



# The Messenger

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## So it Begins...

And we're off! The Advent season is underway with decorations, parties, shopping, and special services. It tends to be a busy time with so many activities, but I invite you to hit the pause button on a regular basis during this Advent Season. It is hard to prepare your hearts, minds, and souls for the coming of Christ when you are rushing from one thing to the next.

But as I say that, let me give you a few dates so you can plan for them. December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 will be our Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir. We will have our normal service at 9:00 that day. Christmas Eve we will have 2 special services: at 5:00 in Lacy Hall we will have our Family Oriented Christmas with the Children and Youth helping to tell the story. We will have Communion as a part of that service; at 7:00 in the Sanctuary we will have our Traditional Candlelight Communion Service.

Sunday, December 30 we will just have one service at 11:00. Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> is Epiphany Sunday and Pastor Pam will be preaching. And lastly, Sunday, January 13 we will be celebrating the Baptism of Jesus. We will also have Communion of January 13 instead of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Again, I ask you to help us finish the year in a strong financial position. Remember that our Christmas Eve offerings will go to Hurricane Michael relief in South Georgia.

Pastor Pam and I will be going to Donaldsonville in South GA to participate with a Mission Team Sunday night December 16 through Thursday December 20. We will be going with a group of clergy and laity from the District as well as our District Superintendent and Bishop. Be in prayer for this trip.

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

# BETHANY NEWS

## **Look for it!**

Spiritual Formation is extremely important and we want know what you are interested in. Please take a moment to complete the survey that will be in your worship bulletin for the next few Sundays. It will help us tremendously with planning.



## **Thank You**

I just wanted to thank everyone that helped with our Missions Fundraiser - Bethany Holiday Bazaar this year! From the many volunteers to the Bethany members that came to support this cause. You never know how these Bazaar's will turn out. The vendors count on the public and our church to purchase their products while at the same time the vendors help us by renting a space!! So, it is a win-win all around. So again thank you so very much!!

- *Shelley Booth*

## **December Services**

**December 16** - Christmas Cantata @11am - Sanctuary

Longest Night Service @4pm - Sanctuary

**December 24** - Children/Youth Christmas Eve @ 5pm - Lacy Hall

Candlelight Christmas Eve @ 7pm - Sanctuary

**December 30** - ONE Worship Service @11am - Sanctuary

## **Elizabeth Inn**

The 2019 Elizabeth Inn/Feed Must sign-up sheet has been posted on the Mission Board on the Adult Sunday School hallway. Hurry and reserve your favorite month! Thanks to all of the Bethany Groups for your service to this ministry.

## **Poinsettias**

It's time for our annual poinsettia fundraiser. Each plant is \$10. All proceeds will go to *Simple Needs GA*. Their mission is to meet the simple needs of children/people experiencing homelessness and others in need, while inspiring our community to do the same. Deadline to place your order is **Sunday, December 9**. So, order quickly the deadline is fast approaching.

## **LET'S PLAN**

The last Messenger for the year will be published the week of December 17 and we will be working on worship bulletins for the last three Sundays in the year **early**. Why do you need to know this...well glad you asked. If you have information regarding your ministries that you wish to share with the church - it needs to be submitted ASAP! You can email your information to office@bethanyumc.net. Thanks so much.

## **Our Pastors**

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## **Our Staff**

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*Evelyn White, Pianist*

*Donna Hester, Organist*

## SERVANTHOOD, ETC.

### Attendance for Sunday, December 2

Contemporary Worship Service—70  
 Traditional Worship Service—95  
 Sunday School - 130

### **DECEMBER 9, 2018**

*"Preparing for Christmas"*

Luke 3: 1-20 Rev. Chip Wilson

#### Acolytes

*John & Josh Reilly*

#### Greeters

9:00 am *The Vance Family*

11:00 am *Debra Nix & Beth Weldy*

#### AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am *Kevin Ammerman & Cindy Webb*

11:00 am *Meredith Baker & Kevin Ammerman*

#### Presentation Team

*Catherine Simpson, Claire Farmer, Christine Adhikari*

#### Scripture Reader

*Lisa Ammerman*

#### Ushers

9:00 am *Russell Henry*

11:00 am *Sandra Crowe, Brenda Danas,  
 Diane Roberts, Walter Trotter, Terry Wullschlegler*

#### Children's Church

*Carolyn Reilly & Catherine Simpson*

## *Happy Birthday!*

**December 3** - David Hendrix, Keith Farnham,  
 Travis Carter

**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

## REACHING OUT & SUCH...



### Christmas Angel Tree

Our Christmas Angel Mission is in full operation. This year, we have two trees. One pink tree and one green tree. The trees contain names of families from Russell Elementary, Hickory Hills

Elementary and the United Methodist Children's home. Below are a few reminders:

- When taking the angels, only take the "colored" angel. **The white angel should remain on the tree.**
- All gifts should be **unwrapped.**
- When you return the gifts, please put the "colored" angel with your gifts. Otherwise, it makes it extremely difficult to match up later. We want to be sure that all the families receive the correct items.
- Each color represents a family unit.
- The gifts for the items on the pink tree are due on December 9.
- The gifts for the items on the green tree are due back on December 16 **EXCEPT** for the lime green angel tags (Hickory Hills). They are due back on December 9 as well.
- Again, the lime green angel tags (Hickory Hills) on the green tree are due back on December 9.
- If you purchase gift cards as gifts, please put them in a small bag and hang on tree. Be sure to include your colored angel tag with it.
- If you want to make a monetary donation instead of shopping, please make your check payable to the church and we will make the purchases on your behalf.

Any questions, please contact Susan Sprayberry.

### MUST Items

The following items are needed at the Smyrna MUST pantry: beef stew, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, canned pork & beans, canned fruit (*pineapple or mandarin oranges - no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti noodles, dry potatoes, pinto beans, chili beans, canned carrots, canned spinach, kidney beans, canned peas, chunky soups, tomato paste, tea, juice boxes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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**Current Prayer Concerns**

- Family of Mariana Moosa
- Ebony Copeland - community friend
- Fred Droms
- Mary Jane Higman
- Olin Hill
- Lawrence Johnson - brother of Tina Perryman
- Chad LaPorte-son of Nancy LaPorte
- Judy Lowther
- Grant Mahan - brother of Maryanne McCurdy
- Lalla McGee - family of Gail Garrett
- Susan Miller - friend of The Wilson's
- Joshua Weddington - community friend

**Pray For Our Friends**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Neal Allen            | Eloise Fulmer         |
| Jim Barnes            | Victor Gary           |
| Donald Beaton         | Lisa Hilley           |
| Steve & Kathy Beckham | Buddy & Evelyn Panter |
| Nell Bilderback       | Joyce Poolos          |
| Donald Clark          | Martha Speir          |
| Carolyn Daniels       | Colene Morrison       |
| Jane Eisenburg        | Sandy Roberts         |
| Phyllis Woodyard      | Mary McBath           |

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

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|--|---|
| Christine Adhikari                           | Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford    |
| Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman   | Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas       |
| Shawn & Angel Campbell                       | Mary Anne Malcolm                         |
| Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter         | Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett       |
| Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter        | David Marvin-family of Ray Gary           |
| Martha Ciffone - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm | David May                                 |
| Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley          | Maryanne McCurdy                          |
| Rev. Stiles Cobb                             | Phil & Selene Mozley                      |
| Laura Denton                                 | Tammy Osborne                             |
| Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas      | Aaron & Allie Rice                        |
| Bobbie English                               | Eliska Rucker & Family                    |
| Guy & Alison Gabrielson                      | Russell Elementary School                 |
| Aaron Garner                                 | David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore  |
| Jason Hardin - family of Carol Jenkins       | Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy    |
| Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe       | Richard Sprayberry                        |
| Harvey Hendrix                               | Doug Stisher                              |
| Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver        | Helen Sullivan                            |
| Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce         | Rev. Susan Taylor                         |
| Jackson Jones—Terry family member            | John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore     |
| Patricia Kramer                              | Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote |
|  | Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's    |

**COMING UP ...**  
**DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 15**

**Sunday, December 9**

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall; Children's Church—Room 101
10:05 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

**Monday, December 10**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge

**Tuesday, December 11**

6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
6:45 PM	Cub Scouts - Lacy Hall
7:00 PM	ESOL - Koinonia; Advent Bible Study
7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, December 12**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
6:00 PM	Kings Kids, Youth
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Thursday, December 13**

11:30 AM	Forever Young
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	Praise Band - Lacy Hall; Finance Meeting

**Friday, December 14**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:45 PM	Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, December 15**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock; Cantata Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Zumba - The Rock
11:00 AM	Sunbrook Academy Program - Lacy Hall