



The Link

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December 6 , 2015
The Second Sunday of Advent

**“Starry Stranger,
Guiding Light to Love”**

11:00 A.M.

Part I of Handel’s *Messiah*

Guest soloists and a string quartet from the North Carolina Symphony join our Chancel Choir in offering us a special gift for the season: the Christmas portion of Handel’s magnificent oratorio *Messiah*. Mark Pichowicz will provide the continuo on a harpsichord as Handel intended. Amy Shortt will direct singers and musicians.

ADVENT AT LAKESIDE

Our Advent theme this year is “Starry Stranger, Guiding Light,” borrowed from a poem by Richard Crashaw (1613-1649) titled, “A Hymn of the Nativity.” Our Advent journey will seek to follow this guiding light to discern who this “Starry Stranger” is. As always, worship and other activities are planned to provide you with a meaningful and joyful Advent season.

December 13 ♦ The Third Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Joy”

The 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 20 ♦ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light to Peace”

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

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

December 24 ♦ Christmas Eve Communion

“Starry Stranger, Guiding Light”

Chris Ellis, violinist; Lakeside Soloists

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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
- Natalie Stewart Cortez**, 6410 Lakewood Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75214
- Ann Crane**, 5105 Corner Rock Drive, Rolesville, NC 27571
- Hank Dunham**, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689
- Mike Evans**, 1617 Rivera Drive (03)
- Brenda and John Hartness**, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033
- Vernon Hoyle** (Bill Hoyle’s brother), 201 J Morgan St., Forest City NC 28043
- Winnie Johnson**, 105 Hampton Court (03)
- Harlon Mosley**, 421 Charlotte Avenue (04)
- Frances Pittman** 580 Coral Drive, A-4 Westport 1, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512
- Cristi Gonzales Pollock**, 5032 Crown Point Lane, Wilmington, NC 28409
- Cody Richardson**, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)
- Betty Watts**, 616 Nichole Lane (03)
- Tom Wicker**, c/o Andy Barker, 6313 Sapony Trail, Elm City, NC 27822
- Andy Wiggs** (Jim Wiggs’ son), 523 Ward Street, Graham, NC 27253
- Our Members-at-Home**
- Ella Coats**, 1600 Hammond Street (03)
- Carlton Kimbro**, Liberty Commons, 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403
- Grace Lewis**, The Fountains at the Albemarle, 200 Trade St., Tarboro, NC 27886

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome Libba and Robbie Robbins into the fellowship of Lakeside by transfer of their letters on November 29. Both of them are natives of Rocky Mount and Libba, like the rest of the Overton family, is a Charter Member of Lakeside. The Robbins live at 821 Swan Road, Nashville, NC 27856.

YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR 2016 MINISTRY PLAN

Thank you for the strong support for our ongoing ministry. Thus far we have received 90 Giving Plans totaling \$309,236 or 49% of our 2016 Ministry Plan. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES

Throughout this year, you have steadily and generously supported all of the missions, programs, and activities that comprise our current ministry plan. As we approach the end of the year, it is time for us all to live out our generosity by fully funding every commitment we have made this year. As we enter the Advent season, we need to contribute \$148,494 over the next four weeks to meet our commitment made over a year ago. Some of us have not yet completed our plan for giving. Others of us have not yet given a gift for the year. All of us ought to consider what more we can do to financially undergird the ministry that is so vital to us individually and meaningful to us corporately.

In order to be considered as a gift for 2015, all contributions must be submitted to the church office by December 31.

YOUTH NEWS

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make the Hanging of the Greens so beautiful and meaningful and to all who participated in the community youth event on Sunday night. Sunday was a wonderful day to be a part of the Lakeside family!

Please let me know as soon as possible if you will attend the Christmas Party this Sunday evening at the Raper Home. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. Bring a gag gift costing no more than \$10, and respond to the email about signing up for food. I hope all of you will plan to go caroling to our homebound members on December 13. This is always a fun and important time of ministry to others in our congregation.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

Children's Choir: You did a super job on Sunday! I am so proud of you. Thank you to Lori Joyner, Leslie Paszek and Susan Bailey for helping get the children robed and ready. The children's choir will sing for the Service of Carols and Candlelighting on December 20 and will go caroling to our home bound members on December 13.

The Lakeside Ringers will lead in worship on Sunday, December 13 and will also participate in the Service of Carols and Candlelighting on December 20.

Chancel Choir: Your singing was beautiful on Sunday. You continue to grow and thrive, and I am grateful. If you plan to sing *Messiah* on Sunday, you must be in attendance for rehearsal on Wednesday. Sunday's rehearsal with soloists, instrumentalists and choir will begin at 9:00 a.m. It is a privilege to perform a major choral work annually and thank you to those who contribute in so many ways to make this possible for our church and our community.

Amy

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to a Christmas Party on Sunday night, December 6. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a brief choir rehearsal. At 5:30, the party will begin with dinner, games, a Christmas movie, and making gifts for our homebound members (to be delivered when we go caroling on December 13). The party will end at 7:00 p.m.

Each family is asked to send food: party snacks (veggie tray, fruit, chips and dip, etc.) and sweet treats (Christmas cookies, brownies, etc.). Please let Elizabeth know what foods you would like to bring so that we don't have duplications. It will be a fun time of celebrating the Advent season and creating gifts to share with other church members. We hope your child can make it!

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Wayne Cotton and Dan Herring

Ushers - Group III, Bill Hoyle, Captain

Crucifer - Charlie Lane; Acolyte - Chase Joyner

Extended Session - Brenda Cotton; Nursery - Jennifer Cobb

Audio Booth Volunteer - Ricky Cobb

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2015 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$637,111

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$12,252	\$588,102
Receipts November 29	\$11,679	\$488,617
Variance	-\$573	-\$99,485

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Susan Skinner

Senior Adult Director

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Samantha Saiz

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LAKESIDE CALENDAR

Thursday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Circle 10 to ring Salvation Army Bell, Harris-Teeter
12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Party
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party at the Rapers' Home

Wednesday, December 9

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

Thursday, December 10

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor

YOUTH GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER

Lakeside's youth will wrap gifts on Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room. Donations will support the youth trip fund.