

This Week's Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:30 p.m. - No UMYF

**6:00 p.m. - Candlelight
Communion Service**

Monday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26th

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Wednesday, December 27th

7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast

No Activities or Fellowship Supper

Saturday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. - Noon - Thrift Shop - Youth

**The new November / December
Upper Room Devotional Books
have arrived, you will find your
copy in the Library**

**We will want to say THANK YOU
to Judy McWhorter and the many
participants for each of our Advent
moments.**

**Each of them added so much to our
Advent Service. Thanks for your
willingness to serve your church in
such a meaningful way. Thanks to
Judy for coordinating this for us.**

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Sunday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m.
Communion and Candle Lighting Service

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 25TH AND
TUESDAY, DEC. 26TH, FOR THE
HOLIDAYS.**

**NO TRUSTEES MEETING OR
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FOR
DECEMBER.**

Our Wednesday evening activities
and Fellowship Suppers will
resume on Wednesday,
January 10, 2018. The children's
activities will continue with the
same format. Dr. Derden and
Rev. Unkles will begin new
studies to be announced later.

**THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR IS
UP IN THE LIBRARY IF YOU
WISH TO SIGN IN FOR A
SPECIAL DATE.**



**We will not meet Sunday, Dec. 24th,
Send a text to 810-10 with the
Message @fumcs to subscribe to the
Youth News & Events**



The Children's

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

Kids for Christ Clubs

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message @swains to subscribe to the
Kids for Christ News and Events.

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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 24, 2017

6:00 P. M.

**Come and join us in
honoring and
worshipping the
birth of our newborn**

KING



**Christmas Eve
Communion**

Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School	69
9:00 a.m. Worship	22
11:00 a.m. Worship	198
No Evening Service	
Parsonage Open House	
Total Worship	220

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 8823.00
Received for Budget	\$ 7624.25
Amount (Under)	\$ 1198.75
YTD Budget	\$ 449973.00
YTD Rec'vd for Budget	\$ 423978.90
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 25994.10
Received for Budget	\$ 7624.25
Designated Giving	\$ 1267.75
This Week's Giving	\$ 8892.00
B. O. K. Offering to date	\$ 6548.00

Rev. David Unkles, Senior Pastor
Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director
Connie Terwilliger, Music Director

Rev. Rus Black, Associate Pastor
Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

Swainsboro First United Methodist Church
4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Broadcast over WXR5 100.5 FM

Introit Lead Me Lord UMH 473
Prelude Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Greetings

Call to Worship Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!
For Lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candle Peyton Frye Family

Opening Hymn Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come! UMH 246

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

***Gloria Patri**

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Gathering Chorus** I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain,
Cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

Children's Moment Melinda Hall

Morning Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Chorus

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia

Offertory Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** UMH 62 Stanza 7

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anthem Sweet Little Jesus Boy Joe Flanders, soloist

***Scripture** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Message "Who Really Needs Saving" Rev. David Unkles

***Hymn of Invitation** In the Bleak Midwinter UMH 221

***Benediction**
***Choral Amen**

Postlude He Is Born, the Holy Child trad. French Carol

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Our chancel rail is open for prayer.*

Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Mollie Smith, 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Agatha McRae

Ushers: Zac Frye, Captain, Rodney Beckworth, Will Donaldson, Bill McWhorter, Jim Williams, Chuck Wofford

***The rose placed on the altar is in honor of Ginny & Dess Smith
47th Wedding Anniversary, given by their Children, Grandchildren
and Great-Grandchildren***

***We wish to express our Christian Love and Sympathy to Annette &
Family in the passing of Ray Thompson.***

***We also wish to express our Sympathy to Denny Key & Family in the
death of his uncle Dr. Jack Key***

This Week's Scripture Verses

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Luke: 1:47-55 (UMH 199)

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Mary Rose Brown, Jim Buckley, Jim Curry,
Charles Doster family, Myra Downer,
Charles & Jackie Drake, Patsy Gray
Vernon Hardy, David Hill, Jerry Hooks,
Bonnie Lanier, Ted Stockholm, Danny Tapley,
Annette Thompson, Ray Thompson Family

Extended Church Family:

Ann Allen, Dr. Michael Daniel, Virginia Derden,
Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles daughter-in-
law), Frances & Louie Dryden, David Dryden,
Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield's brother), Jerry
Fagler, Barbara Green, Jonathan Holmes,
O. C. Hutcheson, Finn Lamb (son of Russ &
Kirby Braswell Lamb), Charles Lanier, Buddy
Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean Hunnicutt's
daughter), Bessie Neal & Wyatt Rich, Faye &
John Rountree, Kal Thompson, Ned Waller,
Margaret Ward (Renae McNeely's mother)

Military Family: Major Kristy Cohen
(Nancy & Mike Lisenby's niece),
CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (the Drake's
Grandson)

**(Please advise us when someone can be
removed from our Prayer List.)**

***The Swainsboro Band Program is
proud to announce that eleven
students have been invited to
New York City to perform at
Carnegie Hall in January. This is
a very costly trip for them. They
have had many Fundraisers to
secure the money necessary to go .
If you would like to make a dona-
tion on their behalf make check
payable to the church marked for
Swainsboro Band Trip.***