

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

Worship at 11 a.m.

*Those who are able please stand.
Bold type for congregation to speak or sing.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *He Is Born* UMH#228

Moments of Friendship– Greet One Another in Peace

***Preparing Our Hearts**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH#224
 (verse 1,2)

Angels We Have Heard On High UMH#238
 (verse 1,3)

Call To Worship Advent Wreath *Christ Candle*
Fred & Scarlett Kellerman
 Chorus: *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Children’s Moment *Star Cookies* Rev. Bev
 (As the children come forward please sing, “*Away In A Manger*”)
 (verse 3)

Song Of Praise *Mary, Did You Know* Lowry and Greene
 Soloist: Will Proud

Prayers Of The People *Christ Candle* Rev. Bev

Scripture Meditation *Luke 1: 78,79*

Choral Anthem *Rejoice! from Sing We All Noel* Richard Kingsmore

*Scripture *Luke 1:26-33*
 (please stand as able for the scripture reading)

Sermon *Beyond The Manger* Rev. Rick

Reflection Hymn ***Angels From The Realms Of Glory*** UMH#204
 (verse 4)

Worship Through God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Christmas Meditation* Rodriguez

*Doxology ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** UMH#240
 (verse 3)

*Offertory Prayer: Gracious God– we thank you for your many gifts to us and our world. Most of all we thank you for your gift of love in and through Jesus Christ. As He offered himself for the world, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you Almighty God. Amen!

*Closing Hymn ***Joy To The World*** UMH#246
 (verse 1,4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* UMH#236
 (verse 6)

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

Ushers: Rick McClung Jesse Guills
 Doug Warren

Liturgist: Rev. Bev Van Driver: John Richardson

Hospitality: Christine Hylton Greeters: Connie McDowell
 Suzanne Criddle

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:

9am - 162 Sunday School – 100 11am - 247

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY:

General Fund Offering Last Sunday - \$23,114.50

WELCOME TO LEWISBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We are glad that you have joined us to worship God and seek God's presence. It is our desire to provide a place where you can experience personal worship of God and be part of a church family that seeks to grow in faith and glorify God. We look forward to meeting you during and after the service. Please sign the fellowship pad during the offering including your address. We want you to be comfortable during worship. Large print hymnals, hearing devices and booster seats for children are all available. Just ask an usher and she or he will be glad to help you. An infant, toddler & pre-school nursery is also available during both Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School. Nursery pagers are given to parents so that you can be assured that you can be reached at any time if your child needs you.

The rosebud on the Altar is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Bryn Nicole Hill, granddaughter of Ronnie and Christine Hylton. Baby Bryn was welcomed on December 7th to the proud parents, Jessica & Derek Hill, and her big brother, Ryan.

Youth Scoop

No Huddle tonight! See you January 8 = Huddle Lo @ 5pm, Huddle Hi @ 6pm @ Huddle House!

Sweet Sneak to Dairy Queen on January 3rd, 3:15-5:00pm. Pick up at 5:00pm at HUDDLE House.

Children’s Ministry=

Children's Choir and Handchimes will not have practice on December 28th. We will resume practice on Wednesday, Jan 4th at the regular times.

BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS=

“*Lighting Our Lamps With the Star of Bethlehem*”, led by Annette L. Moore on January 1st at 10:00am. Find the heart of Christmas by exploring scriptures, poems, reflecting on traditions, and bringing his warm light into our lives.

LIFE GROUP will be lead by Diana Godbey for the month of January! Join us Sundays @ 10am

Office News=

Our Children’s Outreach & Communications Coordinator, Gloria Beverage will be transferring into our LUMC preschool as a three year old teacher. Sarah Hann will join our Ministry Staff as our new Children’s Outreach & Communications Coordinator beginning January 1st. We welcome each of them in their new positions with our church.

The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, December 26th and on Friday, December 30th.

LOOKING AHEAD=

WINTER RETREAT AT LUMC

FOR WOMEN, MEN, TEENS AND CHILDREN!! JANUARY 20TH & 21ST. A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR EVERYONE AS OUR RETREAT LEADERS, PASTORS HUB AND BRENDA BLANKENSHIP TAKE US THROUGH THE BOOK OF RUTH, USING MUSIC, STORYTELLING AND LIFE GIVING SCRIPTURE. THE COST IS \$25.00 FOR ONE PERSON OR \$35.00 FOR A FAMILY. REGISTER BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 304-645-2727.

