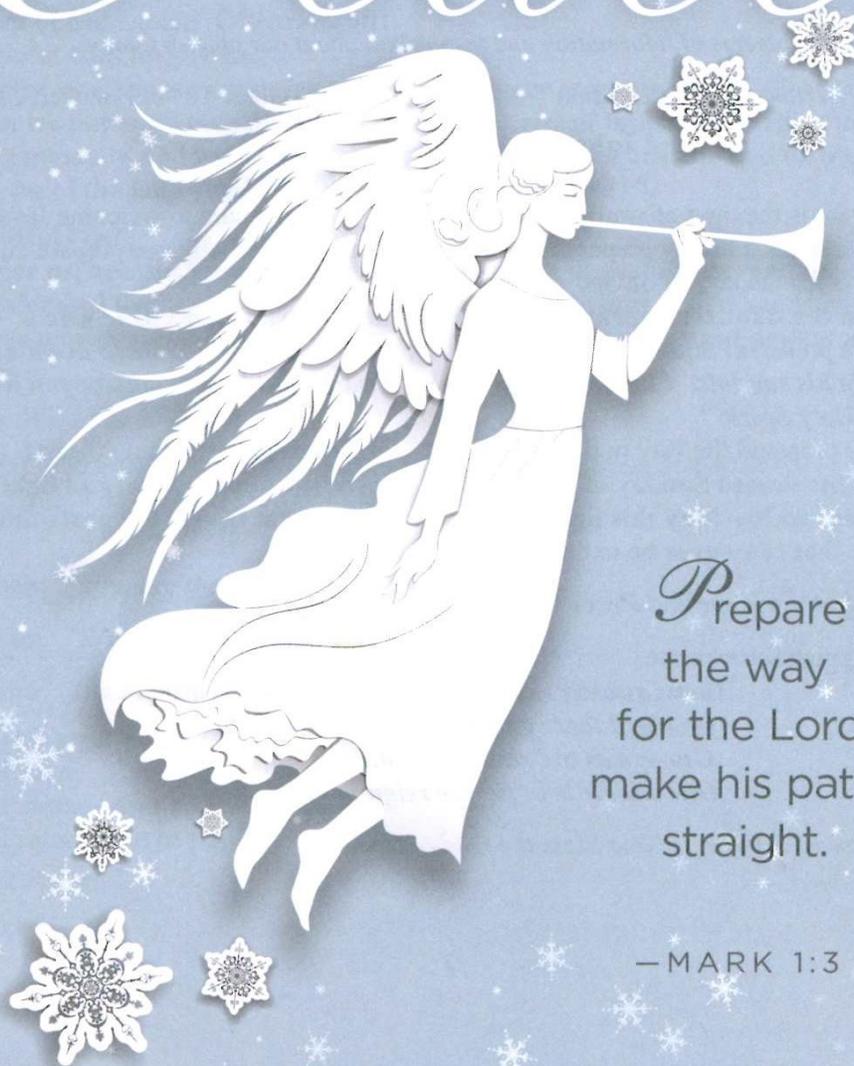
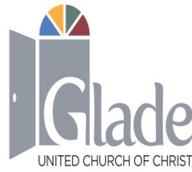


# Peace



*P*repare  
the way  
for the Lord;  
make his paths  
straight.

—MARK 1:3



**WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD**  
*Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal*  
**December 9, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Glade Matters

*Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family*

Prelude “*Triumphant Celebration*” Paul McKlveen (Glade Tower Handbell Choir)

**Lighting the Candle of Peace**  
(Nancy Sweet & Rev. Guy Johnson)

L: Advent is the time of waiting and anticipation as we prepare to welcome Jesus anew. Like a family prepares a home for the arrival of a baby, we prepare our hearts for the arrival of God’s own Son.

**P: John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness proclaiming, “*One who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.*”**

L: John prepared the way in the wilderness. We prepare the way in our hearts.

**P: On this second Sunday of Advent, we rekindle the hope candle, and light the peace candle. May this light shine to remind us that God is the peace and love that can never be extinguished. Amen.**

Lighting of the *Hope* and *Peace* Candles

Congregational Response

*Come quickly shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.*

\*Processional Hymn “*Now Bless the God of Israel*” #110

\*Call to Worship

One/Leader: Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem!

**All/People: Put on the beauty of the glory from God forever.**

One: Put on the robe of righteousness that comes from God.

**All: Put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting.**

One: For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up.

**All: Make the ground level, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.**

One: God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory.

**All: With the mercy and righteousness that come from him.**

Prayer of Confession (Offered by all)

**Merciful God forgive us...**

**Forgive us when we are quick to point the finger at someone else. Forgive us when we put our heads down and ignore the cries of injustice. Forgive us when we presume to understand the complexity of issues that divide and distract the peoples of the land your feet once walked.**

**Merciful God...**

**forgive us, heal us, encourage us and speak through us, that we may be transformed through the refiner's fire, and the offerings of our hands and our hearts may prepare the way for the Christ child to be welcomed among us in peace.**

Time With The Children

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

L: The Word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem "*Prepare the Way*"

Hal H. Hopson

Sermon "*Are You Sure?*"

Rev. Guy S. Johnson

\*Hymn "*The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore*" #115

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

*Silent Prayer*

Prayer

The Prayer Jesus taught Us

*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.*

**WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD’S WILL AND CARE**

Invitation to Joyful Giving

Offertory “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

David Lasky

\* Doxology

Recessional Hymn “All Earth is Waiting” #121

\* Benediction

Postlude “Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland” (Savior of the Nations, Come) J.S. Bach

**Worship Participants**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Guy S. Johnson
<b>Music Director:</b>	Dr. William Powell, III
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jordre’s
<b>Greeters:</b>	TBD
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Nancy Sweet
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Mia Ogg
<b>Nursery:</b>	TBD



Flowers are placed on the altar in memory of  
Shirley A. Wisner, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and  
Great-Grandmother.

Given by  
Ken Wisner and Family



## The Second Mile Giving for December

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Needs is a Frederick County non-profit that has been providing residents of Frederick County with emergency financial assistance for over 30 years. The Religious Coalition is the primary provider of emergency services on the basis of human needs, such as shelter, food, medical & dental calls, as well as prescription medications. Coalition networking programs also assist our neighbors in need to avoid eviction, prevent utility cutoffs, as well as funding the eight food banks. The Coalition also manages the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter, which is the largest and only year-round shelter for the homeless in Frederick.

## Food Bank Suggestions for December

Let's help our neighbors chase away the chill of winter with donations of coffee, low-fat/low-sugar instant creamers, hot chocolate, tea bags, canned soups, and oatmeal. As well as food donations, cash donations are also accepted by the Glade Valley Community Services at P. O. Box 655, Walkersville, MD 21793.



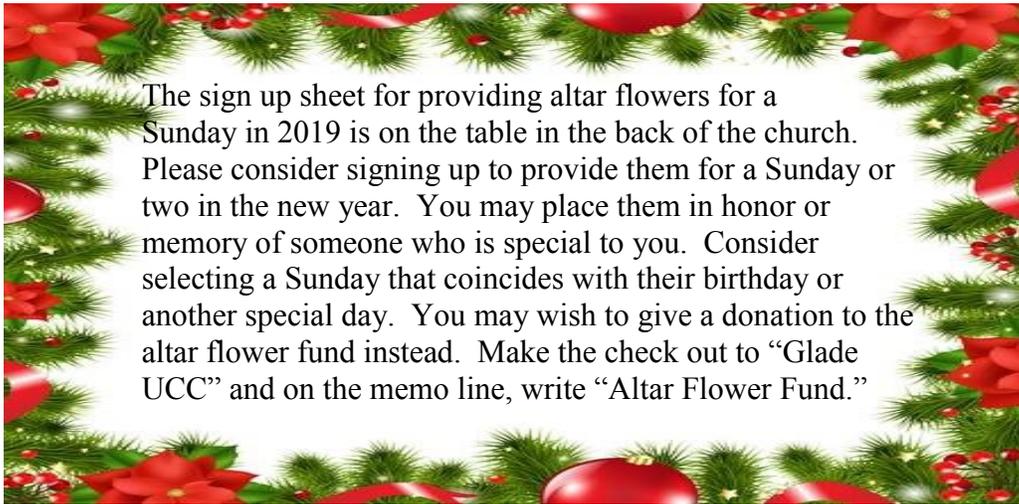
Annual Holiday Concert  
At Glade UCC  
Repeat the Sounding Joy!  
**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**  
at 7:00 p.m.  
21 Fulton Ave, Walkersville, MD



Please bring a donation of a food item to share with the  
Glade Valley Food Bank



Following Bill's concert on Wednesday, **December 19th**, we will have a reception. Please consider providing cookies or small sweets. Help is also needed. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

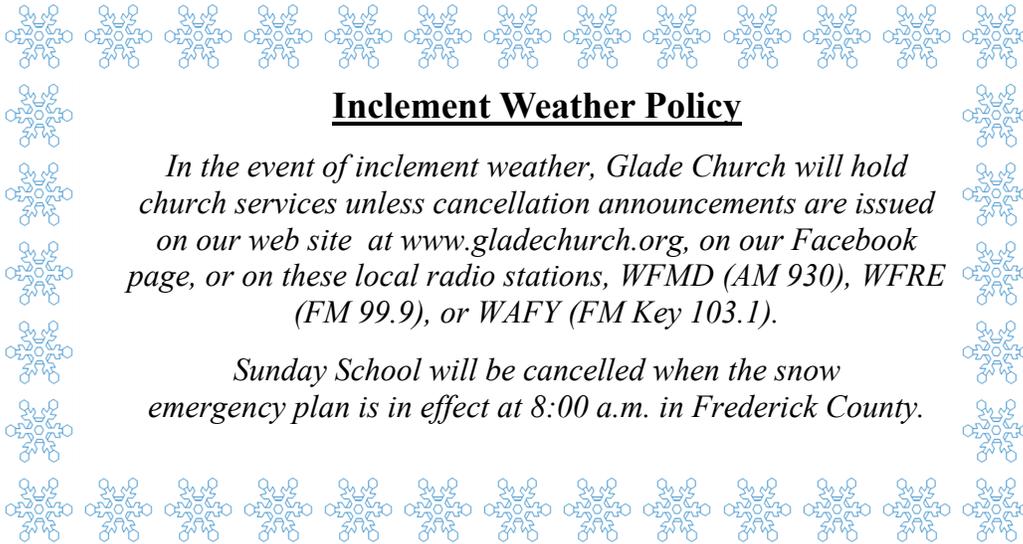


The sign up sheet for providing altar flowers for a Sunday in 2019 is on the table in the back of the church. Please consider signing up to provide them for a Sunday or two in the new year. You may place them in honor or memory of someone who is special to you. Consider selecting a Sunday that coincides with their birthday or another special day. You may wish to give a donation to the altar flower fund instead. Make the check out to “Glade UCC” and on the memo line, write “Altar Flower Fund.”

There will be a MSA meeting today following church.

There will be a worship committee meeting following church today.

The consistory will meet this Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.


  
**Inclement Weather Policy**
  
*In the event of inclement weather, Glade Church will hold church services unless cancellation announcements are issued on our web site at [www.gladechurch.org](http://www.gladechurch.org), on our Facebook page, or on these local radio stations, WFMD (AM 930), WFRE (FM 99.9), or WAFY (FM Key 103.1).*
  
*Sunday School will be cancelled when the snow emergency plan is in effect at 8:00 a.m. in Frederick County.*



**THIS WEEK AT GLADE**

Sun., Dec. 9	<p><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>            9:15 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:30 a.m. MSA &amp; Worship Committee meetings            2:30 p.m. LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery</p>
Mon., Dec. 10	9:00 a.m. CAC C&M Meeting (FS)
Tue., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting (FS) Grange (SH)
Wed., Dec. 12	6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (SH) 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Practice (FS) 7:45 p.m. LDM Activity (classrooms)
Thur., Dec. 13	6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting (Classrooms)
Fri., Dec. 14	6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Parent Meeting (SH) 7:45 p.m. LDM Activity (Classrooms, nursery)
Sun., Dec. 16	<p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>            9:15 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            2:30 p.m. LDM, sanctuary, classrooms, nursery            6:30 p.m. LDM Fellowship Dinner (SH)</p>