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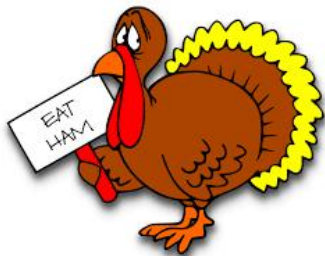
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HOTS is
November 12

Do you have a
role yet? Check
with Kim
Maugans



What is Advent?

*Justin Holcomb
(from Christianity.com)*

What Is Advent?

For many [Christians](#) unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The History of Advent

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.



By the 6th century, however, Roman

Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the

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Ji Su Jung, *Marimba*
Peabody Institute of
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

When New Hope held Music Night for Mission, featuring the two accomplished musicians shown to the left, the Sanctuary was nearly full with attendees coming from more than a half dozen churches.

Kyu Ree Kang, *Piano*
Peabody Institute of
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland



It was definitely a concert to remember, and an opportunity to give thanks to God. Because of your generous giving, over a thousand dollars were raised to support the mission work of New Hope UMC in the community and beyond.

Music Night for Mission



Tangier Mission 2016

(from Kim Maugans)

The first week in October, nature tried to stop our planned mission trip to Tangier Island with Hurricane Matthew but it was only able to delay it.

An eleven member team from across our Conference met the “Sharon Kay III”; a charter ferry operated by Mark Hainey on Monday, October 24th and made our eighteen mile crossing of the bay to Tangier.

Upon arrival, we were met with warm hugs from Nancy Creedle, Church Secretary, Pastor John Flood and Lay Leader, “Hoot”. (Forgive me for I don’t know Hoot’s real name.) They helped us transport our personal luggage, tools, and material to the church Sunday school building. After having lunch and settling in, we went to work on prioritizing jobs and trying to fit our skills to those jobs.

As the week progressed, we all faced different challenges such as not having the material or tools we needed to complete a job, and having to wait for them to arrive from the main land. Being delayed by the rain, and being asked to do things we were not always sure that we could do. It’s in times like these that you learned that one of the most important things about this kind of mission work - being flexible. When that happens amazing things will happen!

We were able to complete many of the jobs on our list. But the most important job that we did, did not involve hammers, drills, or paint brushes. They may have been the tools; actually they were the vessels that we were able to use to show love, care and concern to people just like you and me, Children of God.

Thanks be to God for the support of this mission from the New Hope UMC congregation.



Tangier Island Mission Trip October 2016



United Methodist Men

(from Bruce Rogers)

The United Methodist Men (UMM) held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 pm. There were 20 members and one guest present. The great meal was prepared by the ladies of the Minnie Carr Circle. The ladies of the church always prepare an outstanding meal. We are truly thankful to have their support.

The scheduled program was cancelled by the presenter and will be rescheduled at a later date.



We regularly take meals to several members of the church and have recently begun taking meals to the on-duty fire personnel at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department. This program was started to show an appreciation for their dedication and let them know we support them as part of the community.

The major focus of the meeting was HOTS. Kim Maugans reported on the HOTS dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 12. Andy Breeding will chair the Oyster Kitchen and all other functions are covered. The oysters (70 gals.) have been ordered and will be delivered fresh on the morning of November 12. This is a church wide event and the UMM appreciates the hard work and support of everyone involved in HOTS.

A Nominating Committee was formed to present a 2017 slate of officers at the November meeting. Committee members are Charlie Bill Fretwell, Kim Maugans and Jack Walker. A motion was passed to have UMM officers serve a two year term, beginning in 2017.

Larry Hinebaugh presented information about a planned trip on August 9 & 10, 2017 to Cherokee, NC to see the Cherokee Indians perform "Unto These Hills". The following day there will be a luncheon at a dinner theater in Wytheville to see "Million Dollar Quartet". Those interested should contact Larry for more information and reservations.

All the men of the church are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of each month for an excellent meal and fellowship. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us.

Charge Conference

Annual Charge Conference was held on October 23, immediately following worship service (Laity Sunday). The 2017 budget and list of church officers were approved. If you need a copy and were unable to attend, feel free to contact Pastor Shin, Kim Maugans, Al Tuten, or Wanda Harding.

Journey to North Carolina August 9 - 10 / 2017	
	Unto These Hills / Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater
<u>Wednesday, August 9, 2017</u>	
When will we go:	Leave New Hope Church at 6:30 am on Wednesday, August 9, 2017
Journey to Cherokee	Will check in to our hotel (Hampton Inn in Cherokee)
North Carolina	Hotel phone No. 1-828-497-3115
Dinner	Dinner will be at Granny's Kitchen before the play.
Watch performance by	We will see the Cherokee Indians perform their annual play of
the Cherokee Indians	Until These Hills. Performance begins at 7:30 pm.
<u>Thursday, August 10, 2017</u>	
Rise and Shine	We will need to leave the hotel early (by 8:00 am) on our journey home.
Hotel Breakfast	Will have a hot continental breakfast at the hotel
We will be stopping for	We have reservations at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater. We will have
lunch in Wytheville, Va.	lunch at 12:00 noon followed by the show (Million Dollar Quartet) at 2 pm.
	This is a Rock and Roll musical
How will we go:	Will go by Quick's Charter Bus. I will be selling 44 seats. Once full, there
	will be a waiting list.

	Journey to North Carolina August 9 - 10 / 2017 (page 2)	
Meals included in price.	Dinner at Granny's Kitchen on Wednesday afternoon.	
	Hot Continental Breakfast at the Hampton Inn Thursday morning	
	Lunch on Thursday at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater	
What will total cost be:	A single room will cost per person	\$307.00
	Double Occ. Room will cost per person:	\$254.00
	Three or four to a room will cost per person:	\$227.00
When do I pay:	First payment of \$100.00 per person is due between now and January 1, 2017.	
	You will be given a seat when the deposit is made. Balance due June 1, 2017.	
Contact Person:	Contact Larry Hinebaugh as soon as possible to get your name on the list.	
	713 Pelham Drive	
	Waynesboro, VA. 22980	hinebaugh@cfw.com
	941-817	

November Nurse's Health Corner

According to the Evercare Survey of the Economic Downturn and Its Impact on Family Caregiving, approximately \$375 billion is spent per year on “free” services provided by family caregivers. That is about twice as much as what is spent annually on homecare and nursing care services combined, which totals about \$158 billion. The National Alliance for Caregiving in collaboration with AARP found that approximately 29% of the U.S. population is providing care for their chronically ill, disabled, or aged loved ones, and the amount of time spent on caregiving per week totals out to about 20 hours, with 13% actually spending 40+ hours in caregiving.

The typical caregiver, as described by the National Alliance for Caregiving, is a 49-year old female who provides care for a 69-year female relative with a physical condition. This caregiver is the primary, unpaid, care provider and provides this care without paid help on top of working a full-time job and is likely married, lives with a partner, and has a median household income of \$54,700. As her loved one's health continues to decline, there will likely be a physical, emotional, and financial strain on the caregiver and her family unit.

November is National Family Caregivers Month. Being a caregiver is a selfless, loving, and heroic role that many of us are either facing or will be forced to face in the not too distant future. The Family Caregiver Alliance reports that caregivers show higher levels of depression, as 40-70% of all caregivers show clinically depressive signs. More often than not, the depressed caregivers have coexisting anxiety disorders, substance abuse disorders, and/or chronic diseases. The Family Caregiver Alliance also reports higher levels of stress and frustration among caregivers, with 22% of caregivers reporting being exhausted when they go to bed at night and feeling as if they cannot fulfill their caregiving duties. These overwhelmed and stressed caregivers are in worse health than their non-caregiving counterparts; they are at an increased risk of heart disease, tend to have lower levels of self-care, and have a shortened life span.

Despite the negatives that can accompany the role of caregiving, positive aspects exist as to the money saved and time well spent with ill, disabled, or aging loved ones. By caregiving a person can ensure that their loved one is receiving personalized care, all of their needs are being met, and memories are made that will last a lifetime.

Helpful links and resources for caregivers:

<https://www.disability.gov/organizations-help-caregivers/>

<https://www.caregiver.org/>

<http://www.caregiveraction.org/>

Information provided by Abigail Willett, student intern with Community Outreach at Augusta Health. To contact Dana Breeding, RN, relating to the information in this article or with questions/comments/concerns, please call (540) 332-4988 or (540) 932-4988.

Mission Opportunities

Valley Mission—ongoing project of cereal. Bring your boxes of any kind of cereal and leave in Wesley Sunday School Classroom. Regular deliveries are being made. Thank you !!!

Henry Fork Service Center—ongoing project of saving our Campbell Soup labels.

Web Page

Web Page: mynhumc.weebly.com

Reminder to check out our church web page frequently for updates including the church calendar.

Lectionary Readings

11/6

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 20:27-38

11/13

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
or Psalm 118 (UMH 839)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

11/20

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

11/27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (UMH 845)
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

12/4

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795)
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

12/11

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

12/18

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

12/25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

11/6 Helen Morse
11/13 Karen Maugans
11/20 Weston Powell
11/27 Derek Deavers
12/4 Becky Tate

Nursery

11/6 Megan Aldhizer&Lynn Tuten
11/13 Gail Armstrong
11/20 Judy Riner&Christy Powell
11/27 Teresa Barr&Mary Sheets
12/4 Morgan Craun &Martha Fretwell

Children's Message

11/6 Pastor Shin
11/13 Dana Breeding
11/20 Cindy Deavers
11/27 Robin Craun
12/4 Pastor Shin

Lead Ushers

11/6 Rob Riner&Jake Botkin
11/13 Lewis Whitmer&Becky Tate
11/20 Charlie Bill Fretwell&Henry Breeding
11/27 Darryl Deavers&John Morse
12/4 Rob Riner& Jake Botkin



November/December Anniversaries & Birthdays

November

1 Larry Shiflett
 2 Susan Coffman
 3 W. B. Harner, Jr
 Cathy Killough
 Kerry Fretwell
 5 Linda Gail Johnson
 6 Joseph Bragg
 Steven Price
 7 Kevin Bell
 8 George Taylor
 Earl & Jackie Wilberger
 10 Donald Michael
 Roy Randolph
 Jim Gruber
 Cathy Price
 13 Chuck Wagner
 13 Cindy Sanger
 Cheyenne Canipe
 14 Katherine Garber
 14 Beth Rogers
 17 Juanita Howell
 Lynn Tuten
 18 Lydia Hough
 19 Lloyd & Kay Moore
 Dorothy Caricofe
 Aggie Selmon
 20 Christopher McCray
 Curt Rosen
 22 Robert Herman
 Nancy Evers
 Jeff Kraisser
 23 Cindy Deavers
 25 David Critzer
 26 Ruby Howell
 26 Maureen Morris
 27 Steven Broyles
 27 Wendy McLaren
 27 James & Linda
 Howdyshell
 27 Aggie & Betty Selmon
 28 Corey Stogdale
 29 April Selmon
 30 Jennifer Broyles

Kimberly Hinkle

December

1-Steve Broyles
 1-Robert Corbin
 1-Diane Miller
 2-Leslie Shaver
 2-Robin Craun
 3-Richard Booth
 3-Josh & Cheryl Bennett
 3-Herman & Carolyn Pace
 4-Matt Carr
 5-Susan Baldwin
 5-Charles Darrah
 5-Michele Taylor
 6-Clarissa Booth
 6-Karen Whitmer
 7-Betty Gruber
 7-Beth Rosen
 8-Peggy Corbin
 9-Josh Dively
 9-Mac Craig
 10-Bernie Powers
 12-Mary Jane Shaver
 13-Jennifer Bottenmiller
 13-Jake & Julie Botkin
 14-Brenda Price
 14-Dawn White
 16-Carrie Reed
 16-Wyatt Markow
 16-B.F. Caricofe III
 16-Dwight Craig
 16-Shelvie Critzer
 16-Paul Whitmer
 16 Carrie Reed
 17-Kim Maugans
 17-Tim & Suzanne Lank
 20-Amye Bergman
 21-Emily Howdyshell
 22-Keith Chittum
 23-Julia Botkin
 23-Cheryl Howell

25-B.F. Caricofe, Jr
 25-Wally Smith
 26-Carl Caricofe, Sr
 26-Jesse Hartman
 26-Larry & Nadine
 Hinebaugh
 27-Jeffrey Shipe
 28-Logan Kraisser
 28-Mathew & Tanya Keys
 29-Christopher Dively
 30-Kim & Karen Maugans
 31-Andy & Dana Breeding
 31-Gary & Kathy Lewis



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world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Advent Today

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" ([Acts 2:17](#), [Hebrews 1:2](#)), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future.

Advent Liturgy and Practice

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays (December 17th – 24th) look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death's dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace leads us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

One catechism [describes](#) Advent spirituality beautifully: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by

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sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

Advent and the Christian Life

While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth [penned](#) these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promise and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent.

Reminders

Fall Bazaar – during HOTS – **November 12th** - Need crafts, baked goods and canned items. Please bring donated items during setup on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. (baked items should be brought Saturday morning). Thanks!

UMW meeting on November 21, 2016 at 7 pm

Church Annual Covered Dish Christmas Dinner December 11th at 5:30 pm - entertainment will be provided

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Mission: Growing as followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to live out our faith and serve God's community.

Identity: The New Hope congregation is a family of sharing and caring Christians who gather for worship and fellowship and through whom opportunities for spiritual growth are offered for all ages.

Vision: The people of New Hope will allow God to make a lasting and holy difference in us and through us as we apply ourselves to worship, prayer, study, witness and service



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