



The Link

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ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

December 23, 2012

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

"A Season of Expected Surprises"

Lessons: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

Sermon: "Surprising Peace"

Chancel Choir Anthems:

"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" - arr. Kingsbury

Dona Nobis Pacem - Caccini/arr. Moore



Christmas Eve Communion

December 24 - 6:00 p.m.

"Expected Surprises"

Chris Ellis, violinist; Ann Sawyer and Amy Shortt, soloists

ADVENT JOY

Joy was certainly the emotion we all felt at the end of the day Sunday. Joy and gratitude welled up within us following two meaningful worship experiences. Many thanks to our musicians, choirs, and readers for the gifts of their talents and time in making Sunday's worship a blessing for us all.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Longest Night Service of remembrance and renewal will be held on Friday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. at West Haven Presbyterian Church. This service is intended for anyone coping with loss, disappointment, stress, or who simply needs some quiet time to reflect. All are welcome and childcare will be provided. There will be escorts from the parking lot into the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP NEEDS

Once again we find ourselves approaching the end of the year with a significant portion of our budget still unfunded. This congregation has never failed to honor its commitments, and we will do so this year. Each of us simply needs to do his or her part and complete our giving as soon as possible. Help us meet our budget obligations before the end of the year so that we all can enjoy the festivities surrounding Christ's birth.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

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

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

Frances Odom, Room 819

UNC- Chapel Hill Hospital, 101 Manning Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Garrett Ricks (friend of Tracy Corbett)

Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)

Audrey Scarboro, Room 303

Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Carlton Kimbro

The Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Alease Whitford

At Home:

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)

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214

Mary Ruth Coss (J.N. Willcox's sister), Hendersonville, NC

Doug Daniel, 201 Dover 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)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

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

Ann Winstead, 6626 Waters Edge Drive (03)

Drew Yanishak, 9022 Brigadier Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

For our friends and church family at Lakeside,

We are truly thankful for the many cards, phone calls, the visits, the prayers said on our behalf, for the people who came to sing Christmas songs, and in the middle of all this, there was always Jody. We are blessed beyond measure.

Frank and Elsie Pittman

Dear Lakeside,

2012 has been a challenge for us; however, your prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits and acts of kindness have helped us through the challenge. Thank you, Lakeside.

Jerry and Charlotte Jolley

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Leslie Paszek into the fellowship of our congregation by the transfer of her letter from the First Baptist Church in Mt. Olive. Leslie and her husband Matt are the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth (4) and Maggie (2) and are expecting a son early in the new year. They live at 345 Old Coach Road (04).

PLEDGING UPDATE

To date, one hundred and thirty-three pledge cards have been received for a total of \$414,591 or 65% of our 2013 Budget. We are grateful for the strong support given to our ministry. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

YOUTH NEWS

I am so proud of those who sang in worship on Sunday morning and assisted in various ways with the Candlelight Service. Thank you for the many ways you enhance Lakeside's ministries. Thanks also to those who supported the youth in their gift wrapping fund raiser on Saturday. We raised \$800 for our trip fund! Ski trip participants, please turn in your final balance by Friday, December 21.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break from school. I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday. Elizabeth

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCHEON

All college students and college-age young adults are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, December 23, following worship. Please call the church office or complete the Event Registration on the Welcome page of the website to sign up.

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Our next adult study group will be a five-week Bible study of the book of Daniel. Participants can choose a Tuesday evening group that meets at 7:00 p.m. each week beginning January 15 or a Wednesday morning group that meets at 10:00 a.m. each week beginning January 16. The study guides cost \$7 each and are available in the church office. Please call the church office to sign up for a group.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Hank Strickland and Frank Maynard
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Mary Frances Raper; Acolyte - Michael Waters
 Extended Session - Paul and Elaine Jaber; Nursery - Alicia Hamrick
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Deacon Greeters - Hank Strickland and Frank Maynard
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Crucifer - Andersen Cobb; Torchbearer - Jacob Watkins
 Acolyte - Elijah Bass
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb
 A Nursery Will be Provided

DECEMBER 30 AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jerry Carter and Laura O'Neal
 Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain
 Extended Session - Susan and Berkley Skinner; Nursery - Sue Harris
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 51 WEEKS

2012 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$627,851

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$11,846	\$604,159
Receipts December 16	\$ 20,914	\$496,038
Amount short of our year-to-date needs		\$108,121
Amount remaining to meet the Annual Budget		\$131,813

Due to the holiday schedule, there will be no mailing of *The Link* next week.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

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 Mark Gansor
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Friday, December 21

7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service, West Haven Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 23

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. College Student Luncheon, Kincheloe Hall

Monday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

There will be no Morning Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 26

Sunday, December 30

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

If you have not completed your giving for the year, please do so as soon as possible. We rely upon your generosity and commitment to meet all of our ministry obligations. Thank you for your faithfulness!