



# The Link

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## ADVENT AT LAKESIDE “Christmas Reflections”

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT ❖ NOVEMBER 30

11 o'clock a.m. – “Hanging of the Greens”  
“Reflections of Hope: The Prophets”

A service of carols, readings, and decorating the sanctuary  
Children’s and Adult Choirs  
Dedication of Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 7

11 o'clock a.m. – “Christmas Oratorio” by Camille Saint-Saëns  
“Reflections of Love: The Shepherds”

The Adult Choir, NC Symphony String Quartet  
Guest Soloists and Harpist

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 14

11 o'clock a.m. - “Reflections of Joy: The Angels”  
Youth and Adult Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING ❖ DECEMBER 14

5 o'clock p.m. - Taking the music of the season to our members at home followed by food and fellowship in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building.

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT ❖ DECEMBER 21

11 o'clock a.m. - “Reflections of Peace: Joseph”  
Adult Choir

### SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING ❖ DECEMBER 21

6 o'clock p.m.  
Adult, Youth and Children’s Choirs, Adult Handbell Choir

### CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION ❖ DECEMBER 24

6 o'clock p.m. - “Reflections of Wonder: Mary”  
Chris Ellis, violinist; Lakeside Soloists

### ADVENT WORSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our theme for Advent is “Christmas Reflections.” During worship we will consider some of the characters in the Christmas story and the ways in which they reflected on or thought about what was happening to them and around them. We will also consider ways in which our lives may reflect the truths that arise from the coming of Christ to our world. A variety of opportunities for worship and ministry are offered during this first season in the Christian year. May we all reflect the grace of Christmas.

Jody Wright

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Vidant Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835**

**Douglas Edwards, ICU (Doug Edwards’ father)**

**Nebraska Medicine, Patient Mail - PO Box 6159, Omaha, NE 58106-0159**

**Anaiah Knowles (Nancy Porter’s great-grandson)**

### **At Home:**

**Bettina Godwin Batts (Betty Godwin’s daughter)**

**Ernest Bridgers, 4758 Gardenia Circle (04)**

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

**David Carter, 312 North Shores Road, Washington, NC 27889**

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

**Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689**

**John Gessaman, 4009 Hawthorne Road (04)**

**Georgia Grace Godwin (great-granddaughter of Betty Godwin)**

**Brenda and John Hartness, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033**

**Chuck Martin, 106 Whispering Pines Drive (04)**

**Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)**

**Cristi Gonzales Pollock, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409**

**Lindy Brice Schmidt, 9275 Oldfield Road, Calabash, NC 28467**

**Joyce Siler, River Landing, 1575 John Knox Dr., #P-203, Colfax, NC 27235**

**Gene Singletary, 129 Marlas Way, Camden, NC 27921**

**Charlotte Thompson, Alterra Sterling House, 650 Goldrock Road (04)**

**Chris Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)**

### **Our Members-at-Home**

**Nora Boone, Universal Health Care, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856**

**Winnie Brown, 108 Bunn Drive (04)**

**Lambert Sutton, 3400 Hawthorne Road (04)**

**Nancy Henry, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886**

We offer our sympathy to Amy and David Green and their family in the death of Jim Summers, Amy’s father, on November 24 in Greensboro.

### **TOPNOTCHERS NEWS**

Please join us as we travel to Benson, NC, on Thursday, December 4, to view Meadow Lights, the largest holiday light display in Eastern North Carolina. We will stop for an early dinner at the Meadow Village Restaurant and enjoy a delicious buffet before our tour. We will leave the church at 3:30 p.m. and should return by 8:00 p.m. Please call the church office or visit our website to sign up.

### **CELEBRATE COLONIAL CHRISTMAS**

Downtown Enfield will hold a Colonial Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 6, from 3:00-8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 7 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. There will be prize drawings, refreshments, home tours, colonial craftsmen, colonial vendors, horse and buggy rides and much more. For more information call Jackie Allsbrook at 443-5786.

### **YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER**

Lakeside's youth will wrap gifts on Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will support the youth trip fund.

## YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday we will join youth from several churches at First Presbyterian for a community Advent celebration—movies, games, snacks, Christmas tie dye and more! We will then go to the Pittman home for dinner and our Goofy Gag Gift Exchange. Please meet at the church at 4:15 p.m. and bring a shirt or socks to tie dye, a snack or dessert to go with dinner, and a gag gift costing \$10 or less. Let's celebrate the season together! Please begin signing up for the Moravian Love Feast on Sunday, December 7. We will need drivers and chaperones for this event. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

The Children's Choir will lead in worship for the Hanging of the Greens service on November 30. Rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

The Chancel Choir, faculty soloists from East Carolina University, a harpist, and string quartet from the NC Symphony will perform Camille Saint-Saëns' "Christmas Oratorio" in worship on Sunday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. Rehearsal will be held that morning at 9:00 a.m.

A Christmas Recital given by my students will be held in the sanctuary on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed to attend. Amy

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

All children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a birthday party for Jesus this Sunday, November 30, from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. Meet in the Youth Building for games, crafts and a birthday cake. Dinner will be served. Come join the fun!

## MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

Join us on Sunday, December 7, for the Moravian Love Feast at Wake Forest University. We will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. (plan to eat lunch beforehand) and visit Old Salem, eat dinner together, and attend the 8:00 p.m. Love Feast. Call the office or visit the website to sign up as soon as possible.

## 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 or 5 cards for \$20.

## YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR 2015 MINISTRY PLAN

Thank you for the strong support you showed on Sunday for our ongoing ministry. Thus far we have received 101 Giving Plans totaling \$358,054. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

### LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,180	\$572,460
Received November 23	\$8,466	\$503,474
Variance	-\$3,714	-\$68,986

## SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Don Raper and Jerry Hamrick

Ushers - Group II, Ray Weathers, Captain

Crucifer-Beth Seagroves; Torchbearer-Michael Waters; Acolyte-Connor Evans

Extended Session - Susan Skinner; Nursery - Alicia Hamrick

Audio Booth Volunteer - Jerry Hamrick

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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, November 27

Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

### Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

### Sunday, November 30

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Dedication of the Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building
- 4:15 p.m. Youth depart for party at First Presbyterian
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool and Children's Birthday Party for Jesus
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Party at Pittman Home, 165 Candlewood Road
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner, Youth Room
- 6:45 p.m. Preschoolers and Children depart
- 8:00 p.m. Youth can be picked up from Pittman Home

### Wednesday, December 3

- 6:30 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 4

- 12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Topnotcher's Depart for Meadow Lights and Dinner in Benson

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR MINISTRY THIS YEAR. LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER TO FUND FULLY ALL THAT WE DO AS A CONGREGATION!**