

Joy



*H*appiness and joy will overwhelm them;
grief and groaning will flee away. —ISAIAH 35:10



WE CENTER OURSELVES ON GOD
Welcome to a time of Sabbath, rest, and renewal
December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

Glade Matters

Shared moments of information and inspiration about our church family

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Wilbur Held

*Opening Hymn "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Moon"

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Lighting the Candle of Joy
(Jan Dinterman & Marsha Bruchey)

Reading & Lighting of the *Hope, Peace and Joy* Candles
John 15:9-11

O Come, Advent: (Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

O come to us like joy of heaven's dawn,
From Mary's womb a faithful paragon
Brought forth into this world by love's power
Your Spirit through her labors in that hour
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And all things shall be well

*Call to Worship from Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

P: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

L: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

P: Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Opening Prayer (Offered by all)

God of hope, peace, and joy, today we celebrate all that brings us joy, but we also acknowledge all the places in the world still waiting to know the joy found in you. Give us faith and strength to do your will and to share that message, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1 6-8, 19-28

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

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem “*Christ the Lord*”

Sarah Hart and Robert Feduccia

Message

Chad Weddle

*Hymn “*Now Is the Time Approaching*”

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Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*”

Johannes Brahms

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” (Stanzas 1-3)

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*Benediction

Postlude “*O Come O Come, Emmanuel*”

David Lasky

*Please stand as able in body or spirit

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Worship Participants

Pastor:

Chad Weddle

Music Director:

Dr. William Powell, III

Worship Participants:

Jan Dinterman & Marsha Bruchey



The flowers adorning the altar today are a testament to the Glory of God, carrying heartfelt wishes for a joyous and blessed holiday to all. May the spirit of this season resonate within us, filling our hearts with peace, love, and abundant blessings. Given by Sharon & Henry Rinta

Additionally, in loving memory of Beverly Shoemaker, these flowers are given by her daughter Carol Shoemaker. May their beauty reflect all the cherished memories shared.

Merry Christmas!"

A special thanks to the Lorijean Turner for participating in our Advent Candle Lighting last Sunday.



Congregational Meeting

TODAY, there will be a congregational meeting to approve the 2024 budget, update to the By-Laws and to vote on the new consistory members for 2024. The budget was presented and approved by the consistory during their November meeting.

Copies of the budget are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for your review. Please only take 1 copy per family.

The Second Mile Giving for December **Religious Coalition**



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 Items 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. The food bank is also distributing personal care items and would appreciate donations of toothpaste & shampoo.



All non-perishable food items are welcome. Clean plastic grocery bags are always needed. As well as food donations, cash donations are also accepted by the Glade Valley Community Services at P. O. Box 655, Walkersville, MD.

Please join us for our
Annual Holiday Concert



“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
21 Fulton Ave, Walkersville, MD

There will be light refreshments following the concert.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday December 24th

Musical Prelude - 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service - 7:30 p.m.

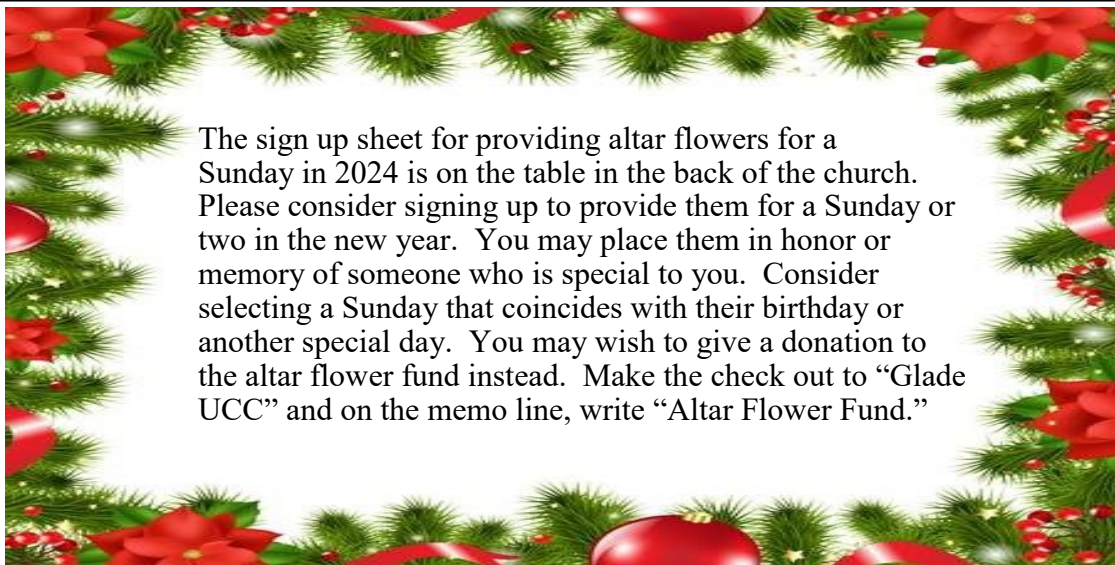


Glade UCC Lottery Raffle
29 Chances to Win!
These tickets make great Christmas gifts.

**FUNDRAISER
RAFFLE**

We will be having our 3rd Annual MD Lottery Raffle again in February. The raffle will be held the entire month of February 2024. The daily winner will be determined by the MD Evening Pick 3 Straight Lottery Number. Winners will be notified by Phone. \$10 per ticket there will only be 1000 tickets sold.

Contact Ron Rough, 301-639-3834 if you would like to help sell tickets or if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



With great sadness we announce the death of our beloved member and friend Beverly Shoemaker, Beverly passed away Wednesday, November 29th at Kline Hospice House.

Our deepest condolences to Carole Shoemaker, Beverly’s daughter. If you would like to send a card to Carole, her address is:

Carole Shoemaker—502 W. Main Street, Thurmont, MD 21788

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Jim Ball, health issues
 - *Marlene Turner, Lorigean Turner's aunt, health issues
 - *Wayne Duncan, Leo Duncan's brother, health issues
 - *Roxie Underwood, Frances Cecil's sister, brain surgery
 - *Rod Baumert, Bill Powell's father-in-law, health issues
 - *Ruth Ann Engel, health issues
 - *Sandy Miller, friend of Bonnie Ogg, cancer
 - *Lynn Stevenson, Marsha Bruchey's cousin, neurological health issues
 - *Lisa Andercyk, Lorigean Turner's college roommate, neurological issues
 - *Becky Duncan, recovery from hip replacement surgery
 - *Charles Snow, health issues
 - *David O'Planick, health issues
 - *Ralph Whitmore, health issues
 - *Nancy Sweet, health issues
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Sun., December 17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting 3:30 p.m. LDM, Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery
Mon., December 18	7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting (SH)
Wed., December 20	7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert
Fri., December 22	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting (SH)
Sun., December 24	CHRISTMAS EVE / FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. LDM, Sanctuary, classrooms, nursery 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



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