

**Faxon-Kenmar
United Methodist Church**

1301 Clayton Avenue
Williamsport, PA 17701

December 13, 2009

*Because he himself was
tested by what he suffered,*



*he is able
to help
those
who
are
being
tested.*

Hebrews 2:18

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Service of Worship

An Informal Time of Praise and Prayer

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.
Helping you grow in faith is our primary purpose.

Gathering Music	<i>Christmas Bells</i>	Larson
Announcements and Celebrations		
Music for Meditation	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Larson
* Opening Song	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory (v. 1&2)</i>	#220 (Red Hymnal)
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
Response	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	(Hymn of the Month, insert in pew).
Scripture Lesson	Hebrews 2: 5-18	(Pg 218 NT).
Songs of Praise	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v.1&4)</i>	#218 (Red Hymnal)
	<i>Majesty</i>	#176 (Red Hymnal)
	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter (v. 4)</i>	#221 (Red Hymnal)
Silent Prayer ~ Spoken Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer		
* Gospel Lesson	John 1: 1-14	(Pg. 91 NT).
Message	<i>The Gift Worth Understanding</i>	
Gifts of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Mary, Did You Know?</i>	Lowry & Greene/Larson
*Doxology	<i>As With Gladness Men of Old (to the tune of For the Beauty of the Earth)</i>	
	As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare.	
	So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,	
	All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King. AMEN	
*Prayer of Dedication		
* Closing Song	<i>Jesus Loves Me (v.3)</i>	#191 (Red Hymnal)
* Friendship Circle		
* Prayer of Blessing		
* Greet Each Other		

Service of Worship

A Traditional Expression of Worshipping the Lord

Welcome! We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this morning.
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We Gather to Worship

Lighting the Altar Candles		
Gathering Music	<i>1. Hark the Glad Sound</i> Haweis/Boughton	
	<i>2. Then Shall Your Light Break Forth</i> Harris	<i>3. Shepherds</i> Martin
Greeting Each Other		
Announcements and Celebrations		
Meditation	<i>Antiphons ~ O Come, O Come Emmanuel (for your own meditation use)</i> #211	
Music for Meditation	<i>Angels</i> Smith	
	Janet Hurlbert & David Koskey, piano/organ duet	
* Call to Worship	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	
* Hymn	<i>Word of God, Come Down on Earth</i>	#182

(During this Hymn the Ushers will collect the prayer requests and give them to the Prayer Team Leader)

***Morning Prayer (Unison)**

God of grace and glory, grant to us the precious gift of faith so the joy of the Lord would be our strength. Grant to us insight into the wonder of Christ's coming. May we see how the old has passed away and a new creation has come with the dawn of Christ. By your Holy Spirit may we have the power to overcome the world and gain the blessing of seeing you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Response *Open Our Eyes* (Hymn of the Month, insert in pew).
Anthem *The First Noel* Teen Celebration

We Pray and Hear God's Word

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 2: 5-18 (Pg 218 NT).
Anthem *Light a Little Candle* - Martin The King's Kids
A Time with the Children (Afterwards, children may attend Little Church)

***Gospel Lesson** John 1: 1-14 (Pg. 91 NT).

L: This is the Word of the Lord. The word has been made flesh and dwelt among us.

P: Thanks be to God

Message *The Gift Worth Understanding*
Music for Inspiration *La Nativite* Young
(During the music you are invited to come to the communion rail to pray)

Silent Prayer ~ Spoken Prayer ~ The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Sung Response *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (vs. 3 only)* #206

We Go to Serve and Witness

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Mary, Did You Know?* Lowry & Greene/Larson

*Doxology *As With Gladness Men of Old*

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*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** *Who is He in Yonder Stall* #190

***Benediction**

***Music for Greeting Each Other in Peace & Love** *The Angel's Trumpet* Eliot

***Please stand as you are able**

Greetings and welcome to all! Families, friends, visitors are welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us rejoice with hearts and voices and spirits as we worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

Joys, Concerns and Notices of our Church Family

- ◆ \$1,252 has been made in profit so far from the Nut/Candy Sale! Thank you so much to those who purchased nuts! We have a few bags of Pecan Pieces and Light Walnuts, so if any of you bakers out there are still needing some nuts, come to the office and pick up a bag! Big thanks as always to Jack Seely for heading up this fund raiser, all profit goes to Capital Campaign.
- ◆ Sights, Sounds and Songs of the Season: Ann Kaufman, Scott's daughter, has organized a night of Christmas Music with over eight different musical ensembles performing including your very own Joyful Ringers, on Dec. 19th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. It looks to be a wonderful evening, please come, bring your neighbors, admission is free but they will be collecting items to send to service people or money to help with shipment.
- ◆ Thank you to Janet Hurlbert for playing piano today!

- ◆ **Bruster's Ice Cream coupon booklets for sale after church. See Bob or Nancy Bowers. Cost of booklet is \$12 and ALL funds collected will pay down the capital funds loan. The 12 coupons have a potential value of \$49.50 and make a great Christmas stocking stuffer. The goal is to sell 100 booklets with a \$1200 benefit for our church. By the way, Bruster's on Third Street is open year round and coupons have no expiration date.**
- ◆ **Our Christmas Cantata, "Comfort and Joy", will be performed Next Sunday, Dec. 20th, at the 10:15 am service. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and others to join you in worship that day as the story of the Christ Child comes alive in a very upbeat cantata.**
- ◆ **Pastor Dave is having a Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1pm in the Board Room in Becht Center. Everyone who is able is welcome to join him.**
- ◆ **2010 Calendars are on the table in the narthex, they are provided by Kaufman Funeral Home. Be sure to thank Scott Kaufman!**
- ◆ **This Month's Food Drive –any kind of non-perishable food. Thank you for all of the food you have provided this year to those less fortunate.**
- ◆ **Thrift Store News: Toys, toys, toys! We are so low on this item! If you have friends or relatives that are getting rid of outgrown toys, consider asking them to donate to the store. Please make sure the toys do not have any broken parts and are complete. Also ongoing collection of box tops for education (make sure they do not have expired dates). We recently added \$50 to our account from the auction of these!**

This Week at Faxon-Kenmar UMC

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30am	The King's Kids (choir rm)
	11:45am	Teen Celebration(sanctuary)
	1:30-3:30pm	Cantata Dress Rehearse(Everyone!)
	3:30pm	Joyful Ringers(sanctuary)
Monday	6:30pm	GS/SH
	7:00pm	SPRC/BR
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Bible Study/BR
	4:00-8:00pm	MOW Christmas Party/SH
	5:00pm	Karate/mpr
Wednesday	9:00 am	Thrift Store Work Day
	7:00pm	Becht Bd/BR
Thursday	11:30am	UW/BR
	5:00pm	Karate/mpr
	6:00pm	Joyful Ringers
	6:40pm	Inspirational Singers
	7:00-9:00pm	Cantata(Everyone!)
Friday	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Thrift Store Open
	5:30pm	BB/mpr
Saturday	9:00 am-12:30 pm	Thrift Store Open
	7:00pm	Sights, Sounds, Songs of Season/Sanctuary
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship/Cantata
	11:30am	The King's Kids
	11:45am	Teen Celebration
	Noon	Master's Musicians

<u>Stewardship Report from Last Week</u> (12/06/09)	
Given for Current Expense	\$ 4,190
Total Amount of Bills paid last week	\$ 4,195
Balance available for Current Expense	\$ 2,381
Outstanding Unpaid Obligations Due	\$ 20,295
(includes shares of ministry)	
<u>Given for Designated Needs</u>	
Missions	\$ 80
Sanitation Fund (total needed)	\$ 5,500
(received to date)	3,585
Still need	\$ 1,915
Given for Capital Funds	\$ 515
Memorial Gifts	\$ 215
Balance of Capital Funds	\$ 34,087.27
Balance of Loan	\$854,576.55

Key: BR-Becht Bd Rm; MPR-Becht Multi Purpose Rm ; SH-Stiner Hall; SSR-Upper Sunday School Room

Helping Us inWorshipToday

8:00 a.m. Service

Usher: John Lauchle

Our Staff

Director of Music Ministries: David Koskey

Custodians: Connie Hamilton, Chris Lauchle

Office Manager: Liz Broshkevitch

10:15 am Service

Ushers: (Captain) Scott Kaufman, Bob Bowers,

Tom Griffiths, Bruce Huffman, Joe Hunt

Greeters: Tim & Sandy Reidy

Acolyte: Evan Wright

Media Team: Bruce Huffman, Dwayne Rummings, Scott Schramm

Pastor: Rev. David Brinker

Ministers and Servants of the Lord: All Members of the Congregation