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ORDER OF WORSHIP
 Sunday, December 15, 2019
 Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Pageant

The People of the Rockville United Methodist church

WE COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

GATHERING MEDITATION

Thank You for the joy of the Lord, which is my strength and stay. Help me always to rejoice in Your joy and to remain in Your love so my joy might be full and so that Your joy may well up in my heart and overflow to others – to the glory of Your name.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolyte - Sienna Spicer

THE SERVICE BEGINS WITH OUR CARILLON CHIMES

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Come, Little Children"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Mariah Shivers

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

People: for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

OPENING PRAYER Leah Corne

God, our hearts sing with joy and praise because of Jesus. At this Happy season, we rejoice that Jesus came among us. By his birth and life, he has shown us that we are your people and that we are greatly loved. Help us to remember Christmas all year long by giving others the gifts of life: hope, peace, joy, love, kindness, and understanding. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING "Candle of Joy" The Corne Family

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:

- Isaiah 9: 6-7** Angels: Giada Shivers & Andalaysia Cortes
- Matthew 1: 18-25** Angel: Anna Gerow; Joseph: Jack Longo
- GSM** "Midnight Clear/Love Song"
- Luke 2: 1-7** Mary: Charlotte Gerow
- Luke 2: 8-14** Angel: Anna Gerow; Shepherd: Nico Velásquez
- GSM** "Hark the Harold Angels Sing/ King of Heaven Come Down"
- Luke 2: 15-20** Shepherd: Nico Velásquez
- Matthew 2: 1-11** Three Kings: Andrew Velásquez, Lucas Velásquez, & Zachary Velásquez
- GSM** "He Shall Reign Forever"
- "One Solitary Life"** - Anonymous Author Jacob Gerow
- Sheep/Cow: Luke Longo

Calendar

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		Bible Study	6:30 pm
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		Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 pm
		Senior Choir	7:00 pm
Friday	12/20	Whole Life Party	9:00 a,
		Youth Group Party	7:00 pm
Saturday	12/21		
Sunday	12/22	Worship	10:00 am
		Family Night	4:00 pm

Roast Pork Lunch

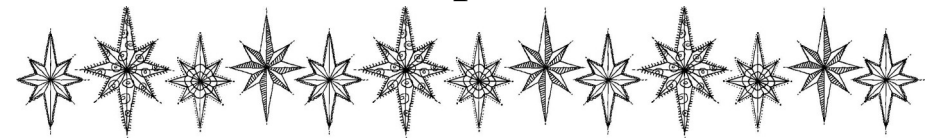
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JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Messiah Overture"

Nat Woodruff on flute

Ushers: Arielle Shivers, Mariah Shivers, Gabby Spicer, Katie Valle

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

"Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy"

GSM

*BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT LEADS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"



Advent Bible Study - "Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton

December 4, 11, & 18 - 6:30 pm

December 5, 12, 19 - 10 am

Lesson and Activity

Led by Pastor Cheol and David Saunders

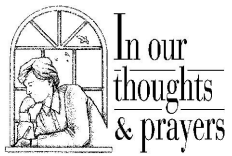
Youth Group Christmas Party December 20th

Youth Group Christmas Party Dec 20- with Van Hall, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. We will have pizza, cupcakes, and beverages. Van Hall will host a game night for us. **Bring in a non-gender grab bag gift under \$5.00. Friends are always welcome; have them bring in a \$5 grab bag also.**

RUMC Family Night December 22, 2019 4 pm

Carol Sing, Praise Band, Bell Choir and a special guest.

The asterisk () indicates when the congregation is invited to stand, if able, during the service. The prayers, hymns and responses printed in the bulletin are copied under CCLI License #1374038*



Our Church Family

Marie Pierce—medical
 Lucy Maupin – medical
 Norine Veal—medical
 Finn Halladay—medical
 Linda Thouin—medical
 Ginny Hickton—medical
 Judy Wilkie—medical
 Ray Clark—medical
 John Ward - medical

Missionary

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Accion Medica Christiana,
 Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White,

Green Street UMC,
 Augusta, ME

Special Needs

Nick - medical
 Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery
 Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters
 Colin Thorn - medical
 Vetta - family tragedy
 Bob Hornbecker
 Rob Cook—medical
 Domanik—healing
 Anonymous— sobriety
 Betty Ann Oppelt—medical & spiritual
 Tami Rizner—medical
 Staci Rizner - medical
 Jade - medical
 Paige - medical
 Brandon Holder - medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

Esther Harris-home
 Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield Manor
 Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW
 Vita Aiello-Fox Hill
 Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania
 Kay Lyke - Crestfield Manor
 Irene Surette—home
 Harry Thomas - Woodlake
 Janet McKercher—White Oaks
 Norine Veal—Woodlake
 Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
 Ray Clark - home
 Jane Thomas-home
 John Ward - home
 June Latkofsky - home

If you would like to make additions and/or deletions from this prayer list, please contact the church office at 875-6562 or RockvilleUMC@outlook.com
 We will rotate names every 30 days.

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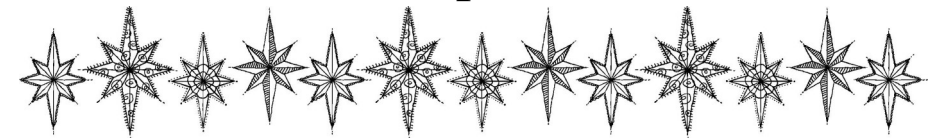
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