



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



2022

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### Our Mission Statement

Sharing the love of Christ with ALL

*“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16

Burnt Factory United Methodist Church

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When Pope Julius the first authorized December the 25<sup>th</sup> to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in 353 A.D., who would have ever thought that it would become what it is today.



When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832; who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as elaborate as they are today.

It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353A.D., and longer still from that dark night brightened by a special star in which Jesus the King was born. Yet, as we approach December 25<sup>th</sup> again, it gives us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate.

It is my hope and prayer that as we all journey through another Advent preparing for the arrival of the Living Christ, that we all take stock of our lives, embrace the simple, meaningful things of life, and confess that Christ is the reason for the season!

As 2022 winds down and a new year beckons, Melanie and I can't help but to reflect on how blessed we are to be in ministry together with the faithful of Burnt Factory! The last few years have been challenging to say the least, as we all are adapting now to a post pandemic world with its many changes. God has blessed our church in many ways throughout the many challenges we have endured and I believe 2023 will be an exciting and fruitful year with many new ministries and missions. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this coming year as we move forward. I know that we will be faithful to seek God's will and to be obedient to that will! And I also know that God will always be faithful!

From our family to yours, Melanie and I wish you the very best that life has to offer! A life grounded and rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We wish blessing upon blessings upon each of you as you faithfully seek God's truth! May this be a Christmas that brings hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ abundantly into your spirit and family! May the warmth of the light of Jesus Christ; may the grace of our Lord and the love of God surround, nurture, and keep you now and forever!

Merry Christmas!  
Pastor Steve & Melanie

# Children's Christmas Program

December 4 5-6:30 Practice: Dress Rehearsal

December 11 **7pm Children's Christmas Program!! Live and In Person!!**



Miss Carrie 540-247-3199

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## Gingerbread Trivia

Here are some tasty Gingerbread trivia facts, to amaze your family and friends with your knowledge of ginger and gingerbread:

- In the 1700's, making gingerbread was exclusively the realm of professional bakers.
- Queen Elizabeth I is credited with creating the idea to make the first gingerbread man.
- Ginger helps preserve bread.
- In some parts of the world, gingerbread houses are popular at Easter.
- Ginger soothes upset stomachs. It's great after a big holiday meal.
- The Brothers Grimm story about Hans and Gretel inspired the creation of the gingerbread house.
- The world's largest gingerbread house was made in 2013 by the Traditions Club in Bryan, TX. It was 60' long, 21' tall, and 2,520 square feet. That's much bigger than my house!
- Every year, the town of Bergen, Norway creates an entire city of gingerbread houses.



Make a gingerbread church to look like Burnt Factory United Methodist Church.

(Send pics to [shyatt54@gmail.com](mailto:shyatt54@gmail.com). They will be featured in the next newsletter.)





- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Feight
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Dick
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sam Lentz
- 11<sup>th</sup> Austin Luttrell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Emily Rees Hartman  
Rylee Jenkins
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rob Moss
- 14<sup>th</sup> Clayton Sutphin
- 19<sup>th</sup> Angela Renner
- 21<sup>st</sup> Naomi Grace Hahn  
Brantley Neff
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christian Fairbanks
- 25<sup>th</sup> **JESUS**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Polly Duvall
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tom Duvall
- 28<sup>th</sup> Don Duvall  
Dave Pool
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Henry
- 30<sup>th</sup> Melissa Clemons



Flying in a sleigh sounds scary. I bet Santa has to hold on for **deer** life.

## **BUDDY'S HOLIDAY JOKES**

1. Why does Santa always park his sled on the roof?
2. Santa has a large garden in the summertime. Why does he do that?
3. How did Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer get in the lead?
4. What do reindeer use to decorate the tree?

That's all good and God-fearing people. Merry Christmas!  
We will see you when we see you.

*Margie and Buddy*



- 6<sup>th</sup> Stuart and Judy Wolk
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jay and Anne Kackley
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tim and Anne Perrault



Try learning this song...

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay



(Answers on page 6. Look for the candy cane.)





I hope you have on your calendar the women's meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. The church is decorated, and we can enjoy the beauty as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior. Our program leader will be Susan Hyatt with Anne Kackley and Christina Rohrbach our hostesses.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of JoAnne Baker, Martha Ludtke and Anne Kackley, will present a slate of officers for 2023 at our meeting.

Kathy Dixon is compiling a list of those who want to continue having a prayer partner for next year. Please contact her if you don't want to participate. Otherwise, your name will be included for the drawing. It's very comforting to know someone is praying for you personally and remembering you with remembrances during special times.

If you weren't at the October meeting to make a pledge for 2023, please contact our treasurer, Anne Perrault, and she will be glad to help you. We are required as a unit of UWF to pay \$3.00 per member to the District Administration and Membership Development Fund each year out of our treasury. We have 45 members on our list. We need pledges from all our members to help with the work of our unit. At our December meeting, we will donate to several organizations, mainly Laurel Center, CCAP, Evans Home, ARC, Abba, and Special Love.

You have been very generous in supplying items for the Laurel Center Welcome Home Basket. We have enough to fill two baskets! These are things needed when women transition from the facility to be on their own. There is a designated area in the social hall if you want to bring them in early or bring them to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are happy to be helping The Laurel Center for the fourth year in this project.

We have some interesting things planned for 2023. Jani Shope will lead us in a hands-on project in February and Doris Duvall will have our Call to Prayer program in April. We will talk about a couple of fundraisers suggested and see what we can do to make it easier for some of our members to attend our meetings.

Is Saturday a better time to meet to accommodate those who are busy during the week or don't drive at night? We want to make every effort to make it easier for those on our membership roll to attend our six meetings during the year. If you are a member or desire to be a member, let the officers know your thoughts that will increase our attendance.

Donna Gallagher and Polly attended a Zone meeting at Refuge UMC recently and listened to the projects and activities different units have done. Over the last 2-3 years, many units have gone inactive, but those represented at the Zone meeting are alive and well! Donna and I are glad to be a part of a unit that has many active members (but not enough) who are able to fulfill the PURPOSE of our organization showing Faith, Hope and Love in Action!

As we enter the Advent season, let's remember God is in control. Stay close to Him. This time of Advent can bring us peaceful moments, warm memories, cherished traditions, and unexpected joys. In the hustle and bustle sometimes, remember we have been given a gift! Thank you, God, for giving us Jesus, your Son!

Christmas Blessings,

Polly Duvall, preside

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13.



## December 2022 Faith Community Nurse Article

### Holiday Gifts & Traditions

A harried woman and her children were ending their day of holiday shopping. To express her frustration and stress, she stated that whoever created Christmas should be strung up and shot. A bystander brought to her attention that someone had already crucified him. Before you get caught up with your tasks, lists, and expectations put them into perspective. Ask yourself what you should be celebrating: the hectic, stress-laden, financially burdened holiday season, or the gift of peace and hope.

Even though God gives us all we need for a healthy, happy life, we tend to disturb it by "spending" and "observing" the holiday on human terms. Look at the holiday traps that take up your time. Categorize your holiday tasks as "need to do", "want to do", and "expected to do". Which ones really address the Christmas spirit? Just because you are invited to attend an event or have habitually participated in an activity doesn't mean you have to continue that activity. Prioritize all of your activities. By weeding out those that distract you from the true meaning of Christmas, you will find less stress and more enjoyment from your choices.

Advent is a time for **hope**, **peace**, **joy**, and **love**, not mounds of gifts, chaotic rounds of parties, or copious amounts of food. Consider what has real meaning for you. Is it the Christmas story you heard as a child or its impact on you as an adult? Think about the music of the holiday and how a stirring rendition of "Joy to the World" or a quiet performance of "Silent Night" displays love and peace in harried world. Don't let commercialism or stress overshadow the gifts of love and sharing that you offer your loved ones. Remember the spirit of Christmas, share your presence with others, reduce your stress, and create meaningful traditions that demonstrate God's love.

Source: [www.WebMD.com](http://www.WebMD.com)

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*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights."*

*James 1:17 NIV*

Continually **praying** for your health and well-being.

**Theresa**

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As your faith community nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind, and body.





## Forget Cancer, for just one day

What if a family, burdened by the daily struggles of cancer, could have a day filled with joy and laughter? A day not to worry about treatments. A home free of clutter and repairs. What if a family could forget cancer, for just one day?

### December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund

#### The Mission

The mission is to give back a day without worry, a day without the normal burdens that many take for granted. The December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund creates memories that last a lifetime, long after the burden of cancer is gone.

#### The Programs

The December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund's mission is to give a day without worry to families whose loved one is afflicted with cancer and currently undergoing active cancer treatment. Through the Great Day and Helping Hands Support Plan programs, the December 5<sup>th</sup> Fund creates once-in-a-lifetime memories for families affected by cancer and provides ongoing support for the family as they continue the long journey through treatment.

#### Ways to Give

I went to [December5th.org](http://December5th.org) and registered to receive information for volunteering and donating opportunities and am looking forward to continuing my mission in the fight against cancer.

*"Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."* Luke 6:38

Theresa Gilbert, RN  
Faith Community Nurse



1. He heard everything was on the house.
2. So he can keep up on his Ho-Ho-Hoes.
3. He was always passing the buck.
4. Horn-a-ments



# CONDOLENCES



As many have experienced the loss of a loved one, please remember them in prayer:

- *Joe Shanholtz at the loss of his sister, Linda Corbin*
- *The Blackburn family at the passing of Mike Blackburn.*



## Prayer

Father in heaven, the sadness we feel at a loved one's death is an incredible weight, and the grieving process is just plain hard.

I ask that you bear their burden and relieve them from their labors. I also ask that you provide what you have promised, which is rest for the soul.

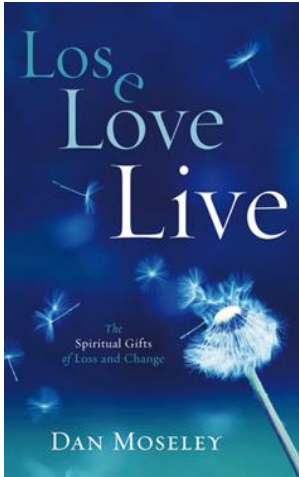
You are a gentle savior. I pray that you would help them to find rest as they mourn.

In Christ's Name, Amen.



Join Pastor Steve on Saturday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for a 10 Week Grief Support Small Group. BFUMC will provide the books and also a safe, loving and understanding environment.

(The location is to be announced.)



This book is for you if you ever lost a spouse, a companion, a friend, a job, a child or anything that has caused you pain, suffering and grief. It is for you if you have ever wondered where we can turn when bad things happen to us.

This is a book for you because this is a book about discovering new life through the losses of life. There is no right way or wrong way to grieve and to live with loss. There is only your way!

Come and take a journey of discovery as Dan Moseley shares in his book *Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts Guide to Loss & Change*, his experiences of loss and change and how he discovered new life.

*Friends,*

*This small group opportunity is for anyone who has suffered any kind of loss and are dealing with changes of any kind. I look forward to exploring this book together and traveling, along with you, on a journey of discovery. This will be a safe place where everyone can share as they discern. It will be a time of peace and compassion. All are welcome.*

*May God bless you and comfort you! Grace and peace.*

*Pastor Steve*

*Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall, or you can e-mail or text Pastor Steve or Rob Moss to sign up. We would like to know by December 20<sup>th</sup> please.*







## *Pathfinder Ministry*

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Monthly: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ Noon

Fellowship Hall

Jesus wants his love for you to be your foundation as he walks with you through this emotion-filled season of grief. We welcome you to join us in fellowship, comfort, and support.



## **Pathfinder Luncheon**

Wed. Dec. 21st, 2022

BFUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 Noon

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*Please Join Us*

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not sure ahead of time that you can make it, but on the day of the meeting you would like to come – **PLEASE COME - YOU ARE WELCOME!**

The Pathfinder Ministry is a safe space of compassion, respect, and encouragement for those currently experiencing the loss of a loved one or have previously experienced loss. We will gather as a community of empathy, acceptance, and emotional support.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

**"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13**

God keep you in his warm and comforting embrace,  
*Debbie Walker*

## CCAP Corner

December 2022



*CCAP is a cooperative effort of individuals, civic groups, businesses, and religious communities in Winchester and Frederick County. They have unified to provide financial, material, and supportive assistance in a loving way. Even with the help of existing social service programs, CCAP clients are unable to meet their needs and responsibilities. CCAP's desire is to do God's work in a world where many basic human needs are simply not met.*

### CCAP is so thankful for our church's November Collections:

- We collected food and monetary donations for more than 25 complete Thanksgiving meals. Meals that included 11 different food items plus a frozen turkey. These meals were given out to the community on November 19 so that families could prepare their own meals and enjoy time with loved ones on Thanksgiving Day. This donation served approximately 100 people.
- At the healing service and the 11/20 church services, we collected 1788 diapers, 112 wipes and 12 beautiful new blankets. These donations will serve over 70 clients.

### There continues to be a big need for Volunteers at CCAP:

- Our church is still packing food boxes the first Monday of each month from 5:30 – 7pm. We would love for you to join our team.
- Drivers are needed to pick up store donations.
- Clothing Sorters: There are openings Monday-Friday. Hours are 10am-1pm.
- Clothing House Workers: The clothing house is open Mon, Tues, and Thurs from 9-noon. Workers are needed to assist clients in the house and to maintain the inventory.

**The Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE** is open 24 hours a day for all to enjoy at 419 N Cameron St. If you are going out of town and have some fresh produce or items you do not want to go to waste, bring them down and share it with our community. Some examples of items are: fresh fruits and vegetables, granola, cheese, prepackaged sandwiches and yogurt; you can drop off your items directly to the refrigerator at any time. You can also sign up to be part of a cleaning crew for a day or a week; whatever works with your schedule. To sign up, go to [www.ccapwinchester.org](http://www.ccapwinchester.org) and click on the link to Our Friendly Neighborhood FREEDGE at the top of the website.

### Current Donation Needs:

- Gently used winter gloves, coats and hats for all, winter clothes for all in sizes newborn through adult; women's purses, shoes in all sizes, men's belts; tents, and sleeping bags.

As 2022 comes to a close, please know how thankful CCAP and our clients are for the tremendous support our church has provided with our gifts of time, donations, and service to this vital organization. Please contact me or anyone on the Outreach Committee if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Patty Leonard  
Outreach CCAP Rep

**GIVE**



## *From a branch on the Vine,*

From Thanksgiving to giving thanks for the birth of Jesus, Son of God. What a season of the year! It may not be all merriment and going according to plan, but no denying that a special kindling of the heart is occurring.

How often do you get to thank the person who saved your life? You can thank God right now. He has done the saving, the forgiving, the redeeming. Unearned, undeserved, we are made new again by God's choice. Oh yes, we need to open the gift. Who wouldn't open all their gifts on Christmas? So, have you opened the gift? Have you played with it? Put it to use? If you got that 2000-inch TV, would you not turn it on? If you unwrapped an ocean cruise to the Caribbean, would you not go? So, it is with the gift of Jesus. Will you not receive it and use it?

How can we use the most precious gift of a new life in Christ?

Become the gift to others. One thing I love about ringing the salvation army bell is that it is a simple act, so others are of good cheer. You smile; open a door; encourage those to remember their blessings as they hurry frantically to complete their shopping lists. It is a moment to preach the joy of knowing Christ without words.

Serve others. It is the best way to take the focus off your own struggles. If you could see the happy faces of our WATTS guests when they get a hot, filling meal served with a dose of humanity, you will know your action is making a difference. When you acknowledge another person with handshake, a hug, fist bump, you are valuing the existence of God's wonderful, beautiful creation.

Care. Care enough to be present in life. You may be the life-preserver that another person can hold on to so they don't drown in sorrow or despair. You may be the moment where someone can change their perspective from bad to good, from dead-ends to possibilities, from anger and hate to joy and laughter.

Love, not with condition or expectation, but with Christ's heart. See past the imperfections, past the mistakes, even past the sins – as you would hope others do for you. Love without reservation; withhold nothing that God has given to you for you to share.

Beloved, it's great to have family; great to have friends; and, for Deb and I, it is great to have both in our church. We humbly thank you for being the hands that lift us up and inspire our hope. May our God pour his rich blessings down upon each of you, and may you embrace and enjoy the gift of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas.

In Christ, *Rcb*

Mary said:

*"My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. Luke 1:46-48"*

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Poinsettia flowers are named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first Ambassador to Mexico who brought the plant back to his plantation in the U.S. He was also a botanist and a physician. Poinsett grew the plants in his Greenville, S.C plantation and gave them out as gifts to friends.



**Did you Know?** **Poinsettia Day** is December 12th. It was declared in honor of Joel Roberts Poinsett who died on December 12, 1851. Poinsettias are not poisonous as many believe. But, eating them could give you a stomachache.

## Outreach News for the Last Quarter of 2022

As we approach the final month of 2022, the Outreach Committee has many opportunities to reach out into the community and beyond. Please take a moment to look over this list and prayerfully consider how you might be able to support one or more of these opportunities. Watch future bulletins for more information as each mission opportunity gets closer. Outreach meets bi-monthly, and all are welcome.

**December:** **It's not too late to sign up for the Salvation Army bell ringing. Bring the kids, bring the grandkids, bring a friend, let's fill in those empty slots. Thank you.**

Contact Donna Gallagher, to sign up.

### Ongoing Outreach Opportunities:

Mentoring through Bright Futures- Greenwood Mill Elementary School – sign-ups are in the fellowship hall – contact Tom Miiller

Salvation Army Third Sunday Lunches – contact Penny Croll

Project Esperanza (Global Ministry) – support of students in the Dominican Republic – individual sponsorship is ongoing - contact Penny or Tom Croll

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4:10-11*

Blessings,  
Penny and Tom Croll  
Outreach Committee



### National Wreaths Across America

December 17, 2022

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Sponsor a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group.

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org>



## What's Happening Down the Worship Road? December 2022

- 12-4-22      **The Second Sunday of Advent.** We light the candle of **PEACE**. Holy Communion
- 12-11-22      **The Christmas Cantata, "Little Lion, Little Lamb"** will be performed by our Chancel Choir at both services.
- 12-11-22      Our **Children's Christmas Presentation** will be performed at 7:00 pm.  
You don't want to miss, "**Christmas at Bethlehem Gulch**"
- 12-18-22      **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**    We light the candle of **LOVE**.
- 12-24-22      We will celebrate our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** with two opportunities. We will gather at 5:00 pm with nursery being offered and then again at 8:00 pm without nursery.
- 12-25-22      This year, **Christmas** falls on a Sunday, so we will have one worship service at 11:00 am. There will be no Sunday school, nursery, or children's church.

### **SAVE THE DATE    TOWN HALL GATHERING**

**January 15 (Sunday afternoon) from 3 to 5 in the sanctuary**

We will hold a Town Hall informational gathering dealing with the realities in our denomination regarding the on-going interpretational division over LGBTQ issues. This will be informational and educational as to what is happening in The United Methodist Church and how it may impact Burnt Factory UMC. We will have a Q and A session, but this will not be a debate or a time to pontificate.

**\*SAVE THE DATE                      BAPTISM SUNDAY                      January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Baptisms can be scheduled at any time but on January 8<sup>th</sup> of the church calendar year, it is earmarked as "*The Baptism of the Lord*" Sunday. It is a special Sunday where we remember the day Jesus was baptized.

It is a Sunday where we will be offering the Service of Holy Baptism. If you are interested in taking this important step in your faith or if you are desiring to have your child baptized, please let pastor Steve know and he would be glad to answer any questions you may have or schedule your baptism. God bless!

Please put these dates on your calendar



Have you given your email address to Keith Roberts, yet?

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory. The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

Keith keeps an email list in his computer for just such purposes. Your email address is protected and emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	2	3 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 10-12 JC Penney 1850 Apple Blossom Drive
4 <b>Advent 2 PEACE</b> 8:30am-In-Person Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11 am In-Person Worship 5-6:30pm Children's Dress Rehearsal	5 7-8pm Advent Study	6 10-11 am Advent Study 6-8pm Cantata Practice	7 Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-1 7-8pm Long Range Planning Team	8 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	9	10 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 10-12 JC Penney 1850 Apple Blossom Drive
11 <b>Advent 3 JOY</b> 8:30 and 11am Cantata 9:45am-Sunday School 7-8pm Children's Program	12 7-8pm Advent Study	13 10-11 am Advent Study 12pm-2/4 BLT 5:30-6:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice 7-8pm PPRC Meeting	14 Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-1 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	15 7-8:30 pm United Women in Faith	16	17 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 10-12 JC Penney 1850 Apple Blossom Drive
18 <b>Advent 4 LOVE</b> 8:30am-In-Person Worship 9:45am-Sunday School 11 am In-Person Worship 12pm-1pm Salvation Army Lunch CCAP	19 7-8pm Advent Study	20 10-11 am Advent Study 5:30-6:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice	21 Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-1 12-1:30pm Pathfinders	22 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	23 BFUMC Office Closed	24 5-6pm Christmas Eve Service (Nursery) 8-9pm Christmas Eve Service CCAP Collection
25 11-12 am In-Person Worship BFUMC Office Closed Merry Christmas	26	27 5:30-6:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice	28 Pastor's Office Hours: 9:30-1	29 7-8:30pm Boy Scouts	30	31



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Superintendent  
Shenandoah River District  
[www.shenandoahriverdistrict.org](http://www.shenandoahriverdistrict.org)



*Winter Solstice*

The Winter Solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year as the Northern Hemisphere is angled the farthest away from the Sun on this day. The Winter Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere happens every year around December 21 or 22.