



Advent & Christmas

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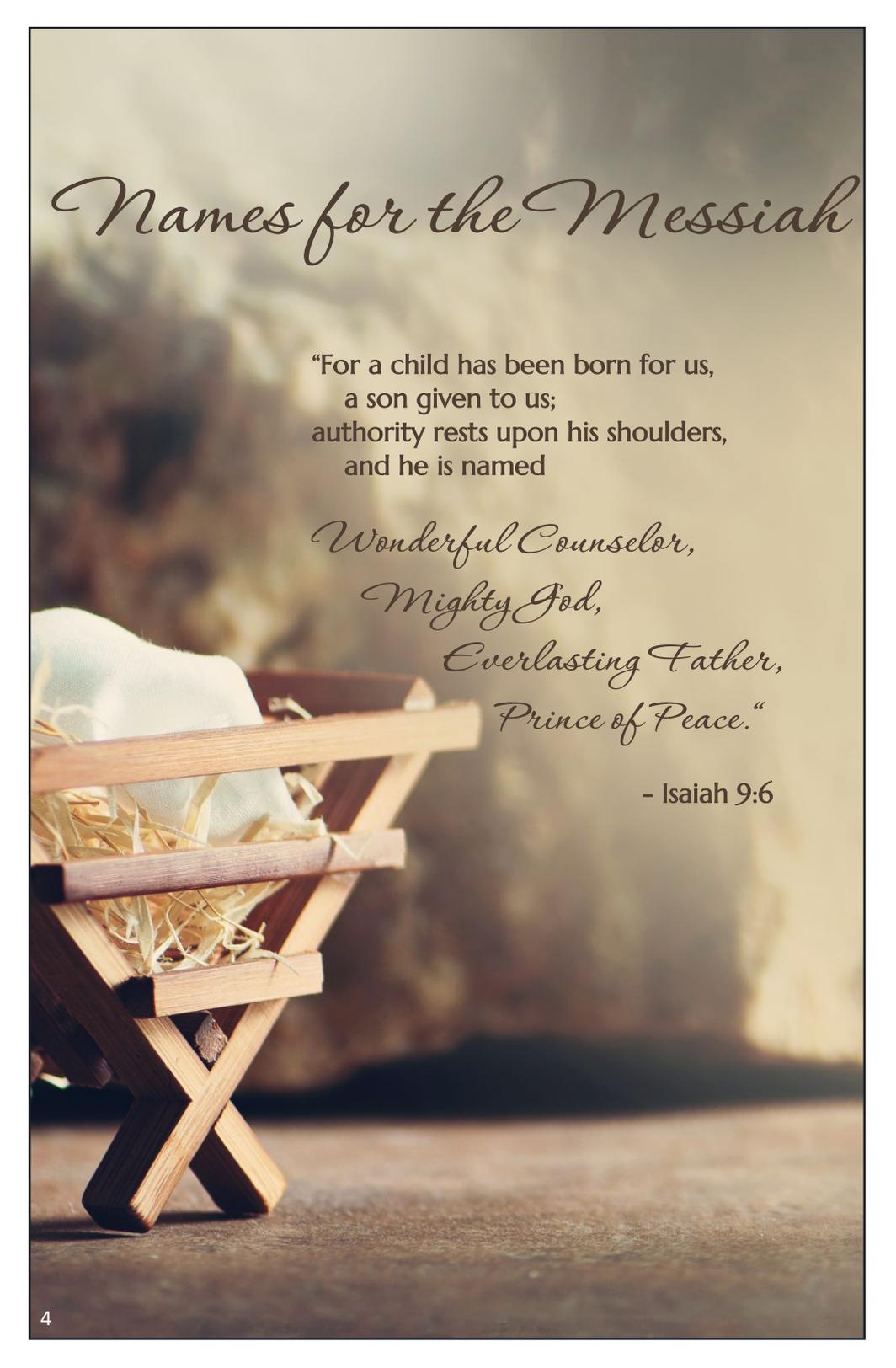


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Names for the Messiah

“For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named

*Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”*

- Isaiah 9:6

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Each week during Advent, we will consider one of the four titles for Jesus named in Isaiah 9:6. Our sermon series is based on the book, *Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study*, by Walter Brueggemann.

Names for the Messiah ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Take a deeper dive into the sermon series this Advent by joining a book discussion group. Pastor Will is leading two discussion groups: Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in person in the Chapel, and Thursdays at noon on Zoom. Classes begin November 30/December 1, and will conclude on December 21/22.

Books can be purchased at the church for \$12 each.

To sign up for the Advent study, use this QR code or visit centreville-umc.org.



Deck ^{the} Halls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

EMBRACE THE UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON WITH US!

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Put on your favorite Christmas sweater and enjoy the sounds of Christmas music, as we gather together to adorn the church with garlands, trees, lights, and bows.

Younger children (preschool through grade 6) have the option to join Mrs. Joy and ZebbyDee during this time to play games, make ornaments, and decorate the children's Christmas trees.

6:15 - 7:00 PM

Break (corn)bread with your church family over a chili dinner.

7:00 - 7:30 PM

Enjoy a special worship service to consecrate the church adornments and prepare our hearts for Advent.

Sign up using this QR Code
or visit centreville-umc.org



JOIN US ON A JOURNEY WITH THE *Wandering Wise Men*

FOLLOW THE WISE MEN AS THEY FOLLOW THE STAR
IN SEARCH OF THE BABY JESUS!

Beginning on Sunday, November 27, the wise men will be searching for Jesus around Centreville UMC. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or check our website to see what they are up to each day.

Website:
centreville-umc.org

Facebook:
centrevilleUMC

Instagram:
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Their adventures will also be recapped in each week's edition of the E-news.

For each day of their journey, which will end with Epiphany on January 6, a quote and a micro-challenge will be included to provide you with a deeper Advent experience.



If you are looking for a more traditional format for your daily advent devotions, we are offering this devotional. A free copy will be available at the church at the beginning of Advent.



Christmas Camp-Out

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Get ready for a family ADVENTure as Children's Ministry brings the great outdoors inside!

Kids (ages preschool through grade 6) and their extended families are invited to come together for some cozy camping fun. Reindeer games, a scavenger hunt, and a photo booth complete with costumes are just a few of the great activities planned. A hot dog dinner will also be served around the "campfire."

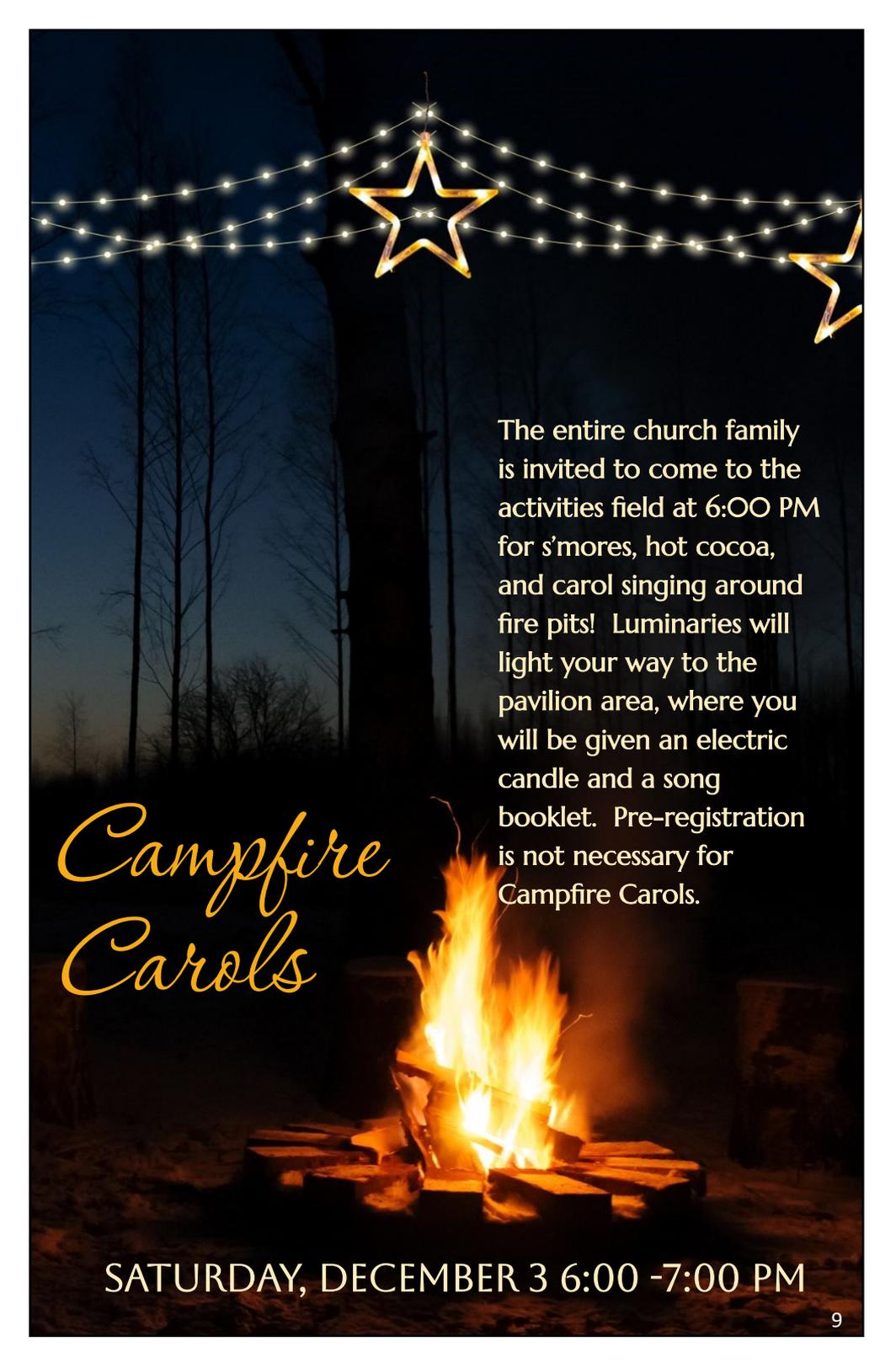
All those attending are invited to bundle up afterwards and join the entire church family for Campfire Carols at the activities field.

Sign up for the Christmas Camp-Out using this QR code or visit centreville-umc.org.



If you wish to volunteer for Christmas Camp-Out, use this QR code.





The entire church family is invited to come to the activities field at 6:00 PM for s'mores, hot cocoa, and carol singing around fire pits! Luminaries will light your way to the pavilion area, where you will be given an electric candle and a song booklet. Pre-registration is not necessary for Campfire Carols.

Campfire Carols

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 6:00 -7:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

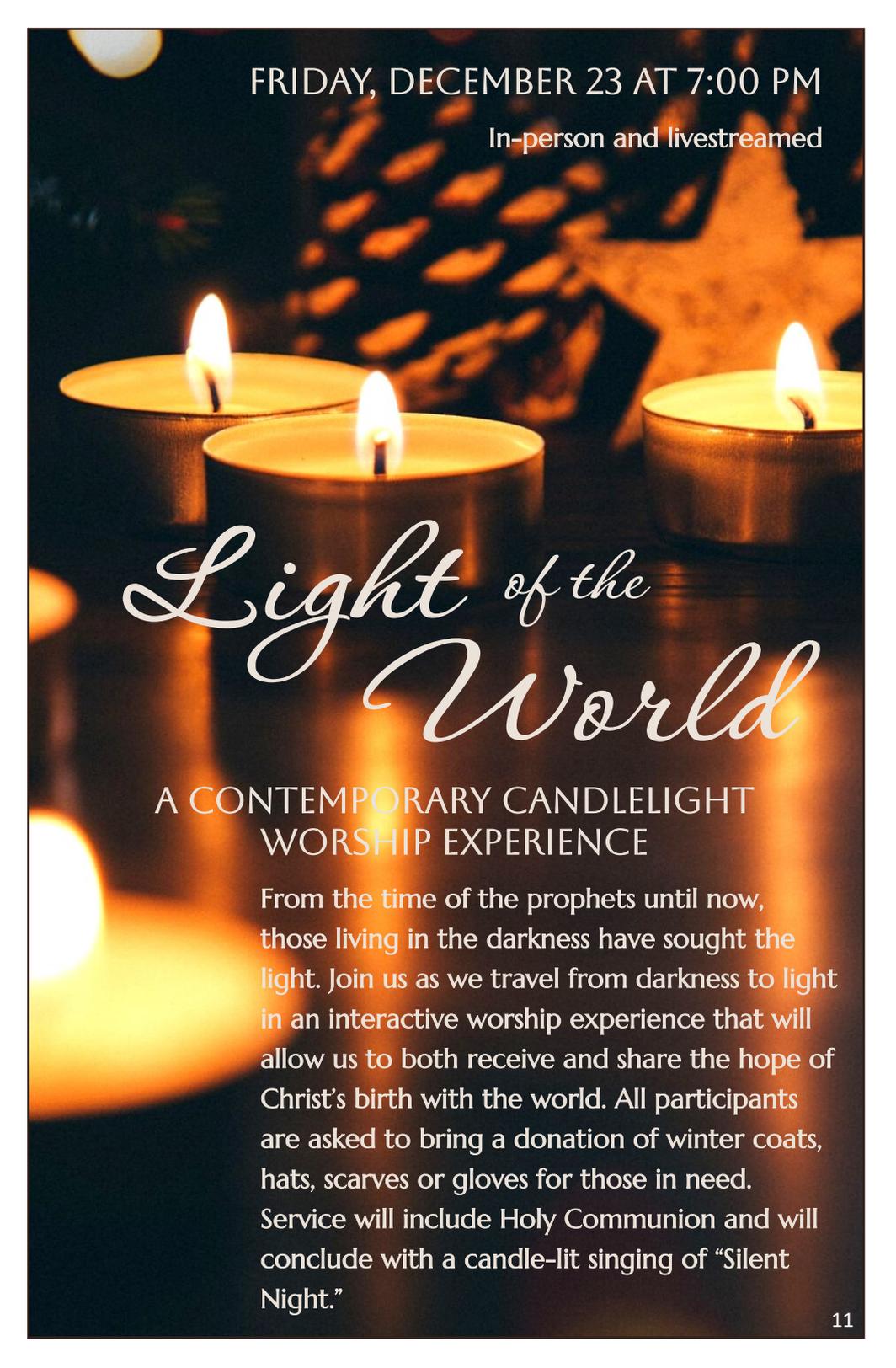
All are welcome to attend this special service of worship. This service is particularly suited for people who have experienced a significant loss in the past year, and for those whose circumstances in life have changed, making this holiday season difficult.

This is a service with music and space for reflection and introspection. Come as you are, whether you choose to attend in person, or join us via livestream.



SERVICE OF

Light



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 7:00 PM

In-person and livestreamed

Light of the World

A CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

From the time of the prophets until now, those living in the darkness have sought the light. Join us as we travel from darkness to light in an interactive worship experience that will allow us to both receive and share the hope of Christ's birth with the world. All participants are asked to bring a donation of winter coats, hats, scarves or gloves for those in need. Service will include Holy Communion and will conclude with a candle-lit singing of "Silent Night."

*Christmas
Worship*



CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM A Family-Friendly Service

Experience the magic and mystery of the birth of Jesus with childlike joy and wonder. Featuring children's choirs.

8:00 PM A Festive Traditional Service

Celebrate the Savior's arrival with traditional Christmas readings, hymns, handbells, organ, and youth choir.

11:00 PM A Traditional Service w/Communion

A contemplative traditional service with communion, handbells, organ, and chancel choir.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM A Traditional "Come as You Are" Service

A relaxed, casual "come as you are" service, with lots of favorite Christmas hymns.

All services will be held in person and livestreamed.

Advent Noon Concert Series

30-MINUTE CONCERTS
WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 7 AND 14

DECEMBER 7:

Charles West - clarinet

Laura Hesse and Becky Jackson - organ and piano

DECEMBER 14:

David Brown - tuba, Doug Ullman - tenor

Laura Hesse and Becky Jackson - organ and piano

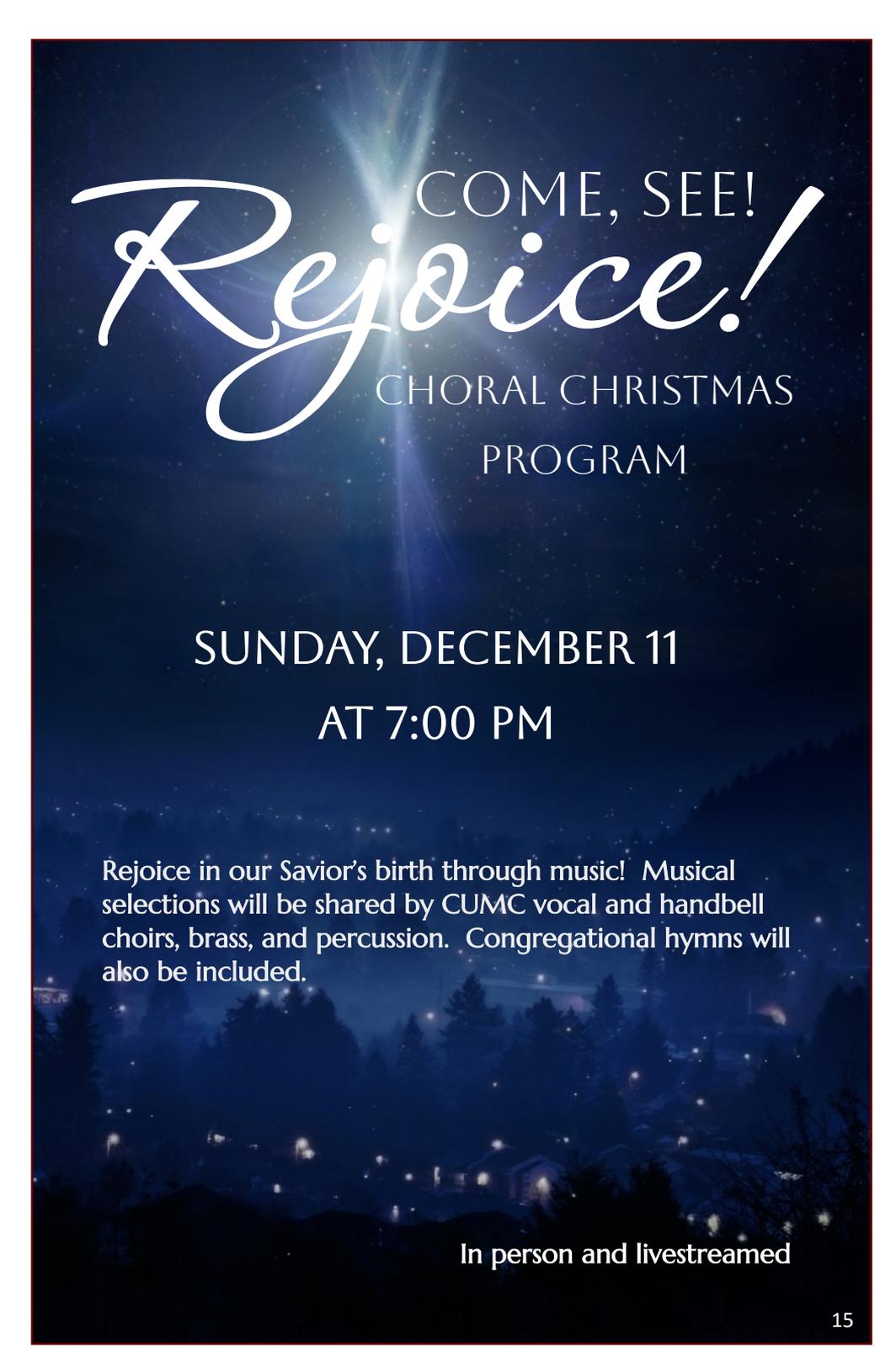
In Person and livestreamed

Music Ministry Cookie Sale

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
BETWEEN SERVICES
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

One pound boxes of delicious, homemade cookies will be on sale. One third of the proceeds will be used for a CUMC-supported mission. The remainder will fund unbudgeted Music Ministry expenses.





COME, SEE!
Rejoice!
CHORAL CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
AT 7:00 PM

Rejoice in our Savior's birth through music! Musical selections will be shared by CUMC vocal and handbell choirs, brass, and percussion. Congregational hymns will also be included.

In person and livestreamed

Youth Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Don your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and join us for a youth Christmas party and game night!

We'll have a potluck dinner, play games, and bring on some Christmas cheer.

Scan this QR code to sign up for the potluck dinner, or visit centreville-umc.org.



Ladies Advent Tea

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 2:00 PM

This busy holiday season, do a little something for you! Come and rest awhile, enjoy a lovely cup of tea and tasty hors d'oeuvres, fellowship with others, sing a few carols, and learn something new.

Join us as we reflect upon what goes on our Christmas trees instead of worrying about what goes beneath them. Share a little about what's on your tree by bringing in a favorite ornament. You'll get to take your ornament home, and a new one too!

We hope you'll join us at this event designed especially for you. And share the blessing...we will have invitational cards at the Welcome Center for the next two Sundays. Use them to invite a friend or two!



Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for children and seniors who would otherwise not receive any. This year the tree will return to being fully in-person. You can take a tag from the tree on the following Sundays: November 13, 20, and 27. All gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 4.

This year we are supporting Jubilee Project and Hancock Manor Nursing Home in Sneedville, TN; Commonwealth Center in Staunton, VA; and New Hope Fellowship Church in Fairfax.

New Hope Fellowship

Throughout the year we support the New Hope Fellowship congregation of mostly unhoused individuals in our community. On Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day we will be providing special holiday meals for the congregants. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Dick Formica at rp4mica@gmail.com.

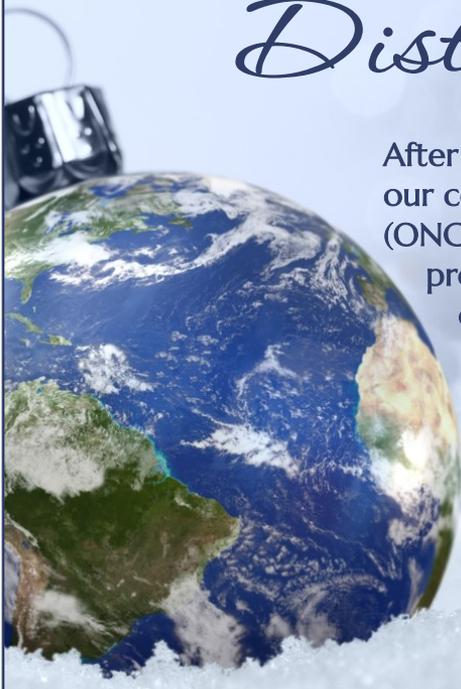
We will also be packing 70 Christmas gift bags at the Christmas Campout. These will be given to homeless men in our community by the New Hope Fellowship pastors. In addition, some of the Christmas gift tags on the Angel Tree will be directed toward New Hope Fellowship families as well.

Alternative Gift Market

This year's alternative gift market will feature hand-painted metal angel ornaments from Haiti, as well as Haitian coffees. The proceeds from the sale of the ornaments and the coffee will support our outreach to Helping Haitian Angels, an orphanage and school we support in Northern Haiti. The alternative gift market will begin in the church lobby on Sunday, November 27. Online pre-ordering will be available starting November 11 on the church website.

Christmas Gift Distribution

After 30 years of amazing service to our community, Our Neighbor's Child (ONC) has closed its doors. ONC provided Christmas gifts to hundreds of children in our community. This year we are working with Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and other area churches to distribute the gifts. While many details are still being worked out, we are scheduled to distribute on Saturday, December 17. Watch for opportunities to volunteer.



Food Ministries

Support our ongoing food distribution efforts throughout November and December by helping to bag groceries, sorting clothes, or by serving at one of our food distribution events. Sign-up slots are updated weekly on our website (centreville-umc.org). Look for the “This Week in Our Mission Ministries” post.

Upcoming food distribution events include:

- Nov. 16 Centreville Library Parking Lot
- Nov. 30 Centreville Library Parking Lot
- Dec. 10 GRACE Ministries
- Dec. 14 Centreville Library Parking Lot

Donations of non-perishable foods are gladly accepted any time in the food baskets in the church lobby. Donations of lightly used household basics and linens, toys, and fall/winter clothing are welcomed the first week of December.



Holiday Food Baskets

As part of its ongoing efforts to “feed the need,” CUMC will once again be providing Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets in partnership with our friends at Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. But to do so, we need your help!

Here are some ways you can help:

- * Bring in an “item of the week”.
- * Sponsor a food basket or “fresh food pack”.
- * Make up a basket yourself at home.
- * Help pack baskets on November 12 or December 10.
- * Help deliver baskets on November 19 or December 17 to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, where they will then be distributed to families.

Whether you can help with one or a combination of the above ways, any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

For more Information, use the QR code below or visit centreville-umc.org.



Poinsettia Tree

Remember a loved one by purchasing a poinsettia plant that will adorn the church in their honor/memory during the Advent and Christmas season!

If you would like to purchase a plant, the cost is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

The deadline to place an order is December 9.

Poinsettias may be picked up from the church office on December 24 after the 11:00 PM worship service, or during business hours the following week.



Advent Offering

Throughout Advent, we receive a special offering called the Advent Offering. These funds are designated toward a mission project each year. This year's Advent Offering will be allocated to our refugee support fund and our local feeding ministries. To give to the Advent Offering, write "Advent Offering" on the memo line of your check, or give online by visiting centreville-umc.org or using the QR code below.



Holiday Office Hours

During the Christmas season, please note the following special church office hours:

December 26-27: Church Office CLOSED

December 28-30: Church Office Hours 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

January 2: Church Office CLOSED

Regular hours resume on January 3.



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