

The family of Immanuel Lutheran Church welcomes you.  
We hope that you will Worship with us often.



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3184 Church Street, P.O. Box 739  
Manchester, Maryland  
"A Stephen Ministry Congregation"

Our mission as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning, and loving one another

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**  
**Sunday, December 17, 2017**  
Third Sunday of Advent

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Immanuel welcomes you to our worship today. We hope that you will feel welcome. We invite you to become a part of the ministry of Immanuel.

Please sign in on the Red Pad found at each center row pew.

The Head Usher is here to assist you at any time during the service.

Sunday School classes are offered for children 2 years old through adult. We welcome you to join our program! Contact the church office or if classes are in session, simply stop by when you are here. Classes are at 10:15am, following the Sunday service.

Registration Forms are in the back and on our website. ***Please join us!!***

Visit website for more information: [www.immannuellutheranccmd.org](http://www.immannuellutheranccmd.org).

### Worship Assistants

	<b>Sat Dec 16</b> Advent 3
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jeanne Swain
<b>Greeter</b>	Linda Black
<b>Lector</b>	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert
<b>Communion</b>	Jeanne Swain

	<b>Sun Dec 17</b> Advent 3
<b>Head Usher</b>	Frank Burnette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette
<b>Greeters</b>	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Susan Burnette
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
<b>Communion Stewards</b> (intinction)	Susan Burnette Bart Walder Audrey Shaffer -----
<b>Acolytes ~ Torch Bearers</b>	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	TBD
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Bart Walder

#### **\*Cell Phone Reminder\***

Please either turn off or silence your device during our service.

Thank you.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Our hope is that you feel welcome at the Lord's Table. We welcome all baptized Christians who proclaim with us the crucified and risen Christ's real presence as he gives us his body and blood as food and drink. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available, please let the Communion assistants know of this dietary preference. The pastor also offers a pastoral blessing at the Communion Rail for those who do not wish to receive Communion.

### **INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING**

Pastor Charlie will offer individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, before each Saturday and Sunday service.

**ADVENT CANTICLE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ELW #257 vs 5-6

5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

ELW #240 vs 3



3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si- ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.  
As we light the candles on this wreath,  
strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory.  
Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*Light three candles.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

**<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ” as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Next Week's Readings: Dec 18 ~ 24: Advent 4**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**~~ Calendar ~~**

Sun Dec 17	<b>Worship Service w Communion</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	10:30am
	Gettysburg Seminary Concert	7:00pm
Mon Dec 18	Work Day	
	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
	Al-Anon & AA	8:00pm
Tues Dec 19	Bible Study – OTR	11:00am
	Bible Study – Pastor's Home	7:00pm
	Scouts	7:00pm
Wed Dec 20	Stephen Ministries – CLV	4:30pm
	AA	7:15pm
Thur Dec 21	Chimes Practice	6:00pm
	Longest Night Service at Trinity	7:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Fri Dec 22	Pastor Day Off	
	AA & Al-Anon	8:00pm
Sat Dec 23	Poinsettia's Delivered	9:00am
	<b>Worship Service w Communion</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
	AA	6:30pm
Sun Dec 24	<b>Worship Service w Communion</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b><u>Christmas Eve Services</u></b>	
	Afternoon Service	3:00pm
	Family Service	7:00pm
	Candlelight Service	9:00pm

The **Altar Vases** are **un-sponsored** for **this weekend, December 16~17**. Please contact Altar Guild if you would like to take one or both vases of flowers after the service. The flowers will be bagged for your easy transport. Thank you.

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Center flower arrangement is in honor of  
our children and grandchildren  
by Joe and Jo Fleck  
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The **Season of Advent continues this weekend (Advent 3) and concludes through the 9am morning worship on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**. The color for Advent is blue, as displayed on the altar, lectern and pulpit parament cloths. The Advent wreath, with its four blue candles surrounding the center Christ candle, will be lit one candle in succession for each of the four weeks during Advent. Each weekend, the congregation will sing an additional verse of the traditional Advent hymn ~ “*Light One Candle*” (ELW # 240). Join us at Immanuel for this wonderful time of the year, as we prepare to make the journey to Bethlehem and witness the birth of Jesus!

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### **The Advent Wreath**

One of the best known customs for the season is the **Advent Wreath**. **This weekend**, we will light three blue candles. The wreath and winter candle-lighting, in the midst of growing darkness, strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time, itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four blue candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes, the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayer around the wreath.

(Sundays & Seasons, 2017)

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### ***Just in time for all of your holiday shopping!!***

Help Immanuel by linking your Amazon account to our Church ID. We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> Confirm Immanuel as the organization, then you are directed to the ‘regular’ Amazon webpage.

**PASTOR CHARLIE'S  
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BIBLE CHALLENGE – GET READY!**

In December, we journey through the season of Advent and into Christmas, preparing for the coming of the Lord with readings primarily from the Old Testament Prophets.

The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org) if you would like to join this private group, or if you want to receive his daily comments by email.

12/16 Habakkuk 3:2-6	12/22 Zephaniah 3:8-13	12/28 Jeremiah 31:15-17
12/17 Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11	12/23 Zephaniah 3:14-20	12/29 Isaiah 49:5-15
12/18 1 Kings 18:1-18	12/24 Isaiah 9:2-7	12/30 Proverbs 9:1-12
12/19 2 Kings 2:9-22	12/25 Isaiah 62:6-12	12/31 1 Kings 3:5-14
12/20 Malachi 3:16-4:6	12/26 Jeremiah 26:1-15	
12/21 2 Samuel 6:1-11	12/27 Exodus 33:18-23	

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL**

No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any of our Bible studies.

→ **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am.

→ **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

**\*Morning Group** meets in the Oak Tree Room at 11am on **Tuesday Dec 19** for “**See Through the Scripture**” provides a bird’s eye view of the entire Bible that will help you see how it all fits together.

**\*Evening Group topic is Message of the Prophets** and meets at the Pastor’s home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158, at 7pm on **Tuesday Dec 19**.

→ **CONFIRMATION CLASS** schedule for December has changed. Sessions will be held **at 7pm** in the **Oak Tree Room** on **Monday Dec 18**.

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Our **Annual Christmas Eve Poinsettia Sale ends TODAY, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Cost is **\$10.50 each**. If you have put off ordering your poinsettia, please order one or several by filling out a form located on the **Poinsettia bulletin board** (outside the sanctuary by the staircase).

Place your completed order form(s) with payment in the supplied envelopes and drop in the ‘**Poinsettia**’ basket on the lamp table in the office before you leave church today. All sponsored poinsettias received by TODAY will be in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Poinsettias may be picked up following the 9pm Service **or** during regular church office hours after Christmas Day.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Music and Worship!



***Please consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry!***

We currently support four various groups:

- ~ *The Sunday Adult Choir*      ~ *The Luther Men*
- ~ *The Chime Choir*              ~ *The Children's Choir*

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

**Jerry Hoffman** (Organist/Choir)

**Wayne Thomas** (Luther Men Choir)

**Audrey Moose** (Chime Choir)

**Amanda Yingling** (Children's Choir)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED** .. just help 'make a joyful noise'!

- ~**The Sunday Adult Choir**– weekly practices, Thursdays 7-8pm (Sept–May)
- ~**The Chime Choir** – practice Thursdays at 6pm (auditorium)
- ~**The Luther Men** – sing quarterly, choir room after Sunday service, as needed
- ~**The Children's Choir** – sing quarterly, practices scheduled as needed  
(special anthem, TODAY)

More information on our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board*.

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***Come help at Work Day this Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.***

Join us for any time you can, between 9am and 2pm in the Social Hall. You will have a great time of fellowship (and lunch is provided!) while helping make blankets for charity organizations.

Majority of the Work Days (held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month), quilts and blankets are made for the Linus Project. But this month we start working on patriotic blankets.



The Red, White and Blue items are made for TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). On Memorial weekend, TAPS hold '*Camp Good Grief*' in Washington DC for children who have lost a loved one in the military. The camp provides a safe place for military children to explore grief and embrace healing. Each child attending receives a handmade patriotic quilt.

~No sewing experience necessary~

There is something for everyone to do! So bring a friend with you!  
Everyone can help. And all help is appreciated.

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Donna Kreseski	Amanda Yingling	Michael Yingling
Brett Bohli	Madelyn Edwards	Lindsay Lopata
Lindsey Bohli	Ernie Martin	Donald Diseroad
Sandy Fisher	Jane Taylor	Janet Patterson
Ken Kiler	Patrick Rickell	Debbie Miller
Johnny Day	Zoe Gregg	Rachel Graf
Ricky Hoffman	Colby Trent	John Popp
Patty LaMotte	Eugene Black	Kevin Day
Todd Robinson	Susan Burnette	Barbara Skelley
Alice Warehime	Thomas Hagert	Pam Mullins

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Rodgers and Janis Hagert	December 11, 1992
Aaron and Lauren Lesser	December 11, 2010
Gregory and Donna Patterson	December 18, 2010
Harry and Jean Arbaugh	December 24, 1968
Ron and Gloria Bryant	December 25, 1964

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## **CONCERT AT GETTYSBURG**

Schola Cantorum, the choral group with which Caroline Marshall sings performs at Gettysburg Seminary Chapel. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received during intermission. Contact Caroline or Pastor Charlie for more information.

→ **THIS EVENING, Sunday, Dec 17 at 7pm**

Our annual holiday sampler of favorite performers and festive music, this year led by Wayne Hill, the Ben Jones Brass, the Gettysburg Children's Choir, and the Schola Cantorum with Stephen Folkemer on the organ.

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**LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP Thursday, Dec 21 at 7pm** is a joint worship service with Trinity UCC that offers a simple yet moving Christmas celebration for those who find it hard to rejoice this Christmas due to the stress of illness, loss, or depression. This year, the service is at Trinity UCC and will be co-led by Pastor Charlie and Pastor Suzanne.

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***Please attend the final meeting of the year for MAMA*** at Spargo's on **Thursday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, as usual) at NOON. We will have updates from the Black Friday event. Lunch is provided by MAMA.

Please RSVP to Lisa (MAMA Secretary) at 410-382-5484 or [lisaescaffi@comcast.net](mailto:lisaescaffi@comcast.net) by Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> so Spargo's has enough food prepared. If you wish to participate in our gift exchange during the party, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less.

## **2017 Holiday Worship Services**

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24

**3pm** Afternoon Service with Holy Communion

**7pm** Family Service with Holy Communion

**9pm** Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

### **CHRISTMAS EVE Worship Assistants**

	Sunday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> Afternoon Service @ 3pm	Sunday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> Family Service @ 7pm	Sunday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> Candlelight Service @ 9pm
<b>Head Usher</b>	John Gregg	Debbie Hebrank	Brian Kremen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ellen Linsenbardt	Steve Burris	Susan Burnette
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Gregg Zoe Gregg	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Terri Rill Tim Rill
<b>Lector</b>	Pete Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Rhonda Kiler Ernest Weiss Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Garth Eckhardt Chris Miller Debbie Miller John Popp	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Jennifer Robinson Todd Robinson
<b>Communion Stewards (Intinction)</b>	Rhonda Kiler Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Norman Downes Bart Walder Amanda Yingling	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Barb Yingling
<b>Acolytes ~ Torchbearers</b>	Dylan Andrews Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andy Kiler	Bart Walder	Jeremy Edwards
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Christine Crouch	TBD	TBD
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Ernest Weiss	Garth Eckhardt	Gene Yingling

### **PASTOR SUZANNE'S FAREWELL SERVICE on January 7 at 10:45am.**

Pastor Suzanne Schmidt, our neighbor at Trinity UCC, is retiring next month. The people of Trinity are inviting us to attend her farewell service on Sunday, January 7 following Immanuel's 9am Epiphany worship service. We wish Pastor Suzanne all the best as she moves into the next chapter of her life!

Weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and/or activities at Immanuel. Every attempt will be made to make the decision to cancel services or activities **two hours prior**.

**In the event of a cancellation, the message will be conveyed in the below media forms. An alternative service time is encouraged to be scheduled in consultation with the pastor.**

- WBAL Ch. 11 television closure site
- Immanuel's Facebook page
- Immanuel's Web site ([www.immanuelutherancccmd.org](http://www.immanuelutherancccmd.org))
- Immanuel's Office Phone Recorded Message (410-374-4463)

**2017 ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORSHIPS  
~ LESSONS & PRAYERS ~**

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are found on the FLOWER SPONSORSHIP CALENDAR bulletin board of the office hallway. Your written information and payment, must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved sponsorship date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin.

**Co-Sponsor with a family member or a friend to split the cost.**

Contact Altar Guild with questions.

**Prices:**           \$50 for both Altar Vases  
                          \$25 for **one vase ONLY**  
                          \$30 for Center Arrangement  
                          \$20 for Lessons & Prayers

***ONE Remaining Sponsorship Opportunity STILL AVAILABLE:***

- **December 30-31**      Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers  
    (Lessons & Carols)

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**2018 Flower Sponsorship Calendar**

The 2018 Altar Vases~Center Arrangement~ Lessons & Prayers Calendar is posted for your sponsorships. Sign-Up early and often to insure the dates you wish to sponsor. Contact Altar Guild with any questions.

**Summer Camp  
at Mar-Lu-Ridge**



Summer camp is a great place for youth and families to make friends, challenge themselves with new experiences and activities, and deepen their faith by living and working in a Christ-centered community.

**Mar-Lu-Ridge** offers a wide variety of programming for young people from ages 6-17 and families. Their tiered pricing option allows you to choose the price that best fits your budget, and Camperships are always available for those in need of assistance.

For more information, you can **download the brochure**, read more **online**, or contact the camp office with questions **by email** or at 800-238-9974.

**Registration opens on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** and Early Bird savings of \$35 off each camp are in effect until February 18<sup>th</sup> (does not apply to Day Camps).

## LOOKING AHEAD ...



### TODAY, December 16-17

#### **Advent 3**

Children's Christmas Program at 9am service  
Sunday Special Music provided by the Children's Choir  
Deadline for ALL Poinsettias Orders

### Thursday, December 21

'**Longest Night**' **Worship Service** at Trinity UCC at 7pm,  
jointly with Immanuel Co-Led by Pr Charlie and Pr Suzanne

### December 23-24

Saturday Poinsettia Delivery and Set-up at 9am  
**Advent 4** Services at 5pm Saturday and 9am Sunday  
**Sunday Christmas Eve Services:**  
**3pm** Afternoon Svs  
**7pm** Family Svs  
**9pm** Candlelight Svs

### Weekend, December 30-31

Lessons & Carols Services at 5pm and 9am

### January 6-7

#### **Epiphany Services Weekend**

Monthly Mission Weekend Special Offering for  
'Trinity UCC Building Fund'  
Sunday Coffee Hour following morning worship in Social Hall

### January 13-14

**Baptism of Our Lord Services** at 5pm and 9am  
All 2017 baptized members and families will be remembered

### January 20-21

#### **Epiphany 2**

Sunday, Music and Worship Annual Planning Meeting –  
following worship in Oak Tree room

### January 27-28

#### **Epiphany 3**

Youth Sunday

**North Carroll Middle School Food Pantry** is open every Thursday 3:30-4:30, unless schools are closed. Food is Free to anyone in need. Pantry is in a room by the parent pick up entrance in front of building next to gym. (2401 Hanover Pike Hampstead 21074) Questions or concerns: School Principal, Ralph Billings or School Counselor, Mary Dee Oxen at 410-751-3440 or mdoxen@carrollk12.org.

**The Maryland Faith Health Network** is a group of volunteers from the congregation to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital. *It is FREE and confidential.*



1. Sign up using the form in the church office or in the back of the sanctuary to receive a Network card to keep in your wallet.
  2. If you ever stay overnight in a LifeBridge Health hospital, tell them you are a part of the Maryland Faith Health Network or show them your card.
  3. Volunteers from Immanuel will help you and your family as needed.
- Sign up now! ~Judy Bixler, Immanuel Faith Health Network Liaison

## DECEMBER 2017 LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your Home Bible Study ~ Join everyone as we read through December.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Nov 27 ~ Dec 3 Advent 1	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Dec 4 ~ 10 Advent 2	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Dec 11 ~ 17 Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec 18 ~ 24 Advent 4	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 {15-20}
Dec 25 Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:{1-7}, 8-20
Dec 26 ~ 31 Lessons & Carols	Isaiah 61:10 ~ 62:3	Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

## Please remember in your prayers:

Jeff Dell	Pat Bowen	Gene Black
*Walter Ruby	Karen Schaefer	Joeann Peach
*Ardice Holbrook	Gary Southard	Jan Engman
Ann Trent	Susan Esworthy	Bill Whitehead III
Cary Myers	Paul Moffitt	Tricia
Gail Brown	Gaiser Family	Joe Fleck
Fred Davies	Gene Yingling	Mary Driver
Reid Ronayne	Ally Crossley	Daniel Woo
Dorinda Smith	Angela Locke	John & Loretta Murphy
Ann Miller	Michelle Richie	Lisa Wulforst
*Dolly Ruby	Gladys Ricketts	Katie & Brian Benden
Jan Rhoten	Janis Hagert	Denise Rickell
Robert Rhoten	Dot Matthews	Wanda Robinson
Joe Morris	Donna Marshall	Darcie Robinson
*Ginny Sellers	Wesley Martin family	Joanna Marshall Wade
Deborah Moose	Jerry Hoffman	Connie Dattilio
Elissa Snedeker	Mary Alice Steger	Tonia Files
John Leitner	*Julia Berwager	Katy Moran
*Carl Krauss	Jeff Mullins	Justin Tawney
*Romaine Harper	Carolyn Kittelberger	Desi Rill
*Paulyne Hartlaub	Bill Skelley	Greg Losiewski
*Ethel Hunt	Gary Eppley	Jackie Losiewski
Leann Eltz	Kelly McNeal	Brenda Kiler Perry
Joe Miller	Carter Murphy	
*Dick Hebrank	Maria Barczak	
Esther Miller	Jerry Betzler	
Ann Harden	Jodi Grossman	
John Marshall	Dave Jones	
Doug Brown	Jeffrey Jones	
Thelma Blizzard	Jim Federici	
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