

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Worship: 8, 9:30, & 11am
Theme: Wonder

Wonder is a response that shows up again and again in the stories of Advent and Christmas and it's our theme for the season here at SPUMC. Join us for worship throughout the month of December as we see Zechariah struck silent by wonder, witness Mary & Elizabeth wondering what God is up to, hear Mary's wonderful song about God's revolution of love, and wonder as we wander to Bethlehem with the shepherds. What a wondrous season!

December 3: Zechariah

December 10: Elizabeth

December 17: Wonder Woman Mary

December 24 (Morning): Shepherds

December 24 (Evening):

The Christmas Story

Worship at 5, 7, 9, & 11pm

EVENTS

Carols, Cookies, & Crafts

Carols, Cookies, and Crafts is a gathering for families on **Sunday, December 3** from **4-6pm**. Join us to sing carols, decorate sugar cookies & gingerbread houses, and make crafts & gifts. Bring hors d'oeuvres or cookies to share. All are welcome to this inter-generational event.

Sisterhood Christmas Tea

Women from around the church will gather on **Sunday, December 10** from **1:30-3:30pm** for the annual Christmas Tea. Just a few tickets left! Get yours in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

Blue Christmas Worship

The Christmas Season can be a hard time for people dealing with grief or loss. You are invited to a service of healing and hope, on **Sunday, December 10** at **4pm** in the sanctuary. Through music and prayer, we will reflectively celebrate Emmanuel, God with us.

UMYF Christmas Party

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will have their annual Christmas party with games, contests, cookie decorating, and good food on **December 10** at **5pm**.

STUDY

"Christmas Gifts That Won't Break"

A study by James Moore that coincides with the four candles of the Advent wreath: hope, love, joy, and peace, led by Dick Legare and Nancy Landers. Sundays at 9:30am. December 3, 10, & 17.

"Down to Earth"

A challenge by Mike Slaughter & Rachel Billups to respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle, and obedience.

Mondays at 7pm. December 4, 11, & 18.

Led by Rev. Lee Ferrell.

Tuesdays at 7pm. December 5, 12, & 19.

Led by Rev. Ron Foster.

"Awaiting the Already"

By Magrey deVega. See how each gospel prepares us for Christmas, led by Chip Linehan.

Wednesdays at 7pm. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, & 20.

A Biblical Look at Advent

Explore: Waiting for a Savior, The Savior Comes, and Living in Hope, led by Rev. Byron Brought.

Wednesdays at 11am. December 6, 13, & 20.

Advent LIVE!

An online group for young adults and young families discussing how to **#choosekind**, Led by Rev. Carissa Surber and Erica Benjamin. Visit tinyurl.com/adventlive and click "join."

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Live on Facebook at 12:30pm, Mondays & Thursdays starting November 27.

Advent Devotional

We're providing an Advent Devotional for your own personal preparation. Pick up a copy of **Pauses for Advent: Words of Wonder** by Trevor Hudson and prepare your heart for Christmas!

#CHOOSEKIND

Advent Giving Tree

Live generously this Christmas season by fulfilling a need from the Advent Giving Tree. The tree will be up in the Fellowship Hall beginning **Sunday, November 26**. By taking a card from the tree you can make a child's Christmas brighter through our Backpack Buddies ministry, get a present for a child living on Wilkens Ave., help Heaven's Kitchen provide warm food for the Brooklyn Community and much more. This is a great opportunity for families to participate in missions together. Contact Rev. Carissa for more information. csurber@severnaparkumc.org

Heaven's Kitchen

On **Saturday, December 23**, volunteers and guests will gather for a special meal at Heaven's Kitchen (our meal ministry in Brooklyn, MD). We need as much help as possible to make this meal hospitable, grace-filled, and tasty. If you would like to volunteer contact Chip. boxslsman@aol.com

Intentional Acts of Kindness

Thanks to the generosity of a family from our church, we have an opportunity for the first fifty people who sign up to receive \$100 to turn into an **intentional act of kindness** (or several) by combining your compassion and imagination to make a difference for someone else. The only "rules:" you commit to being *intentional* about passing on this blessing and we're asking that you share the story with us of what you did. The joy starts on **Sunday, December 3** during morning worship!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Grab a SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) tote bag and put one food item in it each day of Advent. Return the bag to Fellowship Hall on Christmas Eve or the following Sunday. The bags will supply SPAN's food pantry. Contact Francie for more information. fas925@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship: 9 & 11am
5, 7, 9, & 11pm

We offer six different worship services on Christmas Eve for people of all ages. Children are welcome at every service, though families will find that our 9 & 11am and 5pm services are especially geared towards kids.

9am: Family Contemporary Service

- Christmas stories with Erica & Rev. Carissa
- Christmas Carols led by our Worship Bands
- Relaxed for our youngest worshippers

11am: Family Christmas Pageant Service

- Christmas pageant featuring our 2nd graders
- Traditional Christmas Carols
- Brief Christmas message by Rev. Lee

The Sunday School Art Show is in Fellowship Hall between our two family services.

5pm: Family Traditional Service

- Special Christmas story time for kids
- Traditional Christmas Carols
- Brief Christmas message by Rev. Ron

7pm: Contemporary Christmas Service

- Christmas Carols led by our Worship Bands
- Candlelighting
- Christmas Message by Rev. Carissa

9pm: Traditional Christmas Service

- Music by Brass Quintet, Bells, & Christmas Choir
- Carols & Candlelighting
- Christmas Message by Rev. Ron

11pm: Traditional Christmas Service

- Music by Brass Quintet, Bells, & Christmas Choir
- Holy Communion & Candlelighting
- Christmas Message by Rev. Byron



Wonder

Advent & Christmas 2017
at Severna Park UMC