

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00AM Youth Bells
- 9:30AM Children's Choir & Youth Choir (in Sanctuary)
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship and Hanging of the Green
- 5:00PM Youth

MONDAY, December 4

- 6:15PM WMU Group 2 at Taylor House

TUESDAY, December 5

- 12:00PM JOY Lunch – Christmas Menu

WEDNESDAY, December 6

- 12:00PM Community Advent Service (Christ Episcopal Church)
- 5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Cream of Broccoli Soup, Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Salad Bar, Dessert)
- 6:00PM World Missions Program
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:00PM Cathedral Bell
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 8

- 9:00AM OCC Processing Center Trip

SATURDAY, December 9

- 11:00AM Children's 'Gingerbread' Nativity

Records at-a-Glance

Sunday School Attendance 11/19	143
11/26	138
Worship Attendance 11/19	192
11/26	167
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 11/12	\$5,827.49
11/19	\$10,636.44
YTD Budget Receipts 10/31	\$447,967.97
YTD Expenses thru 10/31	\$463,825.66
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 11/19)	\$250,745.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Burnie Miller by Chris & Amanda Holt and Family

Burnie Miller by Joe & Diane Harris

Burnie Miller by M/M David Horton

Burnie Miller by Franchot & Carol Palmer

Heritage Fund

Dr. Lewis James Gaskin by Patricia B. Gaskin

HONORARIA

Organ Fund

Aza Hudson by M/M Norman Wilson

Missions Fund

Pat Wilson by The Weavil Family

Flower Fund

Lina Chandler by the JOY Group Travelers

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Deadline for submissions for the TIE is Tuesday at noon

Our Church Family

MISSIONARIES

Rob & Amanda Rone	Myanmar
John Taylor	Far East
Molly Peele	Rhode Island

PRAYER LIST

Sue Hunsucker, Linda Hall, Jane Pendergraft, Sylvia Scholl, Kip Medlin, Mary Sullivan, Peggy Richardson, Julie Crumpler, Nita Bayles, Joanna Morgan, Gary Faulk, Barbara Bowers, Braden Poplin, Pat Ellison, Myra Land, Wayne Burriss, Geraldine Causby, Betty Hartley, Frances Newton, Jont Johnson

CONTINUAL CARE

Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Mary Garber Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler, Jim Mauney, Agnes Blalock, John & Bonnie Herring, Raynell Cooke, Bear Knotts, Patsy Turbeville, Patty Lowder, Betty Hartley

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Sandy Young and family in the passing of her mother, Charlene Thornton, in Michigan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan and Karmen Russell on the birth of their son, Kallan Reid Russell. Reid was born on Friday, November 17 weighing 6.8 pounds and 19 inches long. Proud big brother is Wells.

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2017 Advent Schedule

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3 rd	First Sunday of Advent 11:00am	Hanging of the Green
6 th	Noon	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church
	6:00pm	World Missions Program
10 th	Second Sunday of Advent 11:00am	Advent Worship WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS
	4:00pm	Caroling to Homebound
13 th	Noon	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church
	6:00pm	Blue Christmas Service
17 th	Third Sunday of Advent 11:00am	Advent Worship
20 th	Noon	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church
24 th	Fourth Sunday of Advent 11:00am	Christmas Cantata LESSONS & CAROLS presented by Sanctuary Choir
	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 th	Merry Christmas! 11:00am	Community Christmas Dinner Central UMC

Words From the Pastor

The season of Advent and Christmas is upon us. Justin Holcomb, an Episcopal priest and professor, writes, "While Advent is certainly a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated; and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense. It is between the fulfilled promise of Christ's first coming and the yet-to-be-fulfilled promise of his second coming that Karl Barth penned these words: "Unfulfilled and fulfilled promise are related to each other, as are dawn and sunrise. Both are promises and in fact the same promise. If anywhere at all, then it is precisely in the light of the coming of Christ that faith has become Advent faith, the expectation of future revelation. But faith knows for whom and for what it is waiting. It is fulfilled faith because it lays hold on the fulfilled promise." The promise for Israel and the promise for the church is Jesus Christ; he has come, and he will come again. This is the essence of Advent."

In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, we now sing the song in remembrance of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future.

Beginning this Sunday, we will prepare our sanctuary for the season during the annual Hanging of the Green service. Our sanctuary will be transformed to help us experience Advent and Christmas in the fullest. Hanging of the Green service is a worship of joy and excitement, of color and pageantry that properly looks forward to Christmas. It will help us to have proper focus of all that Christmas means to us and to our faith. I hope you will be a part of it. See you on Sunday.



GOAL: \$10,000.00

The World Missions Walk Down will be on December 10 during the morning worship. We encourage you to support the international missionaries of SBC and CBF. You can direct your giving to either of our mission partners.

Deacon of the Week
Bob Sweet **November 26 – December 2**
Chad Coble **December 3 – December 9**

General Announcements

BUDGET VOTE RESULTS
135 - YES 3 - NO

Thank you for supporting the annual budget. We give thanks for everyone's faithfulness and generosity.

Missions Corner

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

For the first time in many years, we have two dates available for us to go to Charlotte to the OCC processing center to help with the boxes. This is a great opportunity to see this ministry close-up, to see what others have packed, and to help. There are break areas available if you cannot stand for the couple of hours. 25 slots are available for both times and a sign-up sheet is in the office. December 8: 9AM-1PM and December 16: 6PM-10PM

WORLD MISSIONS PROGRAM
Wednesday, December 6 @ 6PM
Bill and Judy McCall

Bill and Judy are retired missionaries to West Africa through International Mission Board. They will be here to share about their experience with the people of West Africa, as well as on-going work there and in smoother areas of the world of which they are familiar.

ANGEL TREE

2017 Angel Tree names are still available. The bulletin board behind the sanctuary has names and a sign-up sheet. Choose your name(s) today! And be an Angel! (Bring gifts to FBC by December 15th)



SCCM Needs for December
Boxed pasta meals,
Instant potatoes,
Stuffing mix, etc.

SCCM donation for November: 71 pounds.

Family Ministry News



"GINGERBREAD"

NATIVITY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Saturday December 9th

*After the Albemarle Christmas Parade
(Parade starts at 10:30 AM)*

You and your family are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall to decorate your own edible nativity. We will have hot cocoa and snacks. Don't forget to invite your friends and their parents/grandparents. Any questions, ask Christy.

YOUTH ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

Sunday, December 3; 5-7PM

We will go shopping for gifts for the Angel Tree after dinner. Bring \$10 to contribute to purchasing of the gifts.

CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND

Sunday, December 10; 4PM

We will join the rest of the church to go caroling to many of our homebound members. Meet in the fellowship hall.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday, December 17; 5PM

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Progressive Dinner. Come ready to eat and celebrate Christmas together!

JOY Group

JOY Lunch: Tuesday, December 5, Christmas Menu. WEE Care children from FBC will entertain at 11:30AM. JOY trip to the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory will follow the lunch. Sign-up sheet in the church office.