINE DIALOGUE ~ Sundays, January 11 through February 22 – 5 – 7 pm** Recently visiting missionary Janet Lewis gave us some insight into the problems in Palestine. On six Sundays (Jan. 11 & 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22), along with a light supper, we will sponsor speakers with videos and presentations and look at these issues in depth. This opportunity is sponsored by three UM Women's groups: LLUMC, Locust UMC and Christ UMC. Questions? Contact Emilie Sanborn (410-531-5444).

**SCRAPBOOKING ~ Start your New Year finishing or beginning to get your albums and memories down for future generations! Contact Meg in the church office to RSVP or to learn more.**

January 6 & 12 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

January 9 7 – 11 pm

Winter No Frills Crop January 30 (7 pm – Midnight) & January 31 (9 am – 7 pm)

Come to one or both crops! RSVPs required.

**REBUILDING TOGETHER HOWARD COUNTY ~ Saturday, April 25, 2009** All skill levels are needed and welcome for this workday, formerly known as Christmas in April. To volunteer, please contact Steve Jaczun at jenkles5709@yahoo.com or call 410-531-2331. Plan on joining the crew!

**FIRE WOOD FOR SALE ~ Benefits Outreach and Youth Ministries** Seasoned, mixed hardwood can be delivered to your home (1 cord for \$150 or ½ cord for \$85). All proceeds will support youth mission trips and Outreach. Contact Jim Sanborn at 410-531-5444 or koandah@verizon.net.

# Calendar: Dec. 21 - Dec. 28, 2008

<b>Sunday</b>  Fourth Sunday of Advent	21	COLD WEATHER SHELTER UMW Breakfast for our Guests <b>Early Morning, Informal Worship</b> <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> Children & Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School [Hilltop] Worship Team <b>Traditional Worship Service</b> Children & Youth Sunday School Puppet Practice Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church AA Youth Christmas Service Rehearsal UMYF & Confirmation Christmas Party	8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am  10:00 am 10:30 am  11:45 am 11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	22	COLD WEATHER SHELTER Pastor's Time Prayer	9:30 am - 12:30 pm 4:00 - 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	23	Bible Study	6:00 am
<b>Wednesday</b>  Christmas Eve	24	Church Office Closed Christmas Eve Services <b>Children's Service</b> <b>Drama and Candlelight Service</b> led by our Youth <b>Traditional Service with</b> <b>Communion &amp; Candlelight</b> <b>Service of Lessons and Carols</b> with Candlelight	5:00 pm 7:00 pm  9:00 pm 11:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	25	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	26	Church Office Closed AA	
<b>Saturday</b>	27	Carpenter's Kitchen	8:30 pm 2:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>  Family Services with Praise Band	28	<b>Early Morning, Informal Worship</b> <b>Family Service</b> No Children or Youth Sunday School Adult Sunday School [Hilltop] <b>Family Service</b> No Children or Youth Sunday School Venture Scouts Open Korean Baptist Church AA No UMYF	8:00 am 9:00 am  10:30 am  11:45 am 1:30 - 5:00 pm 3:00 pm

## Serving in Today's Ministries

	9:00	10:30
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Joe Garrett	Mark DeVault
<b>Ushers:</b>	The Curtis Family	Charlotte Stoughton & Ron Shaw
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jennifer Jones	Carole Silberhorn
<b>Music:</b>	Yvonne Fischer-Aein, soloist Leslee LaFountain, violin Joyce LaTondre, violin Breanna LaTondre, cello Melissa Kleinberger, cello	

# Welcome Visitors

Thank you for coming and worshipping with us today. To learn more about LLUMC, who we are and what we do, please stop by the Information Table in the Narthex, contact the church office, or visit our web site at [www.l-lumc.org](http://www.l-lumc.org).

We invite you to let us know who you are among us by signing the attendance sheet in the red booklet found at the end of the pew. You may also join us in the life of LLUMC by participating in our activities or by offering your time and talents by completing the card found in the card holder in the pew.

To find out more about our church and activities, please sign up to receive the Wednesday Weekly Witness and the pastor's Friday e-Pistle. Both arrive in your email each week. Please complete the Time & Talent card and note your request on the back. Drop all requests in the offering plate.

We hope to see you again soon.

## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Rev. Bryant M. Oskvig	Pastor	boskvig@l-lumc.org
David Foley	Music Director	davidfoleyjr@verizon.net
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Beth Jaczun	Children & Youth Ministries Director	beth@l-lumc.org
Meg Goldberg	Office Administrator	llumc@l-lumc.org
Sue Ball	Office Assistant	sue@l-lumc.org
Tom Keane	Lay Leader	(410) 531-0991

## Contact Persons for our Ministry Areas:

Church Council	Kaye Simmons	(410) 531-5262
Caring	Bob Wesloh	(410) 531-6961
Education	Beth Jaczun	(410) 531-2331
Evangelism	Charlotte Stoughton	(410) 381-9267
Environmental	Mary McBride	(301) 854-0179
Family Ministry	Jane Marlatt	(410) 531-1251
	Carole White	(410) 531-7740
Finance	Rob McCormick	(410) 531-2839
History	Linda Shaw	(410) 531-5405
Hospitality	Sandy Kleinberger	(410) 531-5240
Outreach	Jeff Hartz	(410) 531-1135
Staff/Parish Relations	Karen Lowrey	(443) 546-4807
Trustees	Ron Shaw	(410) 531-5405
UM Men	Matt Kennedy	(443) 535-0024
UM Women	Gloria Simpson	(410) 772-8685
UMW Web Page	<a href="http://www.gbgm-umc.org/llumc-umw/">http:// www.gbgm-umc.org/llumc-umw/</a>	
Worship	Erik Brady	(443) 367-0485

## Pastor Time ~ Mondays – 4 – 6:30 pm

Do you need time with Rev. Oskvig? He's here ready to meet with you, take your call, or grab a cup of coffee on Monday afternoons. Please call ahead to schedule a time.

Office Hours:	Monday	Noon - 3:30 pm
	Tuesday - Thursday	9:30 am - 3:30 pm
	Friday	9:30 am - Noon
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# CHRIST IS HOPE

*The Sanctuary is made beautiful by these gifts of poinsettias as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our savior, Jesus.*

## **Poinsettias given in Honor of:**

Gilbert & Geraldine Alligood's 50th Wedding Anniversary by **The Alligood Family**  
Edward & Eileen Ellis by **Charles & Joan Brannan**  
Dora Moss, Dorothy & Howard Butler by **Diane & Don Butler**  
Darlene Bouma by **George & Darla Church**  
Nana & PopPop Taylor by **George & Darla Church**  
Our parents: Marie DeVault & Harold Jackson & our daughters: Kristen & Lindsay  
by **Mark & Teri DeVault**  
The Choirs, Bells & Praise Band by **David & Kathie Foley**  
Diana Musiek by **Matthew Furman**  
Barb & Ken Metz by **Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer**  
Our Parents by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**  
Our parents by **Todd & Amanda Loudin**  
Martha Cooper & Fran Mellinger by **The Mellinger Family**  
Our Children & Grandchildren by **Jim & Emilie Sanborn**  
Jim & Emilie Sanborn by **The Sink Family**  
Rev. Bryant & Devon by **Tricia & Steve Sisney**  
Our son, Jeremy Stitz by **Don & Cindy Stitz**  
Jane Watson by **Stephen & Liz Watson**  
Delma White by **The White Family**

## **Poinsettias given in Memory of:**

Kyle Gunter by **The Alligood Family**  
Mauriene Nichols, Jacques' Mom by **The Alligood Family**  
John Beidelman by **Ralph & Peggy Beidelman**  
Charles & Anna Brannan by **Charles & Joan Brannan**  
Kevin Bolton by **Kay Brown & Family**  
Stacie & Buddy Brown by **Kay Brown & Family**  
Bruce's Mother, Margaret Burdick by **Bruce & Gay Burdick**  
Gay's parents, George & Alice Bowen by **Bruce & Gay Burdick**  
Louis Moses by **Diane & Don Butler**  
Bill Chaloner by **Martha Chaloner**

Mrs. Lillian Helldorfer by **Peter & Ann Chon**  
Mrs. San Chon by **Peter & Ann Chon**  
Our Parents & Martha Ellen Cockrell by **Frank & Elaine Cockrell**  
Our parents: Jean Jackson & Eldine DeVault & Mark's brother John DeVault by  
**Mark & Teri DeVault**  
Harvey & Bernice Vandegrift by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
Harvey & Florence Vandegrift by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
Joseph & Marianne Donovan by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
Ralph & Helen Pierce by **Jackie & Paul Donovan**  
Our departed relatives by **The Donzella Family**  
Harry & Ruth Christie by **The Foley Family**  
Susan Garrett by **Joe Garrett**  
Christopher Gregory by **Nancy & Joe Gregory**  
Edward Hensel by **Ashley & Bryce Baliff & Jeff & Susan Hensel**  
Anita Schlegel by **Ashley & Bryce Baliff, Cameron, Marissa, Jeffrey & Susan Hensel**  
Edwin Kerley, Jim Betsy & Tori Herriotts by **The Herriotts Family**  
Roland & Mary Kasemeyer by **Ed, Pam & Griffin Kasemeyer**  
Angelina LaFountain by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**  
Mary Allison Sells by **Leslee & Steve LaFountain**  
William R. Duff by **A Loved One**  
Karen's Dad, Bill Cater by **Tim & Karen Lowrey**  
Our Parents by **Susan & Paul Mather**  
Clarice Reigel by **Cathy & Jim McCormick**  
Frank Cooper & Russell Mellinger by **The Mellinger Family**  
Susan Ellen Raver by **Richard, Dorothy & Jeff Raver**  
Carol Kraft by **The Robinson Family**  
Our Parents by **Jim & Emilie Sanborn**  
Ryda & Charles Shaw by **Douglas Shaw**  
Our parents by **Ron & Linda Shaw**  
Cindy's Mom, Ellie Haddaway by  
**Don & Cindy Stitz**  
Martha & Broward Upchurch by  
**Sharon & Ronnie Upchurch**  
My Parents, Frank & Sue Warfield by  
**Jean Warfield**

