

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 30, 2008

THE GATHERING

*Please honor those who seek some quiet time for private meditation before worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (L: Liturgist; P: People)

L: Give ear to us, O Shepherd of Israel,

**P: You lead us like a flock!**

L: Restore us, O God; let your face shine.

**P: Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

[Psalm 80]

\*Hymn 61 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Prayer request cards will be collected by the ushers.*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Sydni Childers, Phillip Nichols and Peter Nichols

Anthem

*Children are invited to come to the chancel for the Children’s Moment.*

Children’s Moment

Cynthia Harvey

*Those attending Children’s Worship may leave during the Greeting of God’s People*

Greeting of God’s People

Morning Prayer

**Prayer Concerns:** Totsy Albert, Evan Bennett, Madalin Behrman, Fred Calfee, Bill Casto, Larry Dawson, Virginia Estep, Peggy Flanagan, Marie Galford, C. B. Hall, Mike Johnson, Neal Johnson, Jessie Klocke, Bud Lawson, Ruth McCallister, Kathie McCluskey, Junior McHenry, Kate McLane, Bob Maxwell, Bill Mitchell, Pearl Mitchell, Bill Moles, Myrtle Pulliam, Leo Skidmore, Cecil Spence, Cindy Stagg, Beth Tate, Byron VanMeter, Ron Walton, Sheila Watkins, George Webb, Todd Workman, Gavin Young, Military Personnel.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology No. 94 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here

below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PROCLAMATION

\*Hymn 382 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37

Witness to the Word Gregory Hayes

“Wanna Watch?”

OUR RESPONSE

Congregational Commitment to Evangelism

**We, as Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, covenant within the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to commit ourselves as individuals and as a church to work diligently, faithfully and boldly as evangelists for Jesus Christ. We will proclaim the good news of the gospel and invite those who are disillusioned, broken, hopeless, hungry, and lost to experience Jesus in our midst. In the name of Jesus Christ, we commit our church to have open doors, open minds and open hearts.**

Renewal of Membership Vows

Introduction to the Service

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed #881)

Renewal of Membership Vows

As members of Christ’s universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?  
**I will.**

Reception into the Local Congregation

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?  
**I will.**

Commendation and Welcome

\*Hymn 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Those able are asked to stand*

**Those Assisting in Worship Service**

Pastor

Gregory Hayes

Deacon

J. F. Lalaria

Youth Ministry Director  
Children’s Ministry Director  
Director of Music  
Organist  
Children’s Music Ministry  
Altar Guild

Sunday School Greeters  
Liturgist  
Ushers

Cross Bearer  
Scripture

Kim McHenry  
Cynthia Harvey  
Ron Walton  
Deanna Taylor  
Tracie Atkinson  
Bonnie Porter, Betty Shiltz,  
Kathryn Bone  
Faith Meets Life  
John Reger  
Todd, Carol, Syndi, and Courtni  
Childers  
Sydni Childers  
Katie Pulliam

**Welcome**

We greet one and all in the name of Jesus Christ. On this first Sunday of Advent, may we all prepare spiritually for Christ’s birth. The light shines in the darkness!

**Coffee and fellowship** starting 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall before the Sunday School hour and the 11 am service.

**Nursery** - Care is available for children (birth – age 3) during the Worship Service.

**Children’s Worship** – (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) children may leave the sanctuary following the ‘Children’s Moment’.

**Attendance** - Please sign & pass the Red Attendance Pad to the person next to you. When the pad reaches the end of the row, pass it back to where it started.

**Audio Tapes Available** - Tapes of the service are available. Call the church office. Audio aids for the hearing impaired and large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

**Prayer Chain** - To place someone on the prayer chain, call one of the following: Bea Landin 776-2916; Darene Webb 776-1362; Ruth Ann Null 776-1991.

**Altar Flowers** – To have flowers placed on the altar, fill out a form beside the Sunday School office and return with a check for **\$35.00**.

**Upper Room** magazines are available in both foyers.

**Office Hours** - 7:30 am-3 pm, Mon.-Thurs., Fri.-7:30 am– 12 pm.

The Pastor is available during these hours. Please call for an appointment, 776-3081. Email [clumc1@verizon.net](mailto:clumc1@verizon.net); web site: [www.crosslanesumc.com](http://www.crosslanesumc.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Financial Stewardship Update**

Year to date Offerings & other income \$357,904

Year to date Expenses \$415,746

Expenses exceed Income (\$57,842)

Mortgage Balance \$428,582

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extra Mile Giving Total to date: \$69,505**

**Commitment cards and surveys** are provided for those who have not indicated their stewardship plans for 2009. Please return them during the offering.

**Those desiring to unite with our community of faith** should contact the Church Office or the parsonage at their earliest convenience.

**Holiday Outing - Monday, Dec. 1 @ 4:30 p.m.** – The SINGLES and ENCOUNTERS will be having dinner and going to the St. Albans Park to see the lights. **Bring a salad or dessert.** In case of bad weather we will move our outing to Dec. 2, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

**Nursery Worker Needed** - If you would be interested in working the nursery during the Sunday School hour and the 11 a.m. Worship service, please call the Church office or Dorie Workman, at 776-9502. This is a paid position.

**Are you planning what** specialty you are making to share at the CLUMW's potluck dinner on Dec. 7 @ 5:30 p.m. Meat and bread provided, after dinner entertainment provided by the God's Kidz Christmas Play. All women (young, older, antique) are invited.

**Thanks** to everyone, including parents, for helping with the Youth holiday dinner, we appreciate you! No youth tonight, enjoy the Holiday your family.

**Youth dates to remember: Friday, Dec. 6,** High School overnight with Saturday of Mission. Meet at the bus at 7 pm to go to Ms. Kim's to spend the night and get up early on Saturday to help at a local soup kitchen.  
**Sunday, December 7** –Youth meeting – MS, 2-3 pm; HS, 4-5 pm.  
**We are still collecting cans of pumpkin.**

**Reception for College Students & families,** Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.– 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP, Lisa McDavid or Leslie Bonham.

**Thank you:** In appreciation to Rev. Hayes and the congregation of CLUM for all the cards, prayers and concerns, the wonderful food prepared by the ladies in the New Hope Circle and others. We are most grateful, the Edward Short Family.

**Sermon Schedule:**

12/07 – “A Compassionate Glory”, Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – November 30**

8:30 a.m.           Worship  
9:45 a.m.           Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.          Worship  
**4:30 – 8:00 pm.     Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal**

Security Check       Jerry Meadows  
Counters             Ken Webb & Whitney Darby

**Monday – December 1**

9:00 a.m.            Exercise  
**4:30 p.m.            Singles & Encounters Dinner**  
7:00 p.m.            Book Club

**Tuesday – December 2**

**8:30 a.m.            Sr. Breakfast at Crackerbarrel**  
6:30 p.m.            Handbell Practice  
**7:00 p.m.            Finance Meeting**

**Wednesday – December 3**

9:00 a.m.            Exercise  
12:00 p.m.          Wed. AM Bible Study  
2:00 p.m.            Mobile Worship (Dunbar)  
**6:00 p.m.            Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
6:30 p.m.            Disciple Class in FLC Classroom  
6:30 p.m.            Prayer Meeting – Chapel  
7:00 p.m.            Bible Study

**Thursday – December 4**

**6:00 p.m.            Worship Committee Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.            Choir Practice**  
**7:00 p.m.            Scouts FLC Upstairs**  
7:00 p.m.            N/A

**Friday – December 5**

9:00 a.m.            Exercise  
4:00 – 8:00          Play Practice  
8:00 p.m.            Hi School Overnight in Gym  
6:00 p.m.            Setup FHall for Dinner on Sat.

**Saturday – December 6**

**9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.   Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary Reserved**  
**3:00 – 8 pm         Sanctuary Reserved**  
7:00 noon            N/A

**Attendance – Nov. 23** - 8:30 a.m. (63); 11:00 (190); SS (109)

Our radio series continues Sunday at 3:00 pm on the Charleston Christian Radio Network WJYP-1300; WMON-1340, WSCW 1410.

\*Those wishing to have a name added to the Prayer Concerns list should mark the box on the prayer card. That person will be kept on the list for one month unless otherwise notified or you may submit another card requesting prayer.

**Recycle** – For those not taking their bulletin home, please place them in the recycling bins located at each exit to help in the “green” effort.

**Cross Lanes United Methodist Church**

5320 Frontier Drive  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313  
Gregory Hayes, Pastor

November 30, 2008

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Cross Lanes United Methodist Church is to encourage all people we touch to experience God's love through faith in Jesus Christ and to share that love with Christian joy.



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