





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

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"The Mighty One has done great things" for all of us! On

this fourth Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the announcement of Christ Birth to Mary! Mary was overwhelmed at what the Angel told her. We are overwhelmed at such Good News for all of us!

Today my prayer for all of us is that in the midst of all the busyness of our lives, the Joy of the Season will breakthrough in our hearts! "Let earth receive Her King! Let every heart prepare Him room!"

Today our Choir will portray to us the Message of Christmas. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this wonderful choir whose members live and believe what they sing. And they sure sing from their hearts!

As you are visiting with us today, we consider you an honored guest! We pray you experience a great welcome and desire to come back soon to join us again!

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



USHER SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson DEACON–Ken McVey Small Talk-Laura Ziegler Junior Church-*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)* ATTENDANCE SS-56 Worship-82 FINANCIAL NOTES Monthly Need \$11,070.16 Worship Service Sunday School

	Worship Service	Sunday School
December 5	\$3,162.48	\$42.00
December 12	2 \$1,822.00	\$46.00

\$6.50-B'day and Anniversary offering, \$170.00-RMMO

Operating Fund \$5,072.48 Total Receipts (Dec.) \$5,914.44 Weekly Need \$2,700.18

PEACE

The fourth and final Sunday of Advent in 2021 is today, December 19th. Advent is the season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Reading, prayer, and reflection are ways we can cultivate a sense of holy anticipation this Advent. The fourth Sunday of Advent we meditate on the **peace** that Jesus brings our hearts and our world. Scripture is the place we can find the promises of God. Let us meditate on these truths and allow them to comfort our hearts this Advent season!



Today – Christmas Cantata Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Service (9:00PM) Dec 28th - Tuesday Morning Bible Study Reconvenes

<u>We Need Your Help!</u> <u>We Would Like to Get It Today So</u> <u>That We Can Get It Started</u>

A new 2022 Church Directory is being prepared and we need your up-to-date address, current telephone number, E-mail address, (if you want it listed), Birthdays & Anniversaries. If you would like your information to be added or changed in the directory, please fill out the slip in the bulletin and place it in the box on the table in the Narthex.. *Thank you. Dianne (Church Secretary)*



It's time for another Men's Fellowship breakfast. The meeting place is Indy's and the time is Monday at 9:30 AM. All men are invited and welcome to the fellowship time.



Barbara Knock.

Sharon Loomis

SILENT NIGHT

A young priest in Mariapfarr, Franz Gruber. On December 24, 1818 Joseph Mohr journeyed to the home of musicianschoolteacher Franz Gruber who lived in an apartment over the schoolhouse in nearby Arnsdorf. He showed his friend a poem that he had written a year before and asked him to add a melody and guitar accompaniment so that it could be sung at Midnight Mass. His reason for wanting the new carol is unknown. Some speculate that the organ would not work; others feel that the assistant pastor, who dearly loved guitar music, merely wanted a new carol for Christmas.



PRAYER REQUESTS: <u>Church Family</u>:

Evelyn Denney, Family of Linda Phelps, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Dee Dee Kaufman, Kathy Morris, Tom Holman, Jim Abshire, Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Dixie Carter, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings.

Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

<u>Country</u> People affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy, medical personnel. <u>World:</u> Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

