



# LEETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 17, 2017

## Shepherd

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

JOYS AND CONCERNS / PRAYER



**\*INTROIT:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse 3) #211  
As the acolyte brings in the Light of the World, please be in an attitude of prayer and worship.

**\*BLESSING FOR OTHERS:**

Dear Jesus,

I know I'm very blessed today, spending time with my family, having a yummy dinner, and getting to open presents, but I know there are many people who won't get those things today. Please send those people lots of blessings, and let them know that someone was thinking about them on Christmas! Help me see how I can bless other people more too! In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #236

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**ANTHEM:** "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child" Choir

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / \*DOXOLOGY:** #95

**\*HYMN:** "The First Noel" #245

**MESSAGE:** "Here Comes Santa Claus"

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220

**\*PRAYER OF PARTING:**

We thank you God for...  
Every prayer we have prayed  
Every song we have sung  
All the things we have learned  
All the laughter and fun  
Thank you for all the joy you bring  
And our wonderful times together  
May we walk with you as each new day begins  
This day and forever. Amen.

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL AMEN:** #898

*\*The Congregation stands, if able, to praise God!*



# 25 Days of Christmas Activities

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 have a <b>COLORING CONTEST</b>	1 Make hot chocolate 	2 <b>GAME NIGHT!</b>	3 Random act of Kindness 	4 Decorate Christmas Cards 
5 Go Ice Skating	6 Decorate a gingerbread house 	7 Read a Christmas book 	8 Sing Christmas carols 	9 Research Christmas in another country
10 Create a homemade gift 	11 Attend a play 	12 Watch a version of <i>A Christmas Carol</i>	13 Drive around town and look at Christmas lights 	14 <b>BUILD A          SNOWMAN</b>
15 Work-out!	16  <b>TAKE PICTURES OF          THE SNOW</b>	17 Try a Pinterest craft	18 Bake cupcakes for local firefighters or officers 	19 Make a no-sew fleece blanket
20 Eat candy canes	21 <b>BUILD A FORT</b>	22  Watch family videos	23  try a new recipe	24 Read Matthew 1-2. Have a great Christmas!

## 24<sup>th</sup>: CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30 Worship; 10:45 Sunday School

7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

11 PM Marvin Chapel Candlelight Service

for Unto Us  
 a Child  
 is Born





**ANNOUNCEMENTS for DECEMBER 17, 2017**

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**OUR DISCIPLESHIP FOR DECEMBER:**

**Liturgist...**

**Today...**Peggy LaGray

**Next week...**Charlotte Bennett

**Greeters & Ushers...**

Sonny Lilly & Jim Burrows

**Acolyte / Open-Close...**

**Children's Message...**

**Today...**Charlotte Bennett

**Next week...**Charlotte Bennett

**Children's Church...**

Pat Walker



**CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE...**A gentle reminder that we're still accepting your Christmas cards for those in our congregation. Simply place them in our "Christmas mailbox" and we'll take care of the rest!



**SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS...**Today at 4 PM, St. Agnes Catholic Church (106 South Duke Street, Shepherdstown) will present a musical Christmas performance featuring the St. Agnes choir, instrumentalists and a community sing-along. Bring your friends and family to get in the holiday spirit with inspirational Christmas sounds and refreshments. The performance is free, but cash donations will be collected to help provide Christmas to local families and individuals, such as Maria's Family Project, and other community projects.

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 12-10-17**

Attendance: 29 – **Offering: \$714.50** – Helping Hands: \$5 – Board of Child Care: \$27.75

Virtual Poinsettias: \$270

**AMOUNT NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET BUDGET...**\$1,379



# DECEMBER



**TODAY: Third Sunday of Advent--  
Special presentation by the Youth**

**20<sup>TH</sup>: 9:30 AM Advent Walk "The Journey" concludes**

**24<sup>th</sup>: CHRISTMAS EVE--**



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**31<sup>ST</sup>: Watchnight—Welcome 2018!**

# JANUARY



**20<sup>TH</sup> : Statistical Reports due to the Conference**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To share Christ's message and  
make God's love a reality for everyone.