

Name him

*Jesus*



## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Sun. Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Sun. Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

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**December 21, 2008**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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\*Please stand if you are able

### CAROL SING

### WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

- \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) "Canticle of Mary" Hymnal No. 199
- \*OPENING PRAYER (unison) "Advent" Hymnal No. 201
- \*CHRISTMAS CAROL - L.P. "He Is Born" No. 228
- \*CHRISTMAS CAROL - VIR. "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"  
*The Faith We Sing* No. 2096
- \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) the Apostles' Creed Hymnal No. 881

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Hymnal No. 895

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Liberty Pole: the Brian Gardner family  
Viroqua: the Sunday School children

- ADVENT CAROL "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216
- OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 49:8-12* pew Bible pg. 60
- \*CHRISTMAS CAROL - L.P. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 236
- \*CHRISTMAS CAROL - VIR. "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"  
*The Faith We Sing* No. 2100

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

(see insert)

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY - VIR.** "What Child Is This" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
*Youth Chime Choir*

### \*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

\***CHRISTMAS CAROL - L.P.** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

\***CHRISTMAS CAROL - VIR.** "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"  
*The Faith We Sing* No. 2098

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*THREEFOLD AMEN

Hymnal No. 898

### \*POSTLUDE

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## LIBERTY POLE

## VIROQUA

USHERS . . . . . John & Rita Burckhardt . . . . . Blaine & Janet Welch

ACOLYTES . . . . . volunteer . . . . . volunteer

LITURGISTS . . . . . Cyndy Hubbard . . . . . Cavan Fang

GREETERS . . . . . Blaine & Janet Welch

**Last Sunday's attendance:** 48

68

**Last Sunday's offering:** \$752

\$1927.53

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Pastor Ethan Larson

Organists: Joyce Funk (Liberty Pole), Kathy Hanson & Barb Casper (Viroqua)

Choir Director (Viroqua): Lynn Whitney

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**THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored by Ramona Abbey in memory of her husband, Ross.

**THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS** today are sponsored by Carter and Ramona Thompson in honor of Deb Deaver and her helpers and the Sunday School for their special Christmas program.

**THE VIROQUA BULLETINS** today are sponsored by Pat Matz in memory of her daughter Melodi Humbright.

**THE CHRISTMAS WREATHS** on the Liberty Pole Church doors are given in memory of Orvis Hornby and Lloyd Zitzner, by their families.

**THE LARGE POINSETTIAS** in front of the Viroqua Church pulpit are given in memory of Jason and Helen Hornby, by their family.

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### CALENDAR

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| today     | 3PM - 5            | youth meet at Viroqua Church to prepare and deliver food for Fortney Hotel meal  |
| today     | 5:30PM -<br>7:30PM | Pizza/Game Night at Viroqua Church for the youth:<br>Invite your friends to come play card & board games, and to eat pizza — bring board games, food will be provided. |
| Wed.      | 5 PM               | joint Christmas Eve worship service at Viroqua   |
| next Sun. |                    | guest preachers: Liberty Pole — Fred Funk<br>Viroqua — Joanne Hornby   |
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The Viroqua Care & Nurture Committee will be making a "**shepherds' run**" on Christmas Eve, delivering cookies to people working at the hospital, sheriff's office, and convenience stores. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please bring in cookies or bars and place them in the kitchen fridge (make sure they are labelled!).



## Liberty Pole Poinsettias

from Beverly Bankes, in memory of Conrad Bankes

from Judy Erickson, in memory of Lester and Evelyn Cade

from Delores Hornby and family, in memory of Orvis  
Hornby

from Bill and Sandy Marohl, in honor of Sandy's mother

## Genesis 49:8-12

`Judah, your brothers shall praise you;  
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;  
your father's sons shall bow down before you.  
Judah is a lion's whelp;  
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion,  
like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?  
The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
until tribute comes to him;<sup>\*</sup>  
and the obedience of the peoples is his.  
Binding his foal to the vine  
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,  
he washes his garments in wine  
and his robe in the blood of grapes;  
his eyes are darker than wine,  
and his teeth whiter than milk.

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## LIVING PORTRAITS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



### Portrait 1 – Luke 1:26-38 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

MARY – Britany Deaver

GABRIEL – Shana Hardy

### Portrait 2–Matthew 1:19-24–Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ the newborn King.

JOSEPH – Kelsey Vikemyr

LORD'S ANGEL – Brianna Vikemyr

### Portrait 3 – Luke 2:1-5 – Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

CENSUS TAKER – Leif Thompson

### Portrait 4 – Luke 2:6-7 – Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

INNKEEPER – Allison Hardy

### Portrait 5 – Luke 2:8-19 – The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

SHEPHERDS – Dalton Hardy, Alan Matson, Jay Lind

ANGELS – Amanda Gardner, Joy Hubbard

### Portrait 6 – Matthew 2:1-11 – We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

WISEMEN – Seth Volden, Chandlor Volden,

Hunter Vikemyr

### Portrait 7 – Nativity Scene – Metz Family Singers

Baby Jesus – Tyden Lind

## **Recessional – Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature  
sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
While field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse if found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.



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