

## Opportunities for the Week

### SUNDAY, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30AM Cathedral Bells (in Sanctuary)
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 4:00PM Christmas Caroling

### TUESDAY, December 12

- 6:00PM Property Committee Meeting
- 6:00PM Finance Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, December 13

- 12:00PM Community Advent Service (Christ Episcopal Church)
- 5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Christmas Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Blue Christmas Service
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

### SATURDAY, December 16

- 6:00PM OCC Processing Center Trip

### SUNDAY, December 17

- 8:00AM Deacon's Meeting

## Records at-a-Glance

Sunday School Attendance 12/03	160
Worship Attendance 12/03	211
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,364.00
Budget Receipts 11/26	\$7,605.18
YTD Budget Receipts 11/30	\$485,710.08
YTD Expenses thru 11/30	\$512,702.04
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 11/26)	\$251,540.00
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

## MEMORIALS

### General Fund

Burnie Miller by Uwharrie Bank, Investment Advisors & Capital Corp.

Vern Gohn by Don Bennett

Carl Bowen, Jr. by Don Bennett

Burnie Miller by Don Bennett

Burnie Miller by M/M Larry Roush

Carl Bowen, Jr. by M/M Larry Roush

Burnie Miller by M/M Robert Stonestreet

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Burnie Miller by Jamie & Jennifer Kimrey

Burnie Miller by M/M Ron Swanner

Burnie Miller by Ed & Cecilia Jenkins

### Building Fund

Burnie Miller by Ben & Gwen Treece

## HONORARIA

### General Fund

John & Bonnie Herring by Rob & Kim Lybrand

Andy Jung (birthday) by Jim & Judy Fryar

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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, Pat Ellison, Myra Land, Wayne Burris, Geraldine Causby, Betty Hartley, Frances Newton, Jont Johnson, Jeremy Hurlburt, Jim Henson, Eston West

### 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

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**2017 Advent Schedule**  
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am	First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Green
6 <sup>th</sup>	Noon 6:00pm	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church World Missions Program
10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am 4:00pm	Second Sunday of Advent Advent Worship   WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS Caroling to Homebound
13 <sup>th</sup>	Noon 6:00pm	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church Blue Christmas Service
17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Third Sunday of Advent Advent Worship
20 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am 5:00pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata   LESSONS & CAROLS presented by Sanctuary Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Merry Christmas! Community Christmas Dinner Central UMC

## Words From the Pastor

If we stop and take a few moments to think back to the world events of 2017, it isn't long before we recall the devastating hurricanes; the senseless mass shootings in the Las Vegas strip and the small Baptist church in Sutherland, TX; the fear of nuclear disaster from North Korea; the unending terrorism from extremists of all kinds and so much more. If we stop to consider the loss that we have experienced personally, whether it is the death of loved ones, the loss of a job or the end of a marriage or a friendship, we all feel a sense of grief and sadness.

Christmas season is difficult for many in our congregation and in our community. Stress is overwhelming. The burden is heavy. While the commercials we see on TV are always full of joy and celebration, many of us do not feel it. Life stands in the way. We don't want to fake our way through like we have in the past.

Our annual Blue Christmas Service (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm) is meant to be a safe place to be honest with God. It is a chance for us to come together and admit to God and to one



another that our lives are not fabulous all of the time and that we deal with stress, anxiety and grief on a daily basis. It is a time to find comfort in the Savior that is born on Christmas Day who will one day take away all of the world pain and brokenness.

Darkness is all around us but darkness will not win. When the light of Christ is shone in the darkness, a sense of hope and deep joy will emerge. Jesus is the light of the world! We do not have to celebrate that with shouts of joy and laughter. Sometimes, a celebration is filled with tears and hugs. Invite a neighbor who has recently experienced loss. Invite a friend who can use a safe space to wrestle with God. Invite a family member who needs a safe space to grieve.

This Sunday, we begin our Advent series as we look at the different names of the Savior given in Isaiah 9:6. We begin with *Mighty God*. Sunday's worship will also be a focus on our missionaries all over the world. We will have our annual Missions Walkdown to financially support our missionaries (Goal: \$10,000). I hope you will come prepared to give. See you on Sunday!

### Deacon of the Week

Chad Coble  
Ed Thomas

December 3 – December 9  
December 10 – December 16

### Faith Community Nurses Reminder

Open enrollment for 2018 Marketplace Insurance ends December 15. Now is the time to make needed changes!

## General Announcements

### SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the members of the Flower Committee (Lina Chandler, Debbie Frick, Amy Jung, Linda Perry) for all the hard work for the Hanging of the Green and making our church so beautiful for this Christmas season. In addition, thanks to all the students and musicians who participated in the Hanging of the Green service.

### Caroling to Homebound This Sunday at 4pm

Join us as we go and spread Christmas cheer to many of our homebound members. We will gather in the fellowship hall, divide up into groups and then receive our assignments. There will be cookies and coffee/hot cider afterwards.

### Community Advent Service Christ Episcopal Church December 6, 13, 20 @ Noon

Everyone is invited to the community Advent services sponsored by the Downtown Albemarle Ministerial Association (DAMA). The services last approximately 30 minutes followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall.

## Missions Corner

### ANGEL TREE

Four (4) 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 15<sup>th</sup>)



### 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.

### SCCM Needs for December

Boxed pasta meals, Instant potatoes, Stuffing mix, etc.

## Family Ministry News



### "GINGERBREAD"

### NATIVITY

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>

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.

### 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; 5-8PM

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



## JOY Group

JOY Lunch: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at NOON.

Upcoming Trips: JOY Trip to Anderson, SC: Senior Follies  
Saturday, March 17, 2018, 4PM performance  
And

The Ark Encounter: June 18-21, 2018 – Charter Bus  
More information available soon! Mark your calendars!