



Lovely Lane United Methodist Church

MOTHER CHURCH OF
AMERICAN METHODISM



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Monday — Friday

9 AM — 2 PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: SHEPHERDS OF HOPE

The first Sunday of December will start a brand new liturgical or church calendar year, we will begin the season of Advent. Rev. Patricia De Jong reminds us that, *Advent literally means "preparation for the main event." It calls forth images of waiting, hoping, nesting, gestating, getting ready in us. Advent is not a concept that sits well with a consumer culture. What is that phrase that explains Christmas? - "Instant gratification is not fast enough for me?" Many of us find ourselves getting caught up in Christmas while we are still in the waiting of Advent. In fact, we tend to get caught up in the push of Christmas right after Halloween! Our culture has a way of relentlessly pushing us toward the next big thing on the calendar, which can make us feel as if we are on an endless escalator to nowhere in particular.*

Advent, in the northern hemisphere, takes place as the days are getting shorter and the nights much longer. We feel the darkness surrounding us. Advent is a time of patient waiting, not for rushing. We wait for the Light of Christ to break into the darkness, a light that will bring hope as it has for just over 2,000 years.

John 1:5-9 *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world."*

We are called to be, individually and collectively, a source of God's light in the world, so that all might see and give God glory. Today, somewhere in downtown Bethlehem, there is a Lutheran Church whose ministry is so filled with hope that it is actually named "Christmas Lutheran Church." A Palestinian woman works there whose name, curiously, is Angie. She describes her life as one who works to quell the fears of her people in the midst of poverty, isolation and occupation. She says that she feels she lives in a kind of open air prison because she and others are unable to leave Bethlehem to move into other parts of her country. So folks come to Christmas Church to receive instruction in everything from prenatal care to learning how to perform in improvisational theater.

"We need to provide people with active everyday hope. Our lives have become so dominated by fear and despair," she said. "We want to be shepherds of hope in a time of darkness for our people. We keep the lights on all year so that people will always know that in darkness, light will shine."

When was the last time that you were a shepherd of hope? We are to be light bearers, witnesses to the Light ...bringing hope to places of darkness, love to people in despair. As we prepare for the True Light of Christmas may this season of waiting be a rich time for all of us.



Blessings,
Rev. Debbie Scott

ALTAR FLOWERS

December 2
In Honor of
Justine Hulsey & Cameron Browning
for their Wedding

December 9
In Honor of December Birthdays
Anne Henslee & Roberta Lucas
Laura Coleman, John Strawbridge,
Robert Shindle, Marisa Olszewski,
Sean Hines, Frances Roberts
& Cathy Dryden

December 16
In Memory of John &
In Honor of Eleanor Packard
Who were Married
at Lovely Lane 60 years ago
on December 21, 1958

December 30
In Gratitude for Rev. Deb and
In Honor of
Our 51st Anniversary on December 29
By Nancy & Emora Brannan

GREETERS

December 2
Abedoh/Enos Family

December 9
Aimee & Ken Delaney

December 16
Marisa, Johnny & Daria Olszewski

December 23
Carol Curtis & John Hutchinson

December 24
Nancy & Emora Brannan

December 30
Carrie Harnick & Linda Webb

TOUR GUIDES

Dec 2	Mike Rouse
Dec 9	John Strawbridge
Dec 16	Lenore Baier
Dec 23	Carol Curtis
Dec 30	Linda Webb

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 2
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 9
Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 16
Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent 2018
Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

December 24
Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 30
First Sunday After Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

DOROTHY KRUG MATCHING CHALLENGE

With one month to go in the Dorothy Krug Challenge period, we have reached 97% of the \$100,000 goal. We are issuing at "ALL IN" appeal to active members of the congregation. We ask you to put an extra envelope (*) into the Offering Plate by December 30 so that we can cross the \$100,000 matching finish line of Dorothy's Challenge AND show full participation of all members in the challenge.

We want everyone to participate...a match for as little as \$1.00 will help get us there. This 100% participation rate will be very important to future donors to see in deciding to commit their funds to our ambitious plans to restore and renovate our beautiful building for increased congregation and community use.



(*) This special "KRUG CHALLENGE" extra envelope will be available to pick up at Sunday services on December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Or call the Church Office (410-889-1512) to get your extra envelope!

Thank you to the following:

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LITURGISTS

December 2
Maria Allen

December 9
Lessons & Carols

December 16
Carrie Harnick

December 23
John Hutchinson

December 30
Denzel Enos

From the Lay Leader...

As is my occasional tradition, I once again offer you an Advent gift; a hymn for Lovely Lane. May the joy and the hope of the season be yours.

Peace,

John Strawbridge

LAY LEADER

The Bell, The Dome and The Table

Suggested tune: MORECAMBE

Frederick Atkinson, 1870

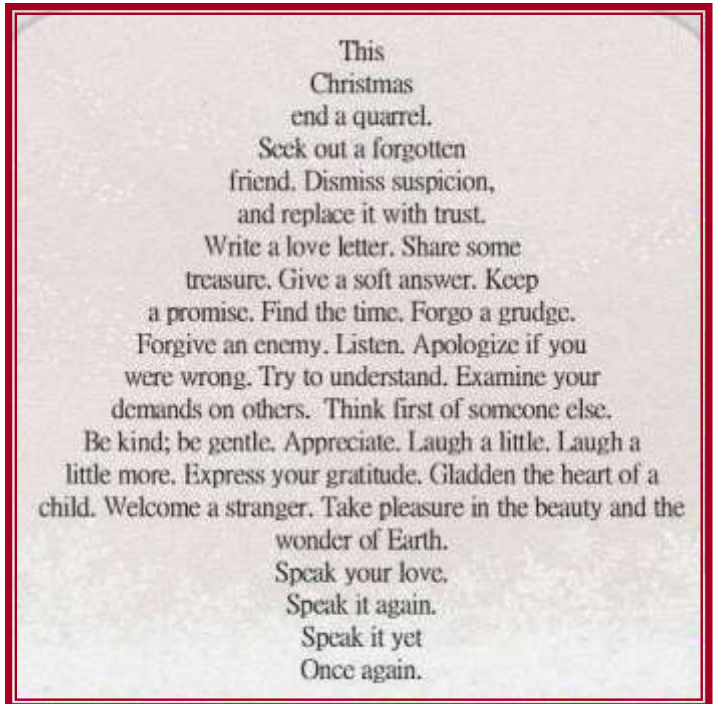
UMH #500, Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

There is a bell that stands on the altar.
Its song is clear, it rings both loud and sure.
It will not fade, nor will it yet falter.
Lord let my voice, speak your word just as pure.

There is a dome that rises overhead.
The starry sky, like heaven shines above.
Once we were lost, now by your light are led.
There's room enough for all under your love.

There is a table set with bread and wine.
It does not sag, but lifts its burden high.
The sacrifice is yours that should be mine.
You give me strength, I'll serve without a sigh.

There is a house, that's home to everyone.
God's lovely lane will take you straight and true.
Come traveler come, your lonely days are done.
A bell, a dome, a table set for you.



ADVENT 2018

Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd: Join us as we await the Christ child once again. Each service will have an opportunity to light the Advent Wreath. We will look forward to the service of Lessons & Carols on the 9th featuring our Choir.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th begins with a musical prelude at 6:45 PM and the traditional service at 7:00pm. Bring your friends and neighbors as we welcome the newborn, son of God, in our midst.

United Methodist Historical Society Meeting will be held on **December 8th** at 9:30 AM in the Museum.

Strawbridge Shrine Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 4:30 PM **December 9th**. All are invited!

Bishop's Day in the Baltimore Region will also take place on **December 9th** at Fallston UMC (1509 Fallston Rd., Fallston, MD 21047) from 3 PM- 5 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Please join us on **December 16th** in the Fellowship Hall for the **Church Council Meeting** at 12:30 PM.

OUR MISSION: To celebrate the vision of God's Good News in Jesus Christ in liturgy, learning, and life, through the revitalization of our congregation, the restoration of our building, and the strengthening of our traditions, while recognizing our unique presence and mission in Baltimore City.



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CALENDAR

Every Sunday

Worship Service - Sanctuary, 11 AM
Fellowship Hour - LL Hall & Guided Tour - Sanctuary, 12 PM
PLR Sculpture Exhibition Hours (ends 12/8) - Chapel, 12-4 PM

Every Monday

Baltimore Tai Chi - LL Hall & Conference Room, 6:30 PM

Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mother Seton Academy Basketball - Gym, 5 PM

Every Wednesday

Che Yoga - Conference Room, 6 PM
Baltimore Folk Music Society Dance - LL Hall, 7:30 PM

Every Thursday

Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry - LL Hall, 6 PM

Every Saturday

BLS Martial Arts - LL Hall, 8 AM
PLR Sculpture Exhibition Hours (ends 12/8) - Chapel, 12-4 PM

Saturday, December 1

Union Memorial UMC Tour - Sanctuary, 10 AM

Sunday, December 2

The Baltimore Print Shop Solstice Event - MG Room, 12 PM

Tuesday, December 4

BLS/PALS Spaghetti Dinner - LL Hall, 6 PM

Saturday, December 8

UM Historical Society Meeting - Ed Schell Room, 9:30 AM
Private Family Christmas Party - LL Hall, 6 PM

Sunday, December 9

Lessons & Carols - Sanctuary, 11 AM
Finance Meeting - Lovely Lane Hall, 12:30 PM
Bishop's Day - Fallston UMC, 3 PM
Candlelight Service - Strawbridge Shrine, 4:30 PM

Tuesday, December 11

Monuments to Heaven Author Group Tour - Sanctuary, 3 PM

Thursday, December 13

Waldon Studio Architects Holiday Dinner - LL Hall, 6 PM

Saturday, December 15

Baltimore STRIDE Square Dance - Lovely Lane Hall, 6 PM

Sunday, December 16

Church Council Meeting - Lovely Lane Hall, 12:30 PM

Tuesday, December 18

BLS Alumni Event - Lovely Lane Hall, 11 AM
Building Renovation Task Force Meeting - Library, 6:30 PM

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service - Sanctuary
6:45 PM - Prelude, 7 pm - Service

Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, January 1

Office Closed for Christmas & New Years Day Holiday

