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Thank You for Your Gifts

We are off to a great start for the Season of Advent. The elves did a great job in decorating the church. All the angels have been adopted for the Angel Tree (our largest group ever!). Thank you Bethany, you are amazing!!! With the money gifts that were donated, we are hoping to give each family unit a grocery store gift card (my dream).

Because of your faithful giving throughout the year, we paid off our apportionments for the year the end of October! It looks like we are finishing the year in good shape in our Operating (Budget) Account.

The one area that could use some help is the Building Fund itself. The bank requires us to keep a certain balance in the account and we have dipped just below that several times. You have made some generous gifts to go against principle and that has been great, but we need some help in just the Building Fund which is where we make our monthly mortgage payment from.

So, if you would like to make a special Christmas gift to the church (cash, check, or stock) that would be great!

We are also getting closer to getting what is needed for the Parsonage Renovation (kitchen, replacing some flooring, and some work in the Family Room) so that is also an opportunity for year-end giving.

Thank you Bethany for all you do. I pray that as we decorate, shop, and party, that we will also worship, pray, and look at our hearts to make sure we are ready for the coming of the Christ.

See you Sunday and bring a friend!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chip

Come and Worship with Us!

9:00am Contemporary Worship—Lacy Hall

11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

Come Learn With Us!

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...
check the website for dates & times

SERVANTHOOD

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Repent, Share, Serve"

Matthew 3: 1-12 Rev. Chip Wilson

Acolytes

John & Josh Reilly

Advent Readers

9:00 am Nathan & Melissa Adams

11:00 am David & Barbara May

Greeters

9:00 am The Vance Family

11:00 am Carolyn Daniels & Beth Weldy

AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am Kevin Ammerman & Jack Reilly

11:00 am Kevin Ammerman & Meredith Baker

Presentation Team

Jack Reilly, Bart Crowe, Claire Farmer

Ushers

9:00 am Keith Groce

*11:00 am Sandra Crowe, Diane Roberts,
Glenn Robinson, Walter Trotter, Terry Wullschleger*

Scripture Reader

Cheryl Norwood

Children's Church Leaders

Carolyn Reilly & Catherine Simpson

BETHANY NEWS

Dedication

*The new Processional Cross is given by
Rev. Jerry & Maryanne McCurdy
to the Glory of God and in honor their
children and grandchildren:
Newton & Rev. Pam McCurdy, Phil & Ann Marie McCurdy,
Charlie & Lisa McCurdy, Britt McCurdy and
Cole McCurdy.*

The Stephen Ministry of Bethany
Invites you to join us for

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

December 17 at 4pm

Come out and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

Christmas Cantata

Performed by Chancel Choir
Sunday, December 17 @ 11am - Sanctuary



Advent Talents

Did you notice the beautiful "Hope" display on the altar in Lacy Hall on Sunday, December 3, 2017? It was the result of the creative talent of Donna Carter. Throughout the Advent Season, the altar in Lacy Hall will be decorated to help draw our attention to each Sunday's Advent theme. Sharon Rice will create the display for December 10th. Lisa Ammerman will create the display on December 17th. The Art Committee wants to express our appreciation to these ladies for sharing their creativity with us. "Thank you" to Catherine Simpson for coordinating the altar display designers.

Grace Ladies

Grace Ladies are taking the month of December off and will not meet next week. Look for news on the meeting in January!

COMING UP ...
DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 16

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM Praise & Worship Service—Lacy Hall;
Children’s Church—Room 101
10:05 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
2:00 PM Kidz Matinee; Youth
6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Peer Group

Monday, December 11

1:00 AM Ken Nix Class Fellowship-Classroom
7:30 PM Boy Scouts—Scout Lodge

Tuesday, December 12

6:45 PM Zumba—The Rock;
Cub Scouts - Lacy Hall
7:00 PM ESOL - Koinonia;
Joseph Bible Study - New Hope
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous—Garth Davison

Wednesday, December 13

7:00 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, December 14

11:30 AM Forever Young
7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal - Lacy Hall;
Finance Team Meeting - Koinonia

Friday, December 15

7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, December 16

10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock
11:00 AM Girl Scouts - Children’s Hall

REACHING OUT & SUCH...



WooHoo! All of the angels have been taken! Thank you all so much for sharing your resources with others. Please wrap your gifts, preferably in a box and place the colored tag on the gift when you return it. **Deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 17.** Please

contact Susan Sprayberry if you have any questions or concerns.

The Daniel Plan is Back!

A new session of the Daniel Plan Bible Study will begin January 3, 2018. The cost of the materials is \$12. This six-week study is an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle that is dependent on five essentials: faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. Sign-up for this great experience. Registration forms will be in the worship bulletin.

Poinsettias

The Joymakers Circle of the UMW will be publishing the annual Christmas Poinsettia Bulletin December 17, 2017. You may order a poinsettia plant, in honor or in memory of someone. The cost is \$10 per plant (per name).



CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE TO: Bethany UMW. This year the proceeds will benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for the many people affected by the devastating storms this year. DEADLINE to submit the form is Sunday, Dec 10. Forms will be in the worship bulletin.

MUST Items

shampoo, conditioner, razors, soap, body lotion, grits, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruits all kinds (please no snack sizes), Chicken Helper/Tuna Helper, cereal, mixed veggies, spinach, pinto beans, kidney beans, tea bags, tall kitchen bags, toilet tissue, diapers sizes 5 or 6 only. In addition to collecting food items, MUST Ministries is also in need of VOLUNTEERS and coupons (Red Plum or Smart Sense) from the weekly papers. There will be a basket for them near the MUST barrels.

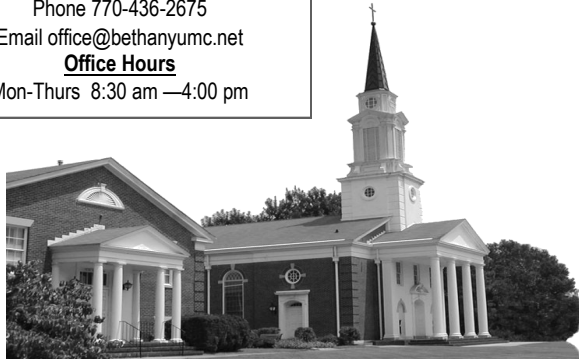
Loaves & Fishes



The sign-up sheet to feed the residents at Elizabeth Inn has been posted on the Missions Board located on the adult Sunday School hallway. Meals are provided the 22nd of each month. The remaining months are: **March, November & December.**

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«Family Greeting»

«Address1»

«Address2»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Happy Birthday!

- December 4 - Jeanie Human
- December 5 - Dan Mattox, Dylan Black
- December 6 - Jack Reilly
- December 7 - Kayla Henry
- December 9 - Gail Garrett, Jim Stratton
- December 13 - Peggy Hicks
- December 14 - Autumn Kuykendoll
- December 16 - Christen Klein

Current Prayer Concerns

Family of John G. Mitchell - father of Marla Garrison
Family of Warren Peterson - father of Claire Farmer

- Christine Adhikari
- Bailey Family - friends of Leta Thomas
- Alicia Barksdale - family of Hendrix Family
- Jim Danas
- Katelyn Davis - friend of Lisa Harris
- Victor Gary
- Nanci Hatcher
- David Knapp - family of Beth Miller (Zumba instructor)
- Carol Lavoie - friend of Nanci Hatcher
- Richard Meadows - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Jim Mount - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Valarie Phillips - family of Glenda Etheridge
- Marlene Pinto - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
- Diane (Kent) Roberts
- Kendall Southland - friend of Mark & Sheila Jones
- Bob Warman - friend of Mark & Sheila Jones

Attendance for Sunday, December 3
Contemporary Worship Service—86
Traditional Worship Service—108
Sunday School—134

Our Pastors

- Rev. Chip Wilson, Senior Pastor
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- Rev. Stiles Cobb, Pastor Emeritus

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- Dr. Changa Miller, Music Director
changamiller@aol.com
- Evelyn White, Pianist
- Donna Hester, Organist

Pray For Our Friends

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| Steve & Kathy Beckham | Ray Gary | Alan Kovatch |
| Nell Bilderback | CM Herndon | Mary McBath |
| Jane Eisenburg | Lisa Hilley | Marjorie Riley |
| Eloise Fulmer | Bobbie Hughie | Alan Rustin |
| | | Martha Speir |

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

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| Neal Allen | Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas |
| Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman | David Marvin-family of Ray Gary |
| Shawn & Angel Campbell | Maryanne McCurdy |
| Rev. Stiles Cobb | Kathy Nixon—friend of Marla Garrison |
| Barbara Davison—sister of Donna Carter | Hazel Nolan—friend of Jimi Gunter |
| Laura Denton | Buddy & Evelyn Panter |
| Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas | Patricia Pearlberg—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm |
| Bobbie English | Aaron & Allie Rice |
| Guy & Alison Gabrielson | Russell Elementary School |
| Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe | David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore |
| Harvey Hendrix | Richard Sprayberry |
| Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver | Helen Sullivan |
| Jackson Jones—Terry family member | Rev. Susan Taylor |
| Patricia Kramer | John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore |
| Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford | Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote |
| | Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's |