

Ways to give at Mallard Creek



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Giving Back to God

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Join Pastor Rob for his Sunday Bible Study.
It is held at 6:30 pm at zoom



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MCPC hosts Room in the Inn every other Thursday night December through March

Event Schedule Winter 2023 - 2024


- December:
• 12/07 and 12/21
January:
• 01/04 and 01/18
February:
• 02/01, 02/15 and 02/29
March:
• 03/14 and 03/28

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- Dec. 3** Children's Musical at **9:30 AM**
Advent Communion at **10:30 AM**
Teens and Youth are going Christmas caroling for our homebound folks at **4 PM**
- Dec. 17** Choir Cantata at **10:30 AM**
- Dec. 24** Morning Christmas Eve Service at **10:30 AM**
Family Christmas Eve Service at **5:00 PM**
Candlelight Communion Service at **7:00 PM**
- Dec. 31** New Year's Eve Watch Service at **10:30 AM**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM SERVICE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER!

There will be an Advent Devotional available on the church Facebook page during December (hard copies will be available in the Gathering Space)



The Lunch Bunch program for Tuesday, December 19
will be our Christmas Party, singing Christmas Carols, having a Cookie Exchange (bring 3 dozen cookies), and a White Elephant gift exchange.
This will be lots of fun so please join us.

A Celtic Christmas Celebration



SEASON OF JOY

Choir Cantata

Dec 17

10:30 am

Through the month of November and December we will be collecting items to make Christmas Boxes for homebound people through Meals on Wheels. Below is the list of what we're collecting.

Thank you!

EXAMPLES:
BATHROOM ITEMS, HAND MIRROR WITH STAND ANNUAL WALL CALENDARS, FESTIVE SOCKS OR SLIPPERS (ONE SIZE FITS ALL PLEASE), LARGE PRINT WORD PUZZLES AND SUDUKOS, WRITING MATERIALS, STAMPS/ENVELOPS, SOFT/WARM BLANKETS, OTHER CHRISTMAS-THEMED ITEMS (NOTHING BREAKABLE OR FRAGILE PLEASE), AND BIG CHRISTMAS BOXES TO PACK THE STUFF IN

NOV 1ST - DEC 15TH

MEALS ON WHEELS CHRISTMAS BOX

ITEM DRIVE

DROP OFF IN THE GATHERING SPACE!



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The Lord's Day, December 03, 2023



Thank you for your support

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT! YOUR DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP REDUCE OUR 2023 SHORT FALL

Happy Holidays

Sunday School Classes & Locations

- Age 0-2 – Nursery
- Age 3-5 – Preschool Classroom
- 1st-4th grade – Youth Club room
- 7th-12th grade – Teen room
- Young and Middle Adults – Garrison Martin classroom
- Older Adults – Morrison classroom
- Confirmation Class – Upstairs in the Education Building

A Service of Worship
Go Tell It on the Mountain

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF HOPE
Call to Worship

J. Wayne Kerr
Rev. Hunter Roddey
The Baker Family
Rev. Rob Watkins

Leader Arise, shine—the light of God dawns all around us!
People Our Savior comes to us to abide with us now and always!
 Leader Sing songs of joy and offer shouts of praise and adoration!
People We have beheld his glory—the glory of a Son for his Father!
 Leader Worship the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving!

Prayer of Invocation
† Hymn #124 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession Rev. Rob Watkins

Gracious God
As we gather at your table this day, we first confess all that keeps us from being fully present. We confess how even in this season of hope and light, we allow the darkness to take hold. We confess how little we expect and how often we assume the worst. We confess how unready we are to welcome a new the Christ Child and hope everlasting.
In your mercy, redeem us from the darkness. Dispel the clouds of doubt and cynicism. Let your light shine before us and within us. Allow the hope of Christ to fill our hearts, lead our minds, and guide our hearts.
Through the blessed Jesus we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon
† Passing of the Peace
Time with Children

Offertory *Silent Night/Joy to the World* Arr. Carolyn Stevens
 Angela and Dave Duet

† Doxology
 Scripture Lesson Mark 13:24-31
 Sermon "Waiting and Watching and Words" Rev. Hunter Roddey
 Musical Meditation *Light of the World* David Lantz
 MCPC Choir Anthem

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer
 Words of Institution
 Sharing of the Bread & Cup
 Prayer

† Hymn #128 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

† Benediction
 Postlude *God Rest You Merry* Wilbur Held

† All who are able are invited to stand.

This week at Mallard Creek	
Sunday, December 03	
9:00 am	Fellowship Time
9:30 am	MCPC Kids' Christmas Musical
10:30 am	Worship Service in Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Youth and Teens Christmas Caroling
6:30 pm	Bible Study -zoom
Tuesday, December 05	
10:30 am	Circle of Mary Anna
5:30 pm	Girls Scouts
Wednesday, December 06	
6:00 pm	Bible Study (Garrison-Martin)
7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, December 07	
10:00 am	Joy Ringers
4:30 pm	Room in The INN
6:00 pm	Circle of Rebekah and Ruth
Saturday, December 09	
3:00 pm	Boy scout Troop 148 Eagle Court of honor ceremony and dinner

Please do not forget – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today. **Thank you**

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Rob Watkins
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Hunter Roddey
Transitional Associate Pastor

Ms. Amanda Booth
Financial Manager

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Youth club and teens will meet together Sunday Dec 03 for caroling. They plan on meeting from 4-6. Thank you!!




Rowan Thomas Fuller, born 11/20/2023 to proud parents TJ and Macy Fuller. His proud grandparents are Tom and Robin Fuller.



Circle of Rebekah and Ruth will be meeting on **Thursday 12/07 after they serve the meal to Room in the Inn neighbors.** They usually meet the first Monday of each month at 6pm, but decided to do their December meeting after serving the meal.

Folks please place your **pledge cards** in the offering plate during worship. You will find your 2024 **contribution envelopes** in the Gathering Space. Thank you.



OFFICERS ON DUTY
ELDERS: Nancy Busch , Harvey Alexander , Perry Deaton
DEACONS: Leigh Johnson, Jean MacNeil, Andrew Coore, Allston Oehler, Chris Mingus

A Note For Parents With Small Children:
 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience. Here are a few reminders:
 1. There are Children's Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.
 2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick "time out" during the service.
 3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs 09:30 am
 Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.

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| Reggie Dunham - close friend of Tammy Sheehan | Tommy Oehler | Doris Dearmon | Linda Benfield |
| Brenda Dodds - friend of Sara Haynes | Shirley Hunter | Cecil Massey | Donna Seaford |
| Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison | Juanita Untz | Roy Kinnamon | Suggie Christenbury |
| Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll | Ruby Downing | Tommy Almond | David Whitmire |
| Steve Sechler— brother in law of Mack | Donnie Oehler | Ken Christenbury | Carolyn Sheehan |
| Linda Taylor - sister-in-law of Nancy Busch | Beth Massey | Judith Rankin | Lynn Kelley |
| Caroline Williams | Ann Brown | Carlita Hunter | Ralph Brand |
| Joey Munday— Mack's friend | Jane Geracimos | Elizabeth King | Dale McLaughlin |
| JW and Vivian Avant | Patsy Oehler | Mary Huber | Mike Maddux |
| Lois Spradley's granddaughter, Danika | Donny Brown | Bobby Brown | PRAYER LIST |
| The Lapalombella Family, including Mary Snow | | Blanche Hodges— Aunt in law of Bonnie | |