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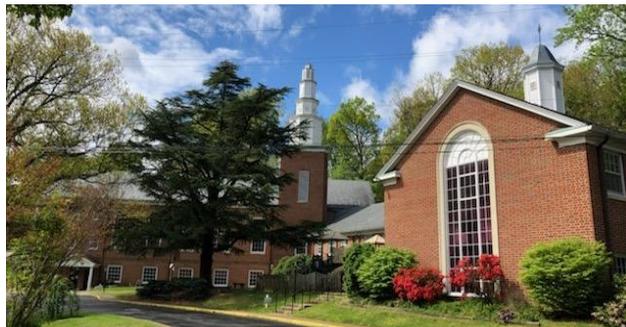
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**What's
Happening**

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:15a Entering the World of the Bible (214)
9:30a Worship Service (S)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:15a Entering the World of the Bible (214)
9:30a Worship Service (S)



November 27, 2022

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bold indicates congregational response. *Those who are able, please stand)

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Come, let's go together to God's Mountain.

A mountain of God's glory and peace.

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival.

The birth of the prince of peace.

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

We are ready for the Spirit teach us God's ways.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming. For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous branch will spring up for David and God shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

*HYMN NO. 196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

(Children up to 4 years old may go to the nursery and children through 5th grade may go to Sunday School at this time.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible OT p. 594

Lay Reader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PUZZLE

Glad gatherings

The first Christians met together over a meal. Today church families still gather to break bread and thank God.

Follow the instructions below. Then write the remaining words in order from left to right and top to bottom to complete the verses.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	They	found	broke	bread	acts	in
2	houses	their	homes	beautiful	and	round
3	ate	world	beginning	together	follow	thought
4	with	numbers	glad	happiness	lesson	and
5	thanks	sincere	disciples	Gathering	hearts	tradition
6	celebrate	good	praising	Christian	God	river

Cross out all words in column E with double letters.
 Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
 Cross out all words in column B that end in d.
 Cross out all words in column A that have more than 4 letters.
 Cross out all words in row 5 with 3 syllables.
 Cross out all words in the table with 9 letters.
 Cross out all words in column F with 2 or more vowels.

_____ . ACTS 2:46-47, NIV

Answer: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God. Acts 2:46-47, NIV



With Belle View Elementary School

We have resumed our partnership with Belle View Elementary School to provide weekend food for some of our neighbor students and families. We invite you to bring in food on Sundays if you are able. Our goal is to provide at least 10 bags of food per week. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important partnership.

Shopping List

(updated 11/27/2022)

Items needed:

- Individual macaroni and cheese, pasta, etc.*
- Gallon sized Ziploc bags*
- Canned soup*
- Fruit cups/applesauce*
- Granola Bars*
- Juice/milk boxes
- Oatmeal packets*
- Breakfast cereal (individual boxes)*

**Immediate Needs*

ANTHEM

SERMON

The Way of Peace:
Heading Up To God's Mountain

Rev. Jay Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we draw near to God, God draws near to us. In the closeness and tenderness of God, let us share honestly so that we may be heard and renewed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, even when we're tired, we long to awake in your presence. Even when we're distracted, we yearn to be spellbound by your power. Even when we're lost and wander away from you, we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace. Wake us from sleep, O God; reveal your love and mercy, and grant your peace in all the lands. Amen.

(Prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and know that you are forgiven and live in peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 203 *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RIISING HOPE UMMC
ANGEL GIFT PROGRAM**



Thank you to everyone who signed up to make a child's Christmas merrier.

Just a reminder, all gifts should be returned, **wrapped and with the angel name and number clearly marked on each gift.** The angel name and number are on the sign up sheet.

***Please return all gifts to the Church Office
by Sunday, December 4th.***

**BOOK STUDY - DECEMBER 6, 13 & JANUARY 3, 10 - Tuesdays at 10:00 am
"Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk Through the Fourth Gospel"
by Jamie Clark-Soles**

Jaime Clark-Soles takes readers on a dynamic journey deep into the heart of John in this lively reading of the Fourth Gospel. This book is not simply a commentary but a spiritual companion to be read alongside the Bible. Clark-Soles provides important historical and literary insights while illuminating the dramatic characters in John and emphasizing the Gospel's unique themes and symbols. Her engaging writing style will generate enthusiasm and investment in John's message.

**STORIES JESUS TOLD: HOW TO READ A PARABLE
Sunday Mornings November 27-January 15 from 8:15-9:00am
(no meetings on December 25 or January 1)**

We love stories. That's why we go to movies, read books, and listen to friends recount an experience. That's also why teachers use the technique of storytelling to make a difficult concept easier for us to process. Jesus told stories, or parables, for that very reason—and to help us understand how God wants us to live life. Sometimes, however, stories like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son can be interpreted in more than one way. Even Bible scholars are divided on their meanings. In *Stories Jesus Told*, you'll explore six of Jesus' parables to learn how to read, interpret, and live them in your daily life.

ANNUAL SOCK & MITTEN TREE

Donations of socks, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are being collected for Rising Hope UMMC. *The tree will be downstairs at the elevator entrance. **Donations will be accepted through December.***

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

A Love Offering is being collected for a Christmas Gift for our Church Staff. If you would like to make a donation please make your check payable to Mount Vernon UMC, with the notation "Staff Christmas Gift" and mail your check to the church office. *To ensure the staff gifts can be distributed by Christmas please make your donations by December 18.*

CUSTODIAN CHRISTMAS GIFT

A Love Offering is being collected for a Christmas Gift for our Custodians. If you would like to make a donation please make your check payable to Mount Vernon UMC, with the notation "Custodian Christmas Gift" and mail your check to the church. *Please make your donations by December 18.*