



Sunday, December 2nd

8:45 – Early Worship
9:40 – Sunday School for all ages
10:45 - Worship Service
Noon - Spiritual Form Tm. Mtg.
5:00 - Holiday Covered Dish Dinner
6:00 - Hanging of the Greens
6:30 - No Advent Study
6:30 - No Evening Worship

Monday, December 3rd

9:30 – Refit
6:30 - Cub Scouts/Sea Scouts
7:00 - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 4th

6:30 – Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday, December 5th

9:30 - Refit
1:00 - Advent Study
5:30 - All-Stars 4 Jesus!
6:00 - Youth
6:30 - Advent Study
7:30 - Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6th

11:00 UMW Luncheon

Saturday, December 8th

7:30 - The Renaissance Concert



WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

November 25, 2018

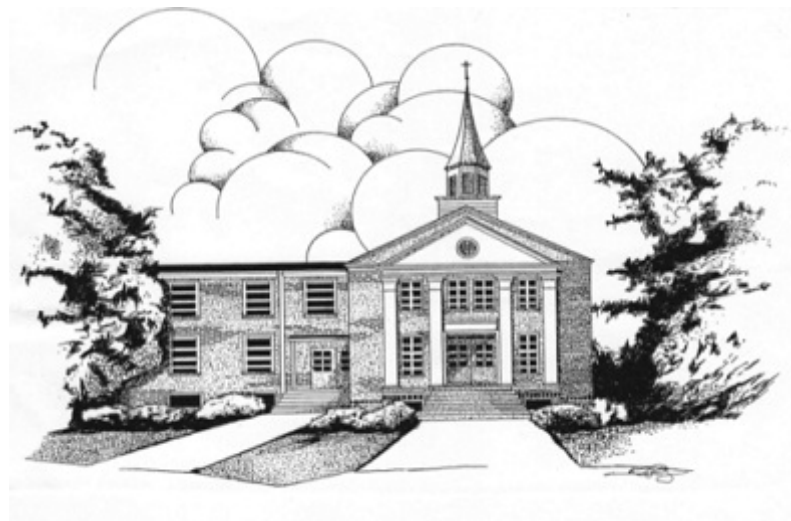
Amount Received	Amount Needed Per Week
\$4,906.37	\$8, 849.84

Last Sunday Attendance

Morning Worship: 134	Early Worship: 25
Sunday School: 102	Evening Worship:

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6th - United Methodist Women Luncheon
December 8th - The Renaissance Concert 7:30
December 12th - All-Stars 4 Jesus Performance
December 14th Singles & More Christmas Party
December 19th - All-Stars Christmas Party



CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to ENGAGE with people in order to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to CONNECT them in their journey of faith; and to offer opportunities to DEVELOP their relationship with the living God through love, worship, and SERVICE.

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CHURCH STAFF

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**STEELE MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**December 2, 2018
WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP No. 220 (vs. 1-2)
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a time to share the work of the Church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Jim & Teresa Pickett Family
No. 196 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

STORY TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology
No. 94 *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

***SONG OF EXPECTATION**
No. 211 (vs. 1-3) *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"*

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM *"Come Make a Place"* Choir
Children ages 4 through 2nd grade may exit for Children's Church and go downstairs to the 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School classroom.

SERMON Isaiah 1:10-20 Pastor Kevin Lantz
"Reclaiming a Genuine Christmas"

*HYMN OF INVITATION

“Offering”

COMMUNION PRAYER

with **The Lord's Prayer**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*BENEDICTION

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

*POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Johnna Adkins	Dana Godfrey, Sr.	Mike McClung
Sue Ballengee	Lori Childers Godfrey	Brian McMaster
Earlene Bannister	Charles Hart	Michael Null
Rosetta Blake	Peggy Hicks	Keith Ross
Jim Boggess	Monica Jackson	Lois Silling
Shirley Bowen	Adam Johnson	Essie Thornton
Buddy & Lillian Dick	Whitt/Virginia Keefer	Don Williams
Meghan Elkins	Emma Marshall	

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Jason Berkenbaugh	(Friend of Stephanie Taylor)
Avanell Cummings	(Mother of Becky Nisbet)
Christy Holly	(Daughter of Vicki Ray Buell)
Charlie Insalaco	(Grandson of Mike & Lynette Call)
Joshua Potts	(Cousin of Bryan Collins)
Valerie Salyers	(Mother of Savannah Watson)
Tommy Dickens	(Brother of Larry Dickens)

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is placed in celebration of Eddie and Vicki Smith's 8TH Great-Grandchild, Elyse Jo Herold born on Monday, November 19th. Elyse was born weighing 6lbs 12oz at 19" long. Her proud parents are Kayln and Marc Herold of Christiansburg, VA.

THE LYDIA CIRCLE will meet the second Thursday of every month at 1 PM in the Parlor.

THE ECCHO ITEM for December is Cereal. Cereal is an ideal item for many families who may have children home from school due to holidays and possible snow days from school. Please place

donations in our ECCHO food box located in the front hallway.

HOLIDAY BASKETS As the holiday season approaches, we think of those struggling to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for their families. Won't you help? We encourage you, as you, are able, to give a monetary donation. Mark a pew envelope, "Holiday Baskets". We receive the names of our families from **ECCHO**.

BLUE CHRISTMAS! For the past few years the community has offered a "Blue Christmas" worship service at one of our local churches, keeping in mind that the season leading up to Christmas may be emotionally draining for some, especially if they have lost a loved one during the year. A "Blue Christmas" worship service offers our friends a place to acknowledge that sadness in the midst of a "happy" season. This year's Blue Christmas service will take place on Friday Dec. 21, at Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church (time to be announced).

ENGAGING INDEX CARDS! December is a great time to share an invitation to Church with one of your friends! December offers excellent opportunities:

- Holiday Family Dinner – Sunday, December 2, 5 p.m.
- Renaissance Christmas Choir program – Saturday, December 8
- Christmas Eve Worship – December 24!

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: Think of someone who may be ready for an invitation to worship or take part in another experience at your Church. Write their name and a contact: either 1) email or 2) mailing address on the colorful index cards.

With that, your Church will send a note inviting them, promising them **you** will make a follow-up call! This takes the anxiety out of making your own "cold call." The Church will send something like this: *“Pete Sargent would like to invite you to our Christmas Eve worship this year! This special family worship will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 24. Pete will be calling you to make arrangements to pick you up and answer any questions!”*

IMPORTANT! Include your name on the back of the index card!

Later, you make the call – making your invitation a less anxious experience! Let's see how many we can include in the celebration of our Savior's Birth! We know, through statistical analysis, that the majority of people will respond to your invitation to Church!

THE ANGELS ARE HERE! December 2nd the Angel's will arrive. Our Angel Tree will be located in the Narthex. Each angel will have the gender, age, sizes and/or gift wish of a hopeful child. All the Angels have been vetted by ECCHO to insure their need and eligibility.

We ask that you take an Angel from the tree and return their "wish" gift by December 16th at the 11:00 service. Our church "elves" ask that you place their Christmas wish in a gift bag and attach the Angel card to the bag, this makes sorting and distribution so much easier.

We encourage you to make this a family project so your children experience the true meaning of the holiday season. Giving to those less fortunate is a life lesson we all need to instill in our children and grandchildren. If you would rather donate money for a gift or food cards, see Gina Crews, Sandy Rupert or Doris Wooten.

If you have any questions, Sandy Rupert can be reached at 304-634-7812.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY for Dr. John Sauvage may be sent to his address : 116 Mt View Subdivision Rd., Peterstown, WV 24963

THE ENGAGE TEAM and the Fellowship Sunday School Class are making available in the vestibule after church Blessing Bags. These small baggies are filled with a card that asks a blessing for the receiver and several pieces of candy. They are an ideal reminder to those who receive them that Christmas is about Christ. We would ask that you take two or three and pass them out to harried clerks, wait staff and other retail workers for whom the Christmas season is often stressful and filled with people who have forgotten (or don't know) Christ's message of love and hope for all.

COMMUNION OFFERING A voluntary offering is received during our communion service in order to respond to emergency needs within the parish.

ADVENT WREATH DEVOTIONALS Copies of family devotional readings are available for those who want to practice home devotions around personal advent wreath candle-lightings.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP Make plans to attend a very special Christmas Eve worship at 6:30 PM.

ADVENT WREATH CAKE – This is a nice and easy dessert to make and serve on the first Sunday of Advent or during the season

- **1 package yellow cake mix**
- **2 eggs**
- **1/4 cup vegetable oil**
- **1/2 cup flour**
- **1/2 teaspoon baking soda**
- **1 cup milk**
- **1 teaspoon vanilla**

Beat ingredients for four minutes. Put in greased 12-cup ring mold or bundt pan. Bake 40–50 minutes in 350 degree oven. Frost with green frosting (and green coconut, optional). Red-hots (cinnamon candies) or glazed red cherries may be used for holly-berry decorations.