

Our Mission

To listen to and walk with those in our broader community where they are, seeking to enter together more fully into the life of Christ.

Our Vision

By the grace of God we are striving for daily discipleship to Jesus in a community on shared mission

Visit our website – www.wmcva.org

If you are not already getting the weekly “WMC Newsnotes” emails (Sunday bulletins and brief announcements) and/or our Prayer Chain emails, send an email to: office@wmcva.org

WMC Leadership

Church office hours: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Tuesday thru Friday. If you have questions, concerns, or compliments you may contact any of the following persons.

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**December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Worship

Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM

We welcome each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and thank God for your presence here.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lighting the Litany Candle

Pastor Zach

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is soon.

People: Tell what you hear and see: even now, like water in the desert, we see God's action all around.

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle as a sign of your love made visible among us.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Singing	“Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming”	#211
	“O come, O come, Immanuel”	#172

Children's Lesson “It came without packages, boxes or bags” MaryAnn Lee

Offering “Mary did you know” May Miller

Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-2, 6-9; Matthew 11:2-11;
James 5:7-10 George McBeath

Sermon Hope in the Wilderness Pastor Zach

Singing “Fling wide the door, unbar the gate!” #186

Sermon Response (on screen)

Benediction Pastor Zach

Doxology “Joy to the World” #318

*Worship Leader: Angie Williams; Song Leader: Rose Miller; Accompanist: MaryAnn Lee
Usher: Steve Johnson; Nursery: Alta Blosser & Carrie Baker*



Announcements

You are invited to give to the **Christmas Offering** which will go to Joshua Center in Albania, and to Jericho Road's global health centers in Sierra Leone. Joshua Center's ministry is to children and mothers of the Roma ethnic group. The Sierra Leone clinics give medical treatment to everyone no matter their economic, religious or social standing. Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. Both of these organizations serve others in the name of Jesus. Contributions will be accepted through January 1, 2023. Make checks out to WMC with either "Joshua Center" or "Sierra Leone" on the memo line. If you'd like your donation given equally to both, write "Christmas" on the memo line. Thanks for reaching out to others in the love of Christ.

We will host a Celebration of Life to honor Mike King today at 2 PM. Please pray for Lilly and all those impacted by Mike's passing.

Church clean-up day will be next Saturday, December 17th starting at 9 AM.

The Christmas program, "The Light of the World" will be presented on Sunday, December 18th, 6 PM. A time of snacks and refreshments will follow the service.

Though Christmas and New Year's Day each fall on Sunday this year, we will still plan to have our weekly worship services. However, we will not have Sunday school on those Sundays. There will be a coffee hour instead of Sunday school. Also, there will be **NO** fellowship meal on January 1st.



Pray

- Our church family: Randy Coblenz; Margaret Ann Johnson
- Julie Birmingham, Melanie Plato's niece
- Ami Pobiak, Carrie & Chris Baker's daughter

VMissions: Lift up Kate Miller (name changed), a tranSend intern serving on the business for transformation team in Central Asia. Ask the Lord for encouragement and opportunities to share the love of Jesus in that context.

Contact the church office if you wish to update a prayer concern for the bulletin. To activate the prayer chain during the week, call any of the elders.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday		Anniversary	
Dec 15	Wilda Kruzinski	Dec 9	Tyler & Courtney Nice
18	Doris Smoker		
21	Ethan Erbaugh		
28	William Nice		

