

Weekly News Bulletin
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 29, 2019
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***GATHERING SONG**

Angels We Have Heard On High 289

HYMNS SUNG AFTER EACH READING:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear 282

O Little Town of Bethlehem 279

Of the Father's Love Begotten 295

Away in a Manger 277

Angels, from the Realms of Glory 275

The First Noel 300

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing 270

*SENDING SONG: Go tell it on the Mountain 290

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We're glad you are here!

Children – Activity bags are available from the ushers.

Everyone – please sign a red Attendance Folder so that we may have a record of your presence.

Visitors – may also sign a Welcome Card, found in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate during the offering, you are also invited to sign our guest register by the entrance.

Prayer Requests – Please use the Welcome Card to make any prayer requests, and place it in the offering plate.

***FEEL FREE TO TAKE THIS NEWS BOOKLET WITH YOU,
 BUT PLEASE LEAVE THE WORSHIP BULLETIN AT THE
 BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

To the Glory of God and in memory of Susan Moore Arey,
 Sam Arey placed the flowers upon the altar.

Please keep in your prayers today and this week:

Madeline Joiner, Janice Converse, Ruthanne Logue, Sharon Alexander, Ellen Huffman, & Melvin, Joyce McDonald, Parker Fix, Bill Chafin, Jane Nesselrodt, Margie Moore,
 Bill Power-surgery a success- Nancy Simmons's neighbor
 Betty Myers –hospitalized
 Pam Trumbo –liver cancer- sister-in-law to Lynn Rogers
 Jesse Hartman-final stages of life –friend to Sara Fultz
 Dee Price –shoulder replacement –neighbor to Julie Maxwell
 Barry Turner –heart surgery-brother-in-law to Beverley Wise

Those suffering with loneliness and depression
 Pray for our military and our leaders
 Pray for all people caught up in Human Trafficking
 Pray for the safety and wisdom for all our law enforcement.
 Victims of terrorism, violence, earthquakes, floods and fire.

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Elaine Clemmer died Dec. 17. She was mother to Kevin Clemmer
 Ellen Keiter died she was mother to Lise Keiter

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

December 22	000	\$5,055.68
Reimagine		\$1,077.00
December Noisy Offering		\$181.00
Christmas program	142	
Christmas Eve service	168	

TODAY'S WORSHIP HELPERS

USHERS: Captain: Captain- Noel Thomas
 Lucy Dennison, Brooke Campbell, Beverley Wise
 Alternate: Keith Robertson
 ASSISTING MINISTER: Bill Converse
 GREETERS: Frank and Melanie Smith
 READER: Linda Ellis and Grant Richardson
 ACOLYTE: Paige Chafin CRUCIFER: Harrison Mapstone
 NURSERY:
 SOUND: Leon Sheets FLOWERS: Brooke Campbell
 BREAD: Helen Wright LINENS: Dianne Chafin
 COMMUNION PREPARERS: Shannon Chafin & Brooke Campbell

SERVER: Charlie Dennison ASSISTANT: Keith Robertson
ALTERNATES: Donna Alexander – Tim Behler
ATTENDANTS: Lucy Smith, alternate

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

December 29, 2019

8:30am Men's Group Breakfast at Allen and
Carolyn,s home
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Thank you to Bill Converse, Linda Ellis, and Grant Richardson leading
the service, Lesson and Carols.

NEXT SUNDAY: January 5, 2020

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
Installation of Council and WELCA
officers

Council Members:

Donna Alexander, Tim Behler (Executive Committee),
Pastor Derek Boggs, Brett Chafin, Lucy Dennison, Louise Harris
(congregational secretary), Seth Hower, Anne King, Jared Mapstone
(Treasurer), Sherry Ocheltree (Executive Committee), Megan O'Gorek,
Grant Richardson, Lucy Smith, Noel Thomas and Beverley Wise

Quotes from the "Church Mouse":

"God is love."

NOTICE - "After careful consideration, Church Council members
approved a proposal from Hawk Security for an upgrade to Salem's
Security system extending fire alarm coverage into older parts of the
church at a cost of \$4,248.40. Council scheduled a **Congregational
Meeting for January 19th after morning worship** for the
Congregation to consider the proposal and to approve funding for the
project from Special Projects. Please plan to attend".

**WELCA January 12th Quarterly Meeting will be held after the
worship service.** Plan to attend and bring a bag lunch. This is an
important planning meeting for the rest of the year at which time you
will sign up to help with the different activities and programs during the
year. It is also important as the Virginia Synodical Women's
Organization will hold its annual convention at Salem this year July 31 to
August 1, and the planning process needs to begin.

Beginning Dec 29th Meredith Boggs will need a substitute for her
Sunday School class. (1st-3rd graders) For February thru May, she
would like to share the class with another teacher. Please let her know if
you are interested.

Epiphany Bonfire

On January 10th at 6:30 pm we will gather outside at Salem for an
Epiphany Bonfire. This will be a time to usher in the New Year. Feel
free to bring items of your choosing to roast such as hot dogs,
marshmallows, etc.... Hot chocolate will be provided. You may also
want to bring your Christmas tree to burn if you have taken it down.
Other items to bring are a flashlight and a lawn chair.

Dessert Theater to be presented at Pleasant View Church

Friday, December 10 at 6:00pm and Saturday, December 11 at 2:00pm.
Tickets \$12.00. See Linda Ellis to purchase tickets.

Winter Celebration

Winter Celebration for our senior high youth is January 24-26.
Please contact Allison Ullrich or Pastor Derek if you're interested in
going.

XYZer's Luncheon, Wednesday, January 15 – 12:30pm at Lebanon.

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, food catered by
Beth Michael –Cost - \$8.00, and Program by Stephanie Crawford –
Comfort Care in Woman's Health. Signup sheet in hallway –Deadline –
Wednesday January 8

Many thanks for the cards, food, visits and prayers during our time of
loss. Having such a caring church family helps a sad time be a little
lighter. A special thanks to Pastor Derek for his visits and support. Also
we so appreciate the delicious meal our ladies prepared.

Janet Lee Gibson and Family

I would like to thank Pastor for his visits and phone calls as well as the
congregation for their prayers, cards and phone calls while I was
recuperating from foot surgery.

Thanks again Judi Kowalla

I received a request from Valley Supportive Housing for paper products
with a thank you for our previous donations. I will be gathering rolls of
paper products until mid-January. Any donations of paper towels and
toilet paper, individual and bulk packs are welcome.

Thank you. Linda Ellis.