

DECEMBER 1, 2013

- * PRELUDE
- * WELCOME AND SHARING OF NEWS
- CALL TO WORSHIP: From Isaiah Chapter 2
- Leader: In the last days many people will come and say, "Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. To the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways so that we may walk in his paths."
- People: Come descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**
- INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER
- + HYMN OF PRAISE: (Red) No. 140
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"
- LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**
(Janna and Gary Milstead)
- + **APOSTLES' CREED:**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- + GLORIA PATRI
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Harold Reid
- QUIET MEDITATION
- PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE
- TITHES AND OFFERINGS
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *"Tidings Carol"*
- + DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- + HYMN OF PREPARATION: (Red) No. 147
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- SCRIPTURE READING:
- SERMON:** *"Desert Thunder"* Lee Thomas
- + HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Red) No. 151
"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"
- + BENEDICTION
- + CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *"Alleluia"*
- POSTLUDE
- + **CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND**
*** USHERS MAY SEAT THOSE WAITING**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- SUNDAY:**
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
11:00 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
Attendance last week: 129
Offering last week: \$2,294.00
- TUESDAY:**
6:00 P.M. Circle 4 will meet at the Bistro
- WEDNESDAY:**
5:30 P.M. OYF
- SATURDAY:**
12 Noon Circle 3 will meet at Sanzone's in Stuarts Draft

Our **greeters** today are Linda and Phil Phillips.

Our **prayer family** this week is Dorothy and William Young.

Lee Thomas will be taking pledges on the **WTON Radiothon** on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 8-9:00 a.m. You may call 885-1240 or 943-2820 to make a pledge or give Lee a check at church made out to the Staunton Rotary/WTON Children's Christmas Party. Thanks for your support.

The Women are collecting **Food Baskets** for the Salvation Army to be distributed to the needy for the Christmas season. Please leave donations in the social hall by Sunday, December 22, 2013. The collection for items for SACRA will resume the first of the year.

The **OYF** will present a **Christmas Program and Dinner Theater** at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2013. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you plan to attend. There will be a **Warm Tree**. Bring scarves, gloves, etc. to place on the tree to be donated to the needy. The OYF will go **caroling** on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. They will meet at Cici's at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

A **Kitchen Fund** has been created to renovate the kitchen and the surrounding area. Anyone wishing to contribute may make checks payable to **Olivet Presbyterian Church** and earmarked **Kitchen Fund**. Full details of the planned work which will begin in January of 2014 is in the November Newsletter and posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

The **2014 Relay for Life** event will be held at Riverheads High School May 17-May 18th. There will be a kick-off fundraiser in January at Olivet. Anyone wishing to join the Olivet Strutters is asked to see Vickey Wood.

Olivet and the Church of the Brethren's choirs will jointly present a music program at Olivet during the morning worship service next Sunday and again during the worship service at the Brethren Church on December 15, 2013.

There will be an informal **Candlelight Service** on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.

If you wish to place a **poinsettia** in the church for the Christmas season, please see Brenda Reid or Wilma Balsley by today. Poinsettias are \$6.00 each.