



THE
Hanging
OF THE
Greens

November 29th, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent—UM Student Day

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE “YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES” ARR. BY: M HOKENSON
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS”** NO. 213

“HANGING OF THE GREENS”

LIGHTING OF FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

LP—BILL AND SANDY MAROHL; V— DAN AND BARB CASPER

THIS IS THE FIRST CANDLE, THE ADVENT CANDLE, THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION. SHEEP, COWS, DONKEYS, GESE, PIGS, DUCKS, AND CHICKENS GATHERED AROUND THE MANGER OF STRAW IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF THE LONG AWAITED SAVIOR, JESUS. AS WE START THE ADVENT SEASON, MAY WE GATHER WITH THE ANIMALS AROUND THE MANGER OF STRAW WITH THANKFULNESS AND LOVE FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER.

PRAYER: ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE LOVE HAS COME TO US IN THE ADVENT OF YOUR SON, GIVE BIRTH TO THAT SAME KIND OF LOVE IN OUR HEARTS TOWARD ONE ANOTHER; THAT WE MAY BECOME A FELLOWSHIP OF PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE RETURN OF OUR LORD, IN WHOSE NAME WE PRAY. AMEN

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE MANGER ANIMALS AS A SIGN OF PREPARATION.

****Call To Worship** Psalm 93 UMH 861

****OPENING PRAYER** (PRAY IN UNISON)

THE “DAY THAT SHALL COME TO PASS” IS NOW. THE “HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB AND RACHEL” IS HERE. O GOD, BE WITH US IN THESE MOMENTS IN THIS PLACE, THAT IN DAYS TO COME WE MAY REMAIN WITH YOU AS WE WALK IN THE WORLD.

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 33:14-16 PEW BIBLE No. 887

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 THESSOLONIANS 3:9-13

PEW BIBLE No. 1441

****GOSPEL** LUKE 21:25-28 PEW BIBLE No. 1269

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON “GOD COMES TO US IN TIMES OF JOY AND SORROW”

***Hymn “All Earth is Waiting”** UMH No. 210

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

UMH No. 895

L: LORD, IN YOUR MERCY,

P: HEAR OUR PRAYER

OFFERING “PEOPLE LOOK EAST” BY: JOSEPH BERTOLOZZI

**DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST; PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER

****CLOSING HYMN “JOYFUL, JOYFUL”** UMH No. 89

*BENEDICTION

O GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS, MAKE US A PEOPLE OF NEW BEGINNINGS. LET THE WORKS OF OUR HANDS REFLECT THE WORKS OF YOUR HAND. LET US MIRROR THE LIGHT THAT ILLUMINED THE DEEP AND BRIGHTENED A COLD, DARK STABLE.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS”

REFRAIN UMH No. 237

POSTLUDE WACKET AUF—SETTING

BY: JOHN A. BEHNKE

Viroqua & Liberty Pole Bulletins and Radio Broadcast are given by Janet Schipper in memory of her son Joe Schipper’s birthday December 4th.

Calendar of Events

Sun., Nov. 29th	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a .m. 2:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens @ LP Hanging of the Greens @ V Bell Choir Concert @ V
Tues., Dec. 1st	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Practice LP Council Mtg.
Thurs., Dec. 3rd	8:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	VMA @ St. Mary's UMW & Lydia Circle Luncheon SPRC Mtg. @ V
Sun., Dec. 6th	Holly Communion 7:00 p.m.	Sunday at the rail Caroling of the Choirs @ Good Shepherd

Prayer List: Kent, Paul W. and Grandson-Aaron, Refugees, Jean W. Camilla S., Chris D., Jim, Dyane L., Rick, Karen, Ida R., Irene, Jessica, Brian F., Annabel

The Viroqua Community Bell Choir will present a concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29th, at the United Methodist Church, 221 South Center, Viroqua. The program will feature Christmas songs from around the world plus piano and vocals by the Eitland Sisters. A freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Good Shepherd Church Cookie Walk, Sat., Dec. 12th, 9:00 a.m.

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Amy and Allison Hardy	David and Jolene Gudgeon
GREETERS	Amy and Allison Hardy	Minnie Hirschfield
LITURGIST	Tom Lohr	Sonja Bjerkos
LAST SUNDAY'S	45	55
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$629.66	\$1,455.14

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