

Tappahannock Memorial Messenger

December 2023



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS!

All Meetings & Events
Are Offered In-Person
and Virtually When Possible



- 2: Tapp. Winterfest Activities
- 3: 1st Sunday of Advent
Tapp. Christmas Parade
- 4: Admin. Council Meeting
- 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program
Special Offering:
UM Family Services
- 24: 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24: 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
- 25: Christmas Day



- 31: Epiphany Sunday
5th Sunday Luncheon
Watch Night/New Year's Eve



- 1: **Happy New Year!**
- 6: Congregational Care Meeting
- 7: Baptism of the Lord Sunday
- 11: Human Trafficking Awareness
- 14: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Special Offering:
Human Relations Day
- 15: MLK Jr. Day
- 18—25:
Week of Prayer / Christian Unity
- 21: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Special Offering:
Human Relations Day
- 28: 4th Sunday after Epiphany



Children's Christmas Program

We are excited to share that our Sunday School Children will be presenting a Christmas Children's program in our 10am worship service on Sunday, December 17th. The children will share the Christmas story including the Angel visiting Mary, the Birth of Jesus, the Angels visiting the Shepherds, the Shepherds visiting baby Jesus, and the Wisemen traveling to visit Jesus and to pay homage offering gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

The children will lead in music selections through out the scripture readings. We hope all will be present in worship to share in the Christmas joy with the children of the church. We will also have a few special music selections as part of our worship service.

Pastor's Pen

God's desire for us during this season of Advent is that we might receive, have and give: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This is represented each and every year through the lighting and liturgy of the Advent Wreath. Each candle lit during the 4 weeks of advent reflect how Jesus is and offers us those gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each candle, one by one joins together until we light the Christ candle on Christmas Eve for the culmination of it all wrapped up in the babe in the manger. The lowly child that is the Savior of us all. Jesus came to bring us these gifts of faith, but more than that He embodied them and invites us to do so as well, as we live into The Kingdom of God. This season of Advent reminds us of just how in need we are for our Savior.

For His perfect hope: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I
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December Lay Leaders

LECTORS

- 12/03: Becky Hundley
- 12/10: Kelly Wright
- 12/17: Russ Riles
- 12/24: John Harvey
- 12/31: Diane Carter

NURSERY

- 12/03: Lindsay Knight
- 12/10: Frances Boykin & Tami Ward-Dahl
- 12/17: Brenda Hamilton & Mary Alice P.
- 12/24: Susan Hendricks & Barbara Watkins
- 12/31: Dolly Loomis & Lauriel Turner

USHERS

- 12/03: Carol Smith & Diane Carter
- 12/10: Susan Hendricks & Jim Wawner
- 12/17: Mary Barrack & Diana Robertson
- 12/24: Frances Boykin & George Turner
- 12/31: Frauke Darnell & Carol Smith

TELLERS

Susan Hendricks & Frances Boykin

ALTAR GUILD

Poinsettias



- 2 Finley Knight
- 6 Gretchen Gardner
- 7 Blair Blanks
- 9 John Magruder
- 10 Danielle Hamilton
- 13 Billy Boykin
- 14 Tami Ward-Dahl
- 15 Betty Whitten
- 16 Ann Lipscomb
- 17 Jamie Hubbard
- 17 Diane Sisson
- 19 Rachael McMahan
- 20 Marshall Wilkins
- 20 Kelly Wright
- 21 Shannon Turner
- 26 Cecile Farmer
- 27 Attie Mundie
- 29 Matthew Magruder

Faith & Fellowship

(Currently)

Adult Sunday School
Sundays @ 11:15 am
In-Person Only

TMUMC Choir
Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
In-Person Only

TMUMC Glory Ringers
Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.
In-Person Only

Wednesday Morning Group:
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
In-Person & Via Zoom



Pastor Becca & Rodney Minor
Celebrating their 16th
Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 8th!

Jim & Debbie Glass
Celebrating their 49th
Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 20th!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Lector:

**Ushers: Frauke Darnell
Rodney Minor
Bonnie & Chuck Harding**

**** The Nursery Will Be Closed on
Christmas Eve**

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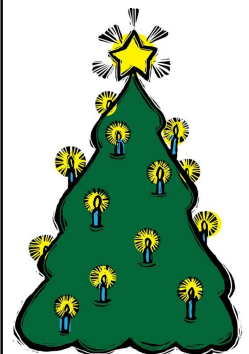


Sunday, December 17

Special Offering:
United Methodist Family Services

"UMFS is a nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive array of programs to meet the needs of high-risk children and parents to enable them to overcome challenging circumstances and succeed. A national leader in helping children, we also proactively identify unmet social service needs throughout Virginia and develop appropriate partnerships to address them. "

<https://www.umfs.org/about/>



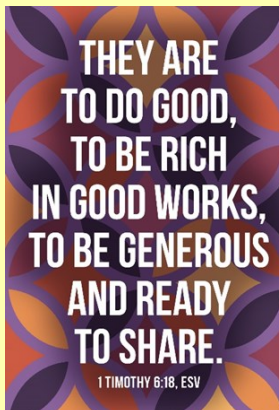


God's Work Through Us

Your generous gifts of money, time, and dedication to this church ensure that we can successfully fulfill God's calling of us. While you are prayerfully considering your giving for 2024, please take a moment to think about all the things the church does toward the continuation of God's work. Please continue to

pray for the ministries we share through this congregation of Tappahannock Memorial UMC!

TMUMC offers lots of opportunities to use your gifts in service to the church and community. Don't hold back. Sign up to serve in the nursery, teach Sunday School, serve as lector, or usher in worship. Be a part of new ministry endeavors as they arise throughout the 2024 year. Our good works bring hope and blessings to our congregation and community. Imagine what God is inviting us to be a part



A WORD OF APPRECIATION



During my year of ministry in 2023, I experienced some challenges that were very unexpected, that led to emotional and physical stress. I also have been blessed beyond expectation in other ways throughout this year. You as a congregation journeyed this road with me. When members of our congregation went through tragedy and turmoil you all stepped up to be the presence of Christ with them.

When our family was going through personal situations: my mother-in-law's cancer treatments, our daughter Dakota's dog bite injuries, our son Ethan's enlistment into the Navy, the joy of the birth of our grandson Jackson, and even now planning our son Ethan's wedding, you all have been beyond encouraging and supportive. I knew you all were praying for us. You allowed extra time off after an increase to my work load. Also, you were very generous and expressed deep love and gratitude to me during Pastor Appreciation Month. As this year is coming to a close, I want to be sure to express my gratitude and appreciation to you ALL. I am so blessed to serve with you as your Pastor at TMUMC. I cannot wait to continue to shepherd you and grow in faith together in the new year. Thank you all,

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



EVENTS IN TAPPAHANNOCK



Dec. 10, 11 am - 4 pm:

Tappahannock Winterfest with live Entertainment, Vendors, Food trucks, Kids activities including: Prince Street Express, Laser Tag, Bounce House, Santa Photos, Carriage Rides, Anna and Elsa interactive.

Dec. 3, 4:30 pm

Christmas Parade

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Join us on Facebook and YouTube!

Pastor:

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

Administrative Assistant: Rachel Hundley

Co-Music Directors: Kelly & Rob Wright

Pianist: Beth Harvey

Custodian: Amanda Hart

*We seek to be disciples of Christ, welcoming
all as we nurture and support one another
through service and outreach.*

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have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:21-24

For His perfect peace: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

For His perfect joy: "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11

For His perfect love: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40

May we cling to the gifts of Christ, rather than the gifts under the tree, for these are what we truly long for and need. Draw close to Christ this Season of Advent and may we truly appreciate the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

You Are Loved!

Pastor Becca

