

**This Week's Schedule  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 23rd**

9:00 a.m. - Early Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. - No Evening Service

**Monday, December 24th**

6:00 a.m. - No Prayer Group  
(Will not meet Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st)

**6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve  
Candlelight / Communion  
Service**

**Tuesday, December 25th**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
(Office Closed)**

**Wednesday, December 26th**

**No Regular Activities  
No Fellowship Supper  
(Office Closed)**

**Saturday, December 29th**

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

**YEAH !!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**The Cookbooks have  
arrived and are ready for  
sale.**

**Cost : \$15.00 each  
See Cassie McIntyre for  
your copies.  
The perfect gift.**

**Are you checking your  
Christmas list twice?**

Access the church calendar  
from your mobile device.



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**“Commission on a Way Forward”**

**With the called General  
Conference of our United  
Methodist Church coming  
up in February 2019, it is  
vital that we as a congrega-  
tion be as informed as possi-  
ble. Below are some  
sources of information that  
will be helpful as we navi-  
gate these uncertain waters  
with faith and integrity.**

[umc.org](http://umc.org)

[sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org)

[wesleyan covenant.org](http://wesleyan covenant.org)

[goodnewsmag.org](http://goodnewsmag.org)

**The Church Office will be closed  
Tuesday, December 25th and  
Wednesday, December 26th. We will  
not be mailing a bulletin next week.**

**The January / February edition of the  
Upper Room is now available.**



**The Children's**

**10:00 a.m.—Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m.—Children's Church**

**Kids for Christ Clubs**

Send a text to 810-10 with the  
message @swains to subscribe to the  
Kids for Christ News and Events.

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**Last Sunday's Attendance**

Sunday School	69
9:00 a.m. Worship	(No Service)
11:00 a.m. Worship	185
B. O. K. Service	172
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>357</b>

**Last Sunday's Gifts**

Weekly Budget	\$ 9022.00
Received for Budget	\$ 10957.70
Amount (Under)	\$ 1935.70
YTD Budget	\$ 451100.00
YTD Rec'd for Budget	\$ 475638.70
Amount over (Under)	\$ 24538.70
Received for Budget	\$ 10957.70
Designated Giving	\$ 7457.25
This Week's Giving	\$ 18414.95

**Stained Glass Window**

Needed to Complete our Project:	\$ 5000.00
<b>B.O.K. Offering</b>	<b>\$ 7075.00</b>



**6:00 p.m. Monday, December 24th**

Rev. David Unkles, Pastor  
Melinda Hall, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Ennis Bragg, Choir Director  
Connie Terwilliger, Music Director

# Swainsboro First United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

Introit Lead Me Lord UMH 473

Prelude Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light  
Johann Schop / harm. J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Greetings

### Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O ye gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

#### Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O ye gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,  
The Lord is the King of glory!

### 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 UMH 70

### 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 "Children Singing" Melanie Frye

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  
Resonet in laudibus / 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 O Holy Night Solo, Mary Bragg Sullivan

\*Scripture Luke 1:39-56

Message "More than a song."

Invitation Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH 216

\*Benediction

\*Choral Amen

Postlude O Sing a Song of Bethlehem arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Jessica Barber, 10:00 a.m. Melinda Hall, 11:00 a.m. Agatha McRae  
Ushers: Zac Frye, Captain, Rodney Beckworth, Sidney Lanier, Bill McWhorter, Jim Williams,  
Chuck Wofford.*

*The flower placed on the side table is in honor of the 48th  
anniversary of Ginny and Dess Smith given by their Children,  
Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.*

We wish to express our sympathy and offer our prayers to the  
family of Mr. Selvin Wood, the uncle of Denise Neil.

### This Week's Scripture Verses

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

#### Church Members:

Mary Rose Brown, Patti Cowart, Myra Downer, Charles & Jackie Drake, Mary & Ralph Foskey, Vernon Hardy, Sybil Lamb, Bonnie Lanier, Catherine Mattox, Richard Peacock, David Price, Ted Stockholm, Danny Tapley, Annette Thompson, Phil Thompson.

#### Extended Church Family:

Wayne Carter, Patricia Coleman, Ada Lee Correll, Brandon Dickins (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Lynne Drake (Jackie & Charles daughter-in-law), Frances & Louie Dryden, Bill Edenfield (Smith Edenfield's brother), Teah Fennell, Jan Hemphill (Mary & Ralph Foskey's daughter), Charles Lanier, Martha Jane & Al Lawson, Buddy Lockhart, Leah H. Maile (Jean Hunnicutt's daughter), Betty Jo May, Shirley McNeely, Joan Neil (Bob Neil's Mother), Charlotte Parrish, Joe Peebles (Connie's brother), Faye & John Rountree, Michelle Scott, Gene & Gretta Simmons, Charlotte Sowell (Jackie Drake's sister), Kal Thompson, Ned Waller, Eloise Wood (B. J. Williams Mother), Andy Worthington.

Military Family: CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (the Drake's Grandson)

### *Connectional Ministries Leadership Tour*

*Sunday, January 13, 2019*

*Pine Forest UMC, Dublin, Ga.*

*Registration begins 1:45 p.m.*

*Closing Prayer 5:30 p.m.*

*This event is designed to help  
equip and empower us for  
service and any ministry role  
we may have in our church.*

*We have the option of numer-  
ous areas of study. More infor-  
mation to follow..*