



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

Our Advent theme for this year is "A Season of Expected Surprises." As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and ready ourselves for his eventual return, we will explore the surprising ways God fulfills our expectations. This week we will ready the sanctuary and our hearts as we celebrate "the hanging of the greens." The following Sunday our Chancel Choir, along with the String Quartet from the N.C. Symphony, will offer Part I of Handel's *Messiah*. Please invite family and friends to join us throughout the season.

DIACONATE CLASS OF 2015

Stuart Todd was elected this past week to serve as a Deacon for the next three years alongside other Deacons who were elected the week before: Jerry Hamrick, Louis O'Neal, Jill Ward, and Joe Whisnant. We are grateful for the willingness of these individuals to serve our congregation. We are also grateful to all of the candidates who happily offered themselves in service to us all.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF GIVING

During our worship this past Sunday, many people came forward and placed their pledge cards before the altar as an act of commitment to our ministry. Ninety-four pledge cards have been received for a total of \$304,296 or 48% of our 2013 Budget. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Your commitment assists us in budget planning for next year.

CIRCLE OF HOPE—CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

In support of Homeless Awareness Month, our children painted birdhouses in order to raise money for our local shelters. One of these colorful birdhouse banks is located in the church office during the week and in the narthex on Sunday so that we can donate our loose change and dollar bills to help our homeless neighbors.

WREATH MAKING AT LAKESIDE

Making evergreen wreaths is a longstanding tradition at Lakeside. For years people have gathered before the first Sunday of Advent to cut greenery and assemble the beautiful wreaths that will adorn our sanctuary. If you would like to help assemble the wreaths, please join us in Kincheloe Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Friday November 30. Call the church office or complete the Event Registration Form on the Welcome page of our website to volunteer.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

If you would like to sponsor one or more children for the Christmas season, please contact the church office as soon as possible. You will receive a wish list indicating age and gender, clothing sizes and wished-for toys.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

Wake Medical Center, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

Ann Winstead

Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Audrey Scarboro, Room 303

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Norma Lisa Benson (Doris Booth's niece), 907 Mill Branch Rd, Sharpsburg, (78)

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Catherine Cooper, 5028 Netherwood Drive (03)

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover Road (04)

Alice Dickens, 3909 Hawthorne Road (04)

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Susi Goodman, 4009 Woodstock Road (03)

Ed Hamlet, 1357 Fairway Terrace (04)

Linda Hoyle, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

Jerry Jolley, 720 York Street (03)

Faith Lehman, 3628 Colonial Lane (04)

Frank Pittman, 1561 Yorkshire Lane

Marjorie Taylor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03), Room 212

Betty Watts, 616 Nichole Lane (03)

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

We offer our sympathy to Dennis and Brenda Culpepper in the death of his sister, Lu Thomas of Pampano Beach, Florida, on November 21.

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Pam Evans has graciously invited us to her home (1617 Rivera Drive) on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Christmas Party. We will enjoy seeing her wonderful Christmas decorations as well as sampling some delicious Christmas goodies. You will not want to miss this opportunity to share our Christmas love at this special event. Please call the church office to sign up and let us know if you need a ride. (Please note: our party is a week earlier this year.)

CELEBRATE COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

Downtown Enfield will be holding a Colonial Christmas Open House on November 30 and December 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be prize drawings, refreshments, colonial craftsmen, colonial vendors, Christmas trees and wreaths. For more information call Jackie Allsbrook at 443-5786.

HONOR CARDS FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Honor Cards which benefit the homeless, hungry and indigent through United Community Ministries are available in our church office. Painted by William Mangum, these beautiful cards are perfect for Christmas and any other occasion. The cards are \$5.00 each.

YOUTH NEWS

I hope you all plan to join us for our Christmas Party this Sunday at the Dunn Center. Youth choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m., and we will depart the church at 6:00 p.m. We are grateful to Jim and Sheila Martin for providing dinner for us. Please bring a gag gift costing \$5-10, and you are encouraged to bring a \$5 donation for SWIM Network.

Youth and adult helpers are needed for our Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Need relief for your holiday schedule? Lakeside's youth will be wrapping gifts on Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will be received for the youth trip fund.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BASSETT CENTER

Our Children will travel to the Bassett Center this Sunday evening, December 2, for their annual gingerbread house decorating party. The children will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. for a brief choir rehearsal then will enjoy a light supper together before heading to the Bassett Center. They will return to the church and dismiss at 7:00 p.m. Each family is asked to bring one bag of candy to decorate our "gingerbread" houses (M&Ms, Hershey Kisses, gumdrops, peppermints, Lifesavers, gingerbread men cookies, etc.)

MUSIC NOTES

The Children's Choir will sing for the Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, December 2. Rehearsal will begin in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

Chancel Choir, please remember these important dates: December 2, Hanging of the Greens; December 9, *Messiah* with string quartet; December 16, 6:00 p.m., Service of Carols and Candlelighting.

Attendance at rehearsals is always important but especially during the next month as we continue to prepare the music for this festive Advent Season. Amy

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Shawn Crumley and Bill Hoyle

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Marrena Boistard; Acolyte - Madison Costa

Extended Session - Becky Brantley; Nursery - Jessica Williams

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 48 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$568,620
Receipts November 25	\$ 9,237	\$440,349
Amount short of our year-to-date needs:		\$128,271
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget:		\$187,502

*Worship at Lakeside
December 2, 2012*

The First Sunday of Advent: The Hanging of the Greens

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: "Surprising Hope"

Music by the Children's and Chancel Choirs
decorating the sanctuary for the season

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Wreath Making, Kincheloe Hall

Sunday, December 2

9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer

11:00 a.m. Worship, Hanging of the Greens

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal and Dinner

5:00 p.m. Children Depart for Bassett Center

5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells

5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers

6:00 p.m. Youth Depart for Christmas Party, Dunn Center

6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities

Wednesday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service, Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Circle 10 Rings Salvation Army Bell at Harris-Teeter

DISCOVER THE JOY!