

# *Thrasher United Methodist Church*

## *December 9, 2018*



David Austin and Friends led the “Lessons and Carols” service in the Chapel  
Madison Crow, Laine Bennett and Molly Crow stop at the altar to pray during communion  
Some Thrasher Staff were the first seated table at the new Macado’s

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
**DINNER**  
 5:30pm IN THE GYM



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**Nursery Notes**

Nurseries are available from 9:00am till end of the 11:00am service. Explosion worship and Sunday School are also available for older children during these hours. Crying, fidgeting and excited children are always welcome in our worship services if you prefer to have your child stay with you.

Read the Bible with Bishop Lewis

<https://www.vaumc.org/pages/bishop-lewis/2018biblechallenge>



## 8:00 A.M. Worship Service - Chapel

Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Malachi 3:1

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,  
 and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.  
 The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—  
 indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

\*Hymn #218

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Proclamation

Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Lesson

Message

"Giving Up On Perfect"

Response

\*Affirmation of Faith #881

Celebrations, Concerns and Prayers

Offering and Offertory

Doxology

Sending Forth

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn #230

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\*Benediction

## 9:00 A.M. Worship Service - Sanctuary

Gathering

Gathering Music

Welcome

\*Songs

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Children to "Explosion Worship"

\*Song

Proclamation

Luke 1:26-38

Scripture

Message

Response

"Giving Up On Perfect"

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Song

Celebrations, Concerns and Prayers

Offering and Offertory

Sending Forth

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Song

\*Blessing

Postlude

(\*indicates please stand as you are able)

Music By "Humble Praise"

# 11:00 A.M. Worship Service - Sanctuary

## Gathering

Prelude "There's a Song in the Air" *arr. Smith/Hustad*  
Welcome  
\*Hymn #218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"  
Lighting of the Advent Candle

## Proclamation

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38  
Anthem "What Sweeter Music" *arr. John Rutter*  
Message "Giving Up On Perfect"

## Response

\*Affirmation of Faith #881 "The Apostles' Creed"  
\*Hymn #217 "Away in a Manger"  
Celebrations, Concerns and Prayers  
Offering and Offertory "Mary Did You Know?"  
\*Doxology

## Sending Forth

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
\*Hymn #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
\*Benediction #99 "My Tribute: To God Be the Glory"  
\*Postlude "Come Thou Almighty King" *arr. Gardini*

(\*indicates please stand as you are able)  
*Music by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra*

## This Week @ Thrasher

### Today

7:00am - Men's Bible Study (WR)  
8:00-10:30am - Breakfast (SC)  
8:00am - Traditional Worship (C)  
8:00-11:30am - Adult Sunday School  
9:00am - Contemporary Worship (S)  
9:00am - Explosion Worship  
(3-5yrs - Preschool Room)  
(K-5th - FH)  
10:20am - Children's Activities  
(Infant & Toddler - Nursery)  
(3-5 yrs - Preschool Room)  
(K-5th - Children's Floor)  
10:20am - Youth Sunday School  
11:00am - Traditional Worship (S)  
3:00pm - Roanoke Korean UMC  
(SGCH/C/FH)  
6:00pm - Christmas at Thrasher (S)  
6:00pm - Youth (Gym)

### Tuesday

10:30am - UMW Circle 3 (FH)  
6:00pm - Finance (WR)  
6:30pm - Disciple IV Bible Study (SG)  
7:00pm - Staff Parrish (WR)

### Wednesday

10:00am - Wednesday Morning Bible Study (WR)  
5:30pm - Wednesday Night Community Dinner (gym)  
6:00pm - Bell Choir (BR)  
6:00pm - Children's Choir (CR)  
6:00pm - Ginger Bread House Party (FH)  
6:30pm - Korean Bible Study (FH)  
6:30pm - Wednesday Night Worship (SC)  
6:30pm - Disciple 1 Bible Study (WR)  
6:45pm - Orchestra Rehearsal (S)  
7:30pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Thursday

10:00am - Prayer Ministry Team (P)  
10:00am - UMW Circle 6 (WR)



Welcome to Worship! We are glad to worship with you today. Be sure to fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin. Place the form in the offering plate.

If this is your first time at Thrasher, there is a gift for you as you leave to say "Thank You" for coming and to provide some information.



Ginger Bread House Party  
December 12, 6:00pm  
Old Fellowship Hall



Give Online



## Prayers

Please remember in your prayers: Nancy Adams, Don Baldwin, Omia Boone, Sam Cundiff, Jerry Foutz, Chick Graves, Jean Light, Emmett Murray, Margaret Orr, Joyce Pratt, Paul Ribelin, Jeffrey Underwood, Carol Vann, Bob Watson, Jeannie Wicks

Carrington Place - April Hall, Harriet Overstreet  
Hermitage - Mary Bush, Ralph Craig, Ann Holloman, Anita Reynolds, Solon and Claudine Simpson  
Our Lady of the Valley - Billie Neal, Phyllis Garland, Margaret Wood  
Raleigh Court - Joyce Heath  
South Roanoke Nursing Home - Lucille Whitlow  
The Park Oak Grove - Dot Cox

Elks Home - Dot Saunders  
Richfield - Al Croy  
Springtree - Louise Dixon, Calvin Powers  
Virginia Veterans Care Center - Bev Mitchell

## Presence, Gifts

### Reaching Goals

Our Attendance Goal for 2018:	445 average
So far in 2018:	402 average
Mission Goals for the Year	\$130,765.00
Missions Paid so far:	\$68,937.61
New members for the year	52 total
So far in 2018:	27

### Offering Envelopes Available

For those who use offering envelopes, they are in the breezeway near the sanctuary. Please pick yours up today.

### Year End Giving

**The church's financial recording for 2018 will close on January 2, 2019.** Because of the way New Years falls this year we will keep the books open till then first working day after the new year.

## Services and Witness

**Gingerbread House Decorating Party** - Come and decorate your very own Gingerbread House on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Advent Study** - Want to experience the JOY of living like Jesus? Join us in the coffee house at 10:15 or the Faith and Fellowship Class at 10:00 for an Advent study based on the sermon series, "Christmas Is Not Your birthday." The study will run from December 2nd through December 23.

**December Giving Tree** - We are continuing our Shoe Drive for Herman L. Horn this month. As the weather gets colder children need a good pair of shoes. You can place your NEW shoes in children sizes 10-13 and youth sizes 1-3 under the giving tree or make a monetary donation in the offering plate, designated SHOES. We are also having an Angel Tree for those who need assistance this Christmas. There will be an opportunity to give Ornaments at Christmas for Relay For Life.

**Christmas Eve Services** - **On Monday, December 24 Thrasher will have two "Candlelight Communion Services."** The first will be at 5:30pm and will be children friendly and feature Humber Praise leading the music. The second will be at 7:30pm and will feature the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. Both will end with a time of candlelight and singing. Invite your friends to join you!

**IRA Donation** - If you are over 70½ and need to take money out of your IRA, you can donate that to the church tax free. Please see Pastor B. for more details.

**Stories of the Year** - **Come on December 30 to hear "Stories of the Year" as people share their stories of the Mission work they did this year.** Our goal was to take someone, go out, and change the world. On December 30 we will hear from folks who did just that!

**January and February Sermons** - **"We Should Be Committed" Is commitment a word the church can still use? To what are you committed? Commitment just sounds hard!**

## Christmas at Thrasher

***"Christmas Is Not Your Birthday!"***

Night of Music - December 9, 6:00pm

Gingerbread House Making - December 12, 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Services - December 24, 5:00pm, 7:30pm

"Stories of the Year" - December 30, worship