



# *The Faith Circuit Rider*

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### **Scripture Thought:**

Robert Webber said the following in an article published in Christianity Today in December of 2004, "Advent asks us to deal with the basics of our relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

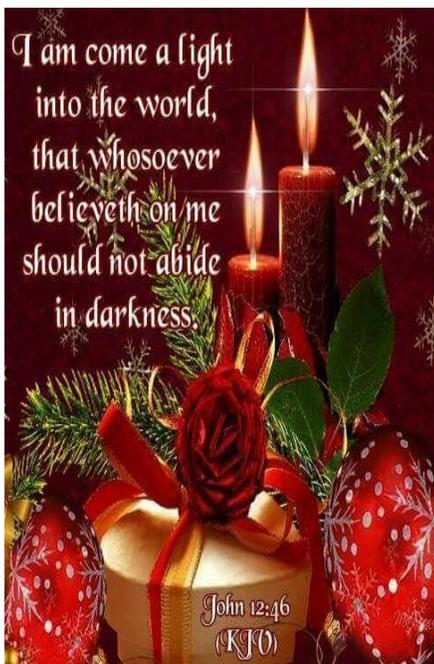
Do I really believe in Christ?  
Have I put my hope and trust in him?  
Do I see the future through the eyes of the one who came to  
redeem the world from the power of evil?  
Is there a longing within me for him to be formed within, to  
take up residence in my personal life, in my home, and in  
my vocation?"

This Advent we will take some time to consider three questions:

Did the world need a savior when Jesus was born?  
Does the world need a savior today?  
Do I need a savior? (to be answered individually and  
personally)

I hope you will join us in worship during Advent as we prepare for the Advent of Jesus.

*Agape',  
Pastor Rob*



*From the Lay Leader*  
*December 2018*

**“The Gift that Keeps on Giving”**

One of my favorite gifts to give is a devotional book. I especially love the Christmas publications. Recently I purchased one entitled Jesus Calling for Christmas by Sarah Young.

I'd like to share one of her devotions with you. “I am the gift that continuously gives – bounteously, with no strings attached. Unconditional Love is such a radical concept that even My most devoted followers fail to grasp it fully. Absolutely nothing in heaven or on earth can cause Me to stop loving you. You may feel more loved when you are performing according to your expectations. But My Love for you is perfect; therefore, it is not subject to variation. What does vary is your awareness of My loving Presence.

When you are dissatisfied with your behavior, you tend to feel unworthy of My Love. You may unconsciously punish yourself by withdrawing from Me and attributing the distance between us to My displeasure. Instead of returning to Me and receiving My Love, you attempt to earn My approval by trying harder. All the while, I am aching to hold you in My everlasting arms, to enfold you in My Love. When you are feeling unworthy or unloved, come to Me. Then ask for receptivity to My unfailing Love.”

1 John 4:15-16, 18 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him...There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Psalms 13:5 But I trust in your unending love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I hope the Advent and Christmas seasons will be a time you abundantly experience the gift that keeps on giving – the unending love of the Holy One.

*Susan*

*Treasurer's Report*



*November 25, 2018*

*“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”*

**2018 Budget \$49,293.00**

Needed through 11/18/18 for budget	\$45,349.56
Received to date for budget	\$45,108.00
Behind Budget	\$ 241.56
Paid out to date for budget	\$ 37,739.03

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!**



Thanks to John for his informative lessons on Genesis. The two creation stories were highlights of these lessons.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2, and we will be using the Adam Hamilton study Faithful; Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph.

Susan will be leading us in this series as we ponder what we can learn about God and ourselves from Joseph's story.

Our class begins at 9:45 and all are welcome as we prepare our minds and hearts in these 4 Sundays before Christmas.



The UMM will meet at the church at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 1st.

*Gerald*



Our senior Christmas boxes are due to church on Sunday December 2. Cash donations are accepted as well. A list of recommended items is available at beach door.

Be kind to each other, family friends and strangers. Keep some change in your pockets for the bell ringers and a smile for everyone you meet.

Jesus loves you and so do I.  
Beth



**SERVING MEALS  
TO THE HOMELESS**

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,  
Waynesville, Saturday,  
December 17th at 5:30PM.

## Colorful Ladies of Faith

Because of the prediction of inclement weather, our November meeting was postponed until this coming Thursday, November 29. We will meet at 10:00 after which we will enjoy a delightful lunch provided by Susan. This will be our last meeting for 2018. Our first meeting in 2019 will be on Thursday, January 17th, at 10:00.

## CONTACT information



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email [jlf21@charter.net](mailto:jlf21@charter.net). Thanks, Judy

### Flowers for Faith



The 2019 Flower chart is on the Bulletin Board. There are a multitude of open dates. Please sign this sheet for one or two or more Sundays to place flowers in the sanctuary. Thanks for adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary.

### Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.



Please join us on Saturday, December 1 at 9 AM to decorate the church for Advent. Pastries and beverage will be provided!

## December Servants:



*Greeters: John & Grace Davis*

*Educational Entrance: Committee of the UMM*



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex. A special thank you to Eduardo and Tracy for spearheading this project and helping to make our worship services more meaningful for all.

## December Celebrations



5-Trudy Blaine  
6-Hayden Setser  
9-Doyce Rogers  
12-Kari Setser  
14-Christy Yarski  
17-Scotty Setser



20-Debbie & Kenny Mull  
30-Doug & Terri Rogers



*For to us a  
child is born, to us a son  
is given.      Isaiah 9:6*