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**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011
8:30 AM Worship Service**

Welcome to ***Uplift!*** We're glad you're here today! If you are our guest today, we have an Uplift guest card in the pew pocket for you to complete. For your small children, a nursery is located through the right front sanctuary door. **Hearing assistance devices are also available from our *Uplift* sound team.** We welcome you and look forward to worshipping with you today. We invite you to enter into worship just as you are. Now is the time to worship!

Message..... Rev. Alex Martin

"Tidings of Comfort"
Isaiah 40:1-11 (Pew Bible Page # 511)

During the time of commitment, you are invited to make public any decision you may have regarding acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior, rededication of life, or church membership.

You may also come to the altar to pray.

Worship, Sound, and Technical Assistance provided by Uplift Worship Team

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Good Shepherds: Sylvia Gentry (710-0727) Mike Francis (786-9704)
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10:55 AM Worship

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL” - WE GATHER

Prelude *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*arr. Smith/Hustad
Welcome to Worship..... Rev. Alex Martin
*Fellowship & Greeting Time
Call to Worship *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*Ambrose
Invocation..... Brent Hull

“HOW GREAT OUR JOY” - WE WORSHIP

Carol of Praise *“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!”*No. 181
(Stanzas 1, 2, & 4)
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Sam and Becky Critz & Family
The Church Family at Prayer..... Rev. Alex Martin
Children’s Message..... Debbie Howlett
(Children 4 years through 2nd grade may exit for Children’s Worship.)
*Carol of Giving *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*No. 196
*Offertory Prayer.....
Offertory *“How Great Our Joy!”* arr. Bailey
*Doxology No. 668

“DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR” - WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading..... **Isaiah 40:1-11** Rev. Alex Martin
(Pew Bible Page #511)
Choral Mediation *“Longing for the Light”* arr. Martin
Alex and Teresa Martin—soloists
Message *“Tidings of Comfort”* Rev. Alex Martin
*Carol of Response *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*No. 188

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“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” - WE DEPART TO PROCLAIM

*Closing Comments & Prayer..... Rev. Alex Martin
*Congregational Response *“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”*.... Traditional/Wade
*Postlude *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*arr. Hughes

***Congregation please stand.**

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Prayer Concerns (as of December 1, PM)

Use our On-line Prayer Concern Form at:

<http://www.calvarybcmtairy.org/Forms/PrayerForm.htm>

Recent Additions to our Prayer Concerns

Jim Armbrister, friend of Gray Shelton; **Kim Bowman**, co-worker of Keith Doyle; **Laken Cheek**, member of our community; **Sylvia Cornett**, Sandra Dunbar's sister; **Leonard Davenport**, Faye Jarrell's brother; **Claude King**; **Mary Lou Lawson**, grandmother of Julie Gurley's friend; **Bill Nowlin**; **Steve Page**, Sandra Byrd's nephew; **Joanie & Austin Riggs**; **Joan Storie**, church member of Chris Dotson; **Don Thompson**

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of **Norma Ella Hill Jarrell** in her death, cousin of Kester & Rachel Jarrell and Norris & Faye Jarrell

Second Sunday



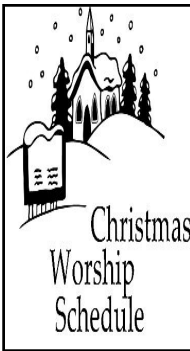
(The 1st Candle Is Lit) The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

On this second Sunday of Advent, we continue preparing our hearts and our lives for the arrival of the Christ Child. But how can we ever be ready? There is so much to do; and even when we manage to get caught up, old wounds and current challenges get in the way of the joy we long to experience. But God is our light; and because He is with us, we know that we don't need to be afraid. **(The 2nd Candle Is Lit)**

Today, we light the second candle of our Advent Wreath, and we pray – that by its light – we will find the comfort that comes to us through Jesus, who is Emmanuel – God with us.

People: Let us declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

Ministers	Our Church Family
Pastor	Rev. Alex Martin (e-mail— pastoralex@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Minister of Music	Rev. Stephen Farrar (e-mail— steve@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Administrative Assistant	Billie Doyle (e-mail— billie@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Office Assistant.....	Ann Richardson (email— ann@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Organist	Carolyn Greene
Pianist	Jean Williamson
Custodian.....	Carlos Delfin
Audio Engineers	Phil Hiatt, Danny Lineberry



Sunday, December 18—No Uplift Service
 Sunday School—9:45 AM
 Choir Cantata—10:55 AM
 Children's Musical—6:00 PM

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 25—No Uplift Service
 No Sunday School
 Worship Service—10:55 AM

VOCE presents *Christmas Blessings* on December 10 at 4:00 pm at Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy. The choir will present a variety of music that ranges from beautiful sacred Christmas classics to heart-warming songs that will get you in the holiday spirit. Guest performers are Melva Houston and Doug Reeves. If you would like to get an advance ticket (\$10 each), you can get one from either Stephen Farrar or Mark Merritt, who directs the ensemble.



Tapestry of Light



A Celtic Christmas Celebration

By Joseph M. Martin

Come and join us on
Sunday, December 18
 at **10:55 A.M.**

as the Adult Choir leads us through traditional carols drawn from the British Isles (Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England), and scripture readings that celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise to send us the light of Christ.

Join us for the Children's Musical Performance

Arrest These Merry Gentleman

Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM



If any class or group sponsored a child from Franklin Elementary School, please remember to deliver your gifts to the Salvation Army's satellite distribution center on Renfro Street beside Ollie's before 2:00 PM on December 14th.



Chrismon Tree

. Bring your unwrapped gifts to church, beginning December 4.

.Special gift collection at the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 18.

.All gifts will minister to children through the Shepherd's House and Blue Ridge HOPE (shelter for domestic violence)

Church Statistics

Budget Year 10/01/11 thru 11/27/11	Budget to Date	Receipts to date	Expenditures to date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$75,480.75	\$70,450.08	\$52,329.07	\$18,121.01
Debt Retirement	\$2,037.69	\$3,704.09	\$329.02	\$3,375.07
Transportation	\$679.23	\$462.08	\$13.60	\$448.48
Debt Reduction Funds Available: \$23,584.76 Loan Balance as of November 1: \$ 46,406.72 If you have questions concerning the budget contact any member of the Finance Committee.				
Date	Bible Study	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
11/27/11	198	89	179	268



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 4

8:30 AM Uplift
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Traditional Worship
4:00 PM Christmas Musical Rehearsal
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 AM Women In Mission—Soup Day
6:15 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 PM J.O.Y. Luncheon
6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM Christmas Musical Rehearsal
6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

7:00 PM Praise Team Practice

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Uplift
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Traditional Worship
4:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 PM B.Y.W. Cookie Stomp

Wednesday, December 14

4:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal
6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15

5:00 PM Friends Feeding Friends
7:00 PM Praise Team Practice

Saturday, December 17

10:00 AM Choir Dress Rehearsal
2:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal





Today @ 4:00 PM—Christmas Musical Rehearsal
Today @ 5:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 6 @ 8:30 AM—Women In Mission
Tuesday, December 6 @ 6:15 PM—Grief Share
Wednesday, December 7 @ 12:00 PM—J.O.Y. Luncheon

The Women In Mission will meet Tuesday, December 6 at 8:30 AM to make soup.



The J.O.Y. Group will meet December 7 at noon. Elizabeth Folger and Carolyn Greene will have the program. Please join us; bring a guest, a dish, and a dollar. Start the Christmas season with joy and fellowship.



Connect with Calvary through “One Call Now”

Hopefully, you have received (or will soon receive) a letter explaining our church’s recent decision to provide better communication with our members through a phone, email and text messaging service called “*One Call Now.*” In order to help us make the most of this tool in the most cost effective way, we are asking each family at Calvary to provide us with the single, best telephone number for us to call with updates on the life of our church. Response cards that allow you to share this information were mailed with the letter, but these cards are also available in the church office, in Sunday School class boxes, and in the worship bulletin on December 4th. (The card also allows you to share email addresses and alternate phone numbers, and to let us know if you’d like to receive updates via text message.) If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office. Please complete a card and return it to us as soon as possible.

International Christmas Offering

Once again during the Christmas season, we will receive offerings for international missions and missionaries. All offerings given will go to missionaries serving on the field around the world. Offering options are Global Missions (CBF), Lottie Moon (SBC), and our own missionary family, Andy and Cari Robertson.



Special International Missions Offering envelopes will be available in each of the information centers; an envelope will also be inserted in your December 11 bulletin for your convenience. Begin now to pray for what the Lord will lead you to give. Our goal is \$3000.

Total Collected To Date: \$1,327.02

Helpful Reminders

Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	December 11	December 18
Bed Babies—4 years	Rachel Harris, Jill Cawley	Sandra Dunbar, Belinda Goings
Children’s Church	TBA	TBA
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /Toddlers	Janet McPherson, Thelma Shelton	Anne Forrest, Carolyn Underwood
2 - 4 Year Olds	Julie Warren, JoAnn Surratt	Johnny & Mary Lynn Goins
Children’s Church	Ashley Mills, Stephanie Hawks	Deena and Molly Martin