



# Mt. Union News

*Mission Statement-United in loving God, loving others, and making disciples...*

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## PASTOR CARY'S CORNER

Advent is fast approaching and in fact begins the **First Sunday of Advent on December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. In the Old Testament from Isaiah 2:1-4 we read these words;

*This is another vision that Isaiah, son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem:*

*In the last days, the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem will become the most important place on earth. People from all over the world will go there to worship. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Israel. There He will teach us his ways, so that we may obey him." For in those days the Lord's teaching and his Word will go out from Jerusalem.*

After the prophet Isaiah saw a vision from the Lord, he wrote these words around 650-680 B.C., well over 500 years before the birth of Christ. What an incredible picture of the last days when people *from all over the world* will worship the Lord. The beginning of these days was with the birth of Jesus, as Christ the King...and it is called the Messianic Age. When Jesus comes again this vision of Isaiah will be complete. As fellow believers, between now and His Second Coming, we gather to worship Jesus Christ, who first came to us in a straw-filled manger at Bethlehem, just outside of Jerusalem. The Shepherds arrived first and then the Wise Men and now people throughout the world remember His birth at Christmas and they come to Worship Him as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. ***Are you ready for Christmas?*** Take time this special season to recapture the heart of Christmas...to worship Him more fully, give more abundantly, and love more frequently! Please make note of the following dates to help you prepare for this wonderful time of the year and receive Jesus again into your hearts and lives:

\*Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Congregational meeting to share our mission and approve the budget!

\*Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm: We will gather at the Parish Hall for Soup and Bread, share the Word, and spend time in fellowship and prayer. Join us!

\*Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm: Christmas Open House at Pastor Cary and Sandy's (7813 Oak Leaf Ct., Frederick, Md). Drop in any time. Lunch and snacks are provided. Feel free to bring family and friends. All are welcome!

\*Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, around 11am after Sunday School: We will gather at Shepherd's Glen Residence Home.

\*Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am (note time change) we will have a special Children's Program during worship, followed by our annual Christmas Dinner. Please invite family and friends!

\*Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, **CHRISTMAS EVE**: Morning worship will be at 9am (no Sunday School). Then we will have our Candlelight & Communion Celebration at 4:30pm. Come and share in the greatest birth of all time!



In His Peace and Joy,  
*Pastor Cary*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 26th, during the worship celebration, we had the privilege of welcoming our newest members, Karrie Pittinger and her daughter, Rachel Conaway. May the Lord richly bless them!

## OUTREACH AT SHEPHERD'S GLEN

Over the last couple of years, we've had the privilege to reach out to the residents at Shepherd's Glen. I know they appreciate the time we share in fellowship, worship, and prayer. But, as so often happens, while we seek to be a blessing to others, we are the ones so richly blessed. Mark the date on your calendars, as we go to extend the love and presence of Jesus on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, around 11:00am** (Immediately after Sunday School).

# Christmas Open House

Date: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Location: Our home – 7813 Oak Leaf Court  
Frederick, MD 21701



Drop in any time. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Bring family and friends. All are welcome!

It is our way of saying “Thank you” to the faithful community of Mount Union. We are blessed by each of you. Hope to see you there!

*Peace and Joy, Pastor Cary and Sandy*



## CHILDREN’S PROGRAM & DINNER

We will have a special Children’s Christmas Program during worship on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am **(please note time change on that date)**. Our annual Christmas Dinner will follow worship. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a favorite dish...and invite a friend!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord’s healing touch: Jake & Shirley Altavater, Amanda Boston, Buzz B., Nicole Beaver, Thelma Bohn, David Bubel, Mindy Coates, Leroy Coshun, Caroline Devilbiss, Jackie Franz, Daniel Frock, Terry Harman, Sandy Holman, Gail Lesight, Kenny Long, Pastor Michael, Eva Michael, Janet Justice, Dr. Pete Nichols, Marlene Petry, Betty Poittner, John Rast, Gary Schwartz, Joan Shelton, and Cindee Sartori.

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Aaron Fuhrman, Ellie Giziński, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary.

## 2018 WOMEN’S RETREAT



### *Committed to Him-For Such a Time as This!*

In the books of Esther and Ruth, we see the commitment of two women who demonstrate what it means to follow God’s leading for a greater purpose. What did you have to leave behind to serve, seek or find Jesus like we see in Ruth’s story? And like Esther, how has God called you at this time?

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God” (Ruth 1:6).

**Sat., Feb. 24, 2018; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (with lunch)**

**Cost:** \$32.00 (early bird), \$38.00 (after January 1st)

**Location:** Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
27015 Ridge Rd, Damascus, MD 20872

***This event will fill up quickly!*** For more details and to register directly online, please visit the website at <http://intentionalsisterhood.org>. You may contact Sandy Moorman for any questions.

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