



The Link

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DIACONATE CLASS OF 2019

Congratulations to the persons who were elected to serve as Deacons for the next three years beginning January 1: Jerry Baker, Andy Barker, Nancy Berry, Jerry Carter, and Chick Conley. We are grateful for your service. Matt Paszek was also appointed by the Deacon Nominating Committee to fulfill the one year unexpired term of Jim Henderson. Thanks to the congregation for your confidence in and support of all of our Deacons. An ordination and installation service will be held on January 15, 2017.

2017 MINISTRY PLAN APPROVED

Our funding plan for next year's ministry was unanimously approved on Sunday. As Stancil Barnes reminded us, our vote in support of the plan is also a commitment to undergird our ministry with our time, our talents, and our money. We will have an opportunity to indicate that commitment this coming Sunday, November 27, as we present our Giving Plan cards during worship. Each family should receive a card in the mail this week. Additional cards are available in the office and will be provided on Sunday morning. We ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your gifts for our ever-expanding ministry.

A heARTw♥rks CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE

The children who are participating in our heARTw♥rks tutoring and enrichment after-school program are heading to the DPAC! On Saturday, December 3, we will travel to Durham for the musical performance of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. If you would like to sponsor a child for this trip, a \$40 donation will provide a ticket to the performance.

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

Please join us for a "Colonial Christmas" in Downtown Enfield, NC on Saturday, December 3. There will be crafts, handmade pottery, jewelry, and much more. Six local homes will be on tour. (Tickets are \$20.00 each.) Please call Susan Skinner at 443-1587 to sign up.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

As the Advent season approaches, we are all mindful of the enormous blessings many of us enjoy as well as the tremendous needs faced by many in our community. There are two ways you can help to provide a brighter Christmas for children in our area. We will collect new, unwrapped toys for the Toy Store sponsored by Peacemakers in South Rocky Mount. Toys for infants through teens, sports equipment, electronics, and other gifts children would enjoy are appreciated. Please leave your donations in the bins located outside the church office and in Sugg Foyer by December 1. You may also make a monetary contribution which will assist families through the New Destiny Ministries Christmas Party. Donations should be marked "Christmas Families" and can be made through the church office no later than December 9.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive (04)

Cindy Davis, Room 361

Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes Forest Drive Winston-Salem,

NC 27106, John Cappiello, Room 652, Denise Cappiello, Room 534

Rocky Mount Rehabilitation Center, 160 Winstead Avenue (04)

Dozia Collins, Room 213

At Home:

Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)

Lee Broughton, 516 Pelican Drive East, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512

Janet Corbett, 3645 Elwell Ferry Rd, Kelly, NC 28448

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

Jim Dickens, 3909 Hawthorne Road (04)

Charles Godwin, Jr., 123 Fort Sumter Drive, Greenville, NC 27858

Brenda & John Hartness, 1130 N. Jamestown Rd.. #206, Decatur, GA 30033

Anne Morgan (Jane Snow's sister), 13 Valley Forge Place, Atlanta GA 30318

Harlon Mosley, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)

Pat and Jack Newton, 111 Cole Drive, Hampstead NC 28443

Regina Peters (Karla Willcox's cousin), PO Box 92, Bolingbroke, Ga 31004

JoAnne Scalf, 200 Timberlane Road (04)

June Shearin, 110 Newby Court (04)

Jean Smith, 23 Weatherstone Drive (04)

Jean St. Clair 729 Drexel Road (03)

Andy Wiggs (Jim Wiggs' son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253

Scotty Winstead (Stancil Barnes' cousin)

Our Members-at-Home

Ella Coats, 1600 Hammond Street (03)

Carlton Kimbro, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403

Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)

Audrey Scarboro, 724 York Street (03)

Thank you all for your interest and concern during my recent surgery. I am at home and regaining strength and mobility. Your response has warmed my heart. May God bless each of you.
Jean Smith

Congratulations to Hannah and Gregory Davis on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Greer, on November 14. Gwen and Grady Davis are the proud grandparents.

We offer our sympathy to Stancil and Barbara Barnes in the death of his cousin, Dorothy Barnes Haskins, on November 16.

We offer our sympathy to Doug Edwards in the death of his aunt, Pat Canter of Greensboro, on November 16.

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Our book selection for December is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. We will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Terry Martin, 300 Wildwood Avenue. Deborah Wright will lead our discussion. We would love to have you join us for an evening of fellowship and engaging conversation. If you would like to read ahead, our selection for January will be *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Mary McAdams will lead our discussion.

YOUTH NEWS

This-coming Sunday will be an important day as we decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season in morning worship. All youth are needed to help and will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. We will meet again at 4:45 p.m. to depart for Jingle Mingle. Ski trip participants, I also need your forms and balance for the trip by Sunday. Let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend the Moravian Love Feast on December 4. Please make every effort to be here on December 11 to share the joy of the season as we go caroling to our members at home. I look forward to seeing you for Sunday School and worship on Sunday. Elizabeth

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

Join us on Sunday, December 4, for the Moravian Love Feast on the campus of Wake Forest University, a grand tradition of carols, candlelighting, and sharing Moravian buns and coffee. We will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. (Plan to eat lunch before we leave). We will visit Old Salem, eat dinner, and attend the 8:00 p.m. Love Feast. Please call the church office or visit the website to sign up.

MUSIC NOTES: IMPORTANT DATES

The Children's Choir will sing in worship on Sunday. Please be in the sanctuary promptly at 9:15 a.m. for rehearsal.

Youth Bells, you did a good job on Sunday! Lakeside Ringers, SUPER ringing on Sunday! You will ring in worship on December 11 and for Candlelight and Carols Service. A BIG thank you to Bruce Harris and Andy Barker for moving the rails and setting up the tables and bells. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Chancel Choir along with guest musicians and soloists will perform Part I of Handel's *Messiah* on December 4. Invite family and friends for this special service. See you in rehearsal and worship. Amy

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Lakeside's youth will wrap gifts on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will support the youth trip fund.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2016 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$651,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,521	\$588,504
Receipts November 20	\$7,253	\$474,333
Variance	-\$5,268	-\$114,171

Are your offerings current for the year?

If not, please make your contributions as soon as possible.

Each of us must do our part to support our ministry.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Stencil Barnes and Genie Raper

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Crucifer - Beth Seagroves

Torchbearer - Barkley Browder

Acolyte - Edward Evans

Extended Session - Kathy Hutcheson

Audio Booth Volunteer - John Farmer

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25

Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 26

1:00 p.m. Decorating Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 27

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

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

4:45 p.m. Youth meet to depart for Jingle Mingle at Good Shepherd

5:00 p.m. Preschool and Children's Christmas Party, Youth Building

7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and children dismiss

7:15 p.m. Youth return to Lakeside

Monday, November 28

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

3:30 p.m. heARTw♥rks, Robbins Hall

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT LAKESIDE

Christ's coming into our lives is both an event and an experience that changes life "forever; completely forever," to borrow the words of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger who piloted his airplane to a safe landing on the Hudson River in 2009. Throughout this season of expectation and celebration, we will explore the ways in which the coming of Jesus changes us "completely forever." As always, a full month of worship and other activities are planned to provide you with a meaningful and joyful Advent and Christmas season.

Completely Forever: Changed by the Coming of Christ

November 27 * The First Sunday of Advent: Hope, A Triumphant Song

11:00 a.m. - Hanging of the Greens

A service of carols, readings, and decorating the sanctuary

December 4 * The Second Sunday of Advent

The Mystery of Redeeming Love

11:00 a.m. - Part I of Handel's Messiah

The Chancel Choir and Guest Soloists • String Quartet from the N.C. Symphony

December 11 * The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy Unknown Before

11:00 a.m. Worship

Handbell Choir

5:00 p.m. - Caroling to our Members at Home

Sharing the music of the season followed by food and fellowship
in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building.

December 18 * The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace—God's Highest Glory

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. - Service of Carols and Candlelighting

Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir

Jacquelyn Bartlett, harpist

December 24 * Christmas Eve Worship: Completely Forever

6:00 p.m. Communion Service

Chris Ellis, violinist; Lakeside Soloists

December 25 * Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Worship

(There will be no Sunday School on this day.)

January 1 * The Second Sunday of Christmas

11:00 a.m. Worship: The Celebration of Communion

(There will be no Sunday School on this day.)

January 8 * Epiphany Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship Celebrating the Sharing of the Gospel to All People