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Pastor's Column

And I Was Glad for Name Tags

Recently, Ann and I returned to Columbia, South Carolina for the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, a church we served for a few years in the previous century. Funny, it seems like a millennium ago. At the big reception, I tried to stand in favorable, dim lighting. I sucked my tummy in. I smiled and hoped I didn't have spinach between my teeth.

Events of this kind are good for helping us reflect on the passage of time. Milestones and accomplishments are important, but what really matters over time is people. People depend on us. Some of them love us. By force of our needs we shape responses to each other. In our neediness we exercise our compassions for each other, and our capacities for caring grow. It is all very beautiful.

There's No Place Like Home

Back now in Bowling Green, I want to emphasize how important you are. All of us matter. Your part in my life is something I treasure, and I want to make the best of what we have. The milestones and accomplishments are great, but they are built on the backs of the moments we share.

An Invitation to You

I welcome your prayer requests. I want to know what you are celebrating, and what you are struggling with. I do not want to judge or discourage; I want to support and help. It is a sacred charge to be your pastor.

The Future is Built on Today's Moments

We are living in times of much change. The efforts your Deacons and Elders are making through their visioning process are efforts at constant improvement for our church. The future God is making is going to catch us up and carry us, but let's also be glad for now, and for the small moments we might think are insignificant. They are not insignificant. I look forward to sharing them with you.

Yes, know you are loved.

Matthew

Christian Education



November 20 is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the Liturgical Year. That means Advent starts the next week and we will be preparing for Advent with an **Advent Workshop**, from 3:00-4:30pm in Fellowship Hall on Sunday November 20. Supplies for making an Advent Wreath for at-home use will be available (final cost to be determined), as well as creative activities for children age 3 and up. Plan to join the fellowship, make a wreath and help Advent be a time of learning and faith. To help us plan, please let Leslee Kirkconnell know you want to make a wreath. We will need donations of greenery, and any other decorative item you wish to bring for your wreath.

The four Sundays in Advent will be a special time for our Church Family. We will gather together in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, learning and worship. November 27, December 4, 11 and 18 we will be altogether from 9:30-10:20. We'll share light breakfast from 9:00am (Fellowship begins each week at 8:30am), followed by a time of learning together. Our Sundays and Wednesdays will follow the same theme each week. Nursery care for those under 3 years.



That's Right! We are having a **Game Night** on Saturday December 31, beginning around 4:00pm. It's a time to enjoy good fellowship and food! Bring an appetizer to share and any games to play. We'll have plenty of choices available and someone to teach. All ages welcome! We'll plan to be done by 10:00, but come as you can, leave when you must. This is a great alternative for families! See Leslee or Glenn Kirkconnell.

POPS - Parents of Preschoolers meets next on Thursday November 10, 9:00ish-10:00ish in the Preschool area. Light refreshments and a chance to talk and connect with other parents of preschool age children. Child care for those not in class that day. All who are parenting a preschool age child are welcome!



November is a time of reflection and thanksgiving. We start with All Saints Day November 1 (we will observe it in worship on November 6). Here is an at-home activity for families to help us remember all those who have been great models of faith for us:

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/all-souls>

Here is a great activity, especially for families with older children/teens, to create special placemats for Thanksgiving:

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/thanksgiving-table-talk>

Encouraging your child to engage in faith activities by themselves is important! This activity is one that can be done alone (or together) with a story book. The activity can be repeated, so once your child understands the process, he or she can do it on their own!

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/reading-a-story-with-god>

Church and Community



THANKSGIVING DINNER A pot luck dinner will take place on Thursday, November 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey and dressing will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and come join other church family members around the tables to share a meal and give thanks! (Consider bringing a second small dish of the same thing to share with our guests that evening at Room In the Inn.) Please let Cheryl know in the office if you wish to attend, or if you can volunteer to help with: early set up, helping in the kitchen to warm food, put out drinks and arrange the potluck dishes on Thursday morning; clean up after meal, or delivering food to shut-ins after the meal.

VESPER FOR ADVENT A tradition developed in this congregation several years ago to begin the observance of Advent: a vesper service at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Candles, music, hymns and scripture help to set our minds and hearts on the time the Christian Church has long-appointed for spiritual preparation. Come at 4:00 on Sunday, November 27th. Invite a friend for this service open to the community.

ADVENT is a time of waiting, of preparation. Our plans this year are to integrate our Sundays and Wednesdays so that we as a community will grow in faith through worship, education and service. Our Wednesdays will be a time of fellowship and worship, beginning with dinner at 5:15pm. Our meals will be provided through the talents of Blakey Hayes, with tickets (required) sold beginning November 13th.

Sunday mornings will bring us together at 9:30am for education and service in Fellowship Hall, followed by Advent worship at 10:30am. Also, join us for Advent Meals on Wednesdays beginning on November 30, and December 7, 14, & 21. Our Wednesday evening worship will be modeled in the Taize style. In essence, Taize worship is a time to connect with God at a deeper level through song, meditation and prayer. *"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone."* ~Brother Roger, founder of the Taize Community. Worship together in Taize style is to be immersed in love- the love of God and the love of our community. Come experience that love!



ANGEL TREE In December, once again our youth ministry will sponsor McNeill Elementary families on our Angel Tree. The tree will be in the Tenth Street Lobby near the end of November. Participants may take an angel and mark the sign-up sheet. Wrapped gifts with the Angel name and number should be returned to the church by Friday, December 16. The gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 17th.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC We are looking for new members to join our Children's Music at our church. It is a great way for elementary aged students to grow their faith and musical abilities! Children's Chimes and Choir meet each Sunday morning from 9:00-9:30 in the Hand Bells Room (next to the Choir Room). If you're interested in becoming a part of our musical family, contact Ellie Osborne at maryeosborne@yahoo.com or simply show up and we'll be happy to make room!

COULD YOU THINK AHEAD TO LENT? It may sound far-fetched, but the staff would love Worship Ministry to sponsor several meetings to plan meaningful/creative services in the liturgical season of LENT. The church gives high priority to its worship focus; it also desires to have our church family's shared ideas in the planning function. Traditionally, there are Wednesday evening dinners followed by worship. There is Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Many have thought that our Maundy Thursday service is one of the most meaningful times in the season. So, if you would consider joining in this planning function, please call the church office and express your interest for meetings beginning in January.

GORDONEERS are planning to meet on Friday, November 11th at 6:00pm at the church.

OUR CURRENT ART EXHIBIT features art by the youth of Warren County schools. Stop by Fellowship Hall and see it soon! This show will run until December 1st.



Missions

ROOM IN THE INN

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2



Needed are

- Dinner Hosts
- Cooks
- Innkeeper Captain
- Innkeeper/Sleepers
- Breakfast Hosts
- Housekeeper Captain and Workers

Contact:

Diane Simmons

dsimmonsbg1@mac.com

Interest Meeting
Noon, Sunday, November 6

ROOM IN THE INN Interest Meeting: in Conference Room after church on November 6th.

RITI begins Thursday, November 17. This ministry provides shelter and food throughout the winter months until March. Our church will host every Thursday night. Sign Ups will be in the Tenth Street Lobby beginning Nov. 6th. Look for the red RITI poster.

To date we have these shift leaders:

Start Up and Publications: Diane Simmons <dsimmonsbg1@mac.com>

Thursday Coordinator: David Coverdale <dmcoverdale@gmail.com>

Dinner Cook Captain: Gary Ahrendt

Dinner Host Captains: Paul and Judy Clark

Breakfast Captain: Cathey Green

Needed: A captain for Innkeeper shift 9pm to 6:00 am & Captains for Housekeeping Shift 6:30am (Janitorial and Linen Laundry)

Session Report

The Session met for its regular meeting on October 18, 2016 in the Church conference room.

These items highlighted the meeting.

After Matthew Covington opened the meeting with prayer; devotion was given by Brad Howard. Following, the minutes of the last regular meeting were approved and the business agenda was taken up.

Matthew reported on the visioning process undertaken by the various Church ministries and committees. He commented that much of the HVAC repair and upgrade was now in place and that the rented system was no longer needed and was discontinued. He also spoke on the matter of the cost of the new system and advised that we would indeed be getting some reimbursement from our property insurance policy.

Leslie Kirkconnell, Director of Christian Education reported on the 3 Cents a Meal worship collection and upcoming Montreat Fundraiser involving a Chili luncheon with a special "Prize" for the best chili chef.

There were several Ministry reports. Property reported that the work on our HVAC system is on schedule. He also discussed the new proposals from Lyons Company to upgrade the Sanctuary HVAC in conjunction with the Finance Committee report. The finance chair reported that the committee had taken up the Lyons proposal and recommended to the Session that we wait until the first of the year in order to see more clearly what the Church's financial picture looked like before undertaking any further action on the proposed Sanctuary upgrade. That motion was passed by the Session. The "Buck in a Basket" offering for the remainder of this quarter will go toward assistance with our Hotel, Inc. ministry. The Fellowship report informed that the "Blessing of the Pets" will occur on October 30.

The minutes of the Deacon's meeting were presented and Nathan Love advised that the Basket and Dessert Auction made \$3,000.

The Pastoral Care Committee is organizing and seeking input from the Congregation. If there are cares and concerns that anyone wishes to be passed on to the Pastor, please contact any committee member.

Business having been completed, the Session meeting was adjourned with prayer.

James D. Harris, Jr.



***Our deepest sympathy is extended to the
following members and friends of this church
who have recently lost loved ones:***

To Lloyd Ferguson for the death of his sister Wanda Ferguson

Youth Ministry

Do you have a family chili recipe? We need you! Sunday November 13 we will gather in Fellowship Hall following worship in a time of celebration and to support our youth. We are having a **Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale**, all proceeds to benefit our Youth planning to attend Montreat next summer. We need chefs willing to bring their best pot of chili that morning, bakers to make baked goods (and pre-packaged into individual containers) for the bake sale, donations of shredded cheddar cheese, chopped onions and cornbread. All youth planning to go will be involved to set up, run and clean up, we just need the great cooks of the church to help and everyone to come enjoy and vote by donation for the best chili chef for 2016!



November is a month of giving. Our youth will be sponsoring an Angel Tree once more to benefit families in need at McNeill Elementary School. This church has been extremely generous helping these families and we hope to make the holidays brighter once again. The tree will appear around Thanksgiving. Please choose an angel and purchase items from the list. It is very important to write down on the

clipboard what angel you take and your contact information! All gifts are due back by December 14 so they can be delivered shortly after. If you wish to help, but cannot shop, we will be happy to collect donations and the youth will do the shopping for you!

Here's a rundown of the youth schedule for November and December:

November 6: YOUTH FELLOWSHIP **WILL** MEET. Originally off the calendar due to Camp Loucon, but our youth are busy that weekend and will miss the retreat. We will gather as usual at 6pm (Confirmation at 5pm).

November 13 - Chili Cook Off and Bake Sale - all youth should be here by 9:30am in Fellowship Hall to help us set up. And will need to stay following for clean up. NO evening fellowship that day. Confirmation **WILL** meet.

November 20 - Regular Youth Fellowship *we will be preparing the Angel Tree* (we need someone to provide dinner. Sign up <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-fall>)

November 27 - Game Night

December 4 - Regular Youth Fellowship

December 11 - Youth Christmas Party - bring a wrapped gift (max value \$15) for our gift exchange. Place to be determined.

Confirmation will meet until November 20 and then break until January.

Every Wednesday at Spencer's youth gather from 5:00-6:30pm for fun fellowship and conversation. We won't meet on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.

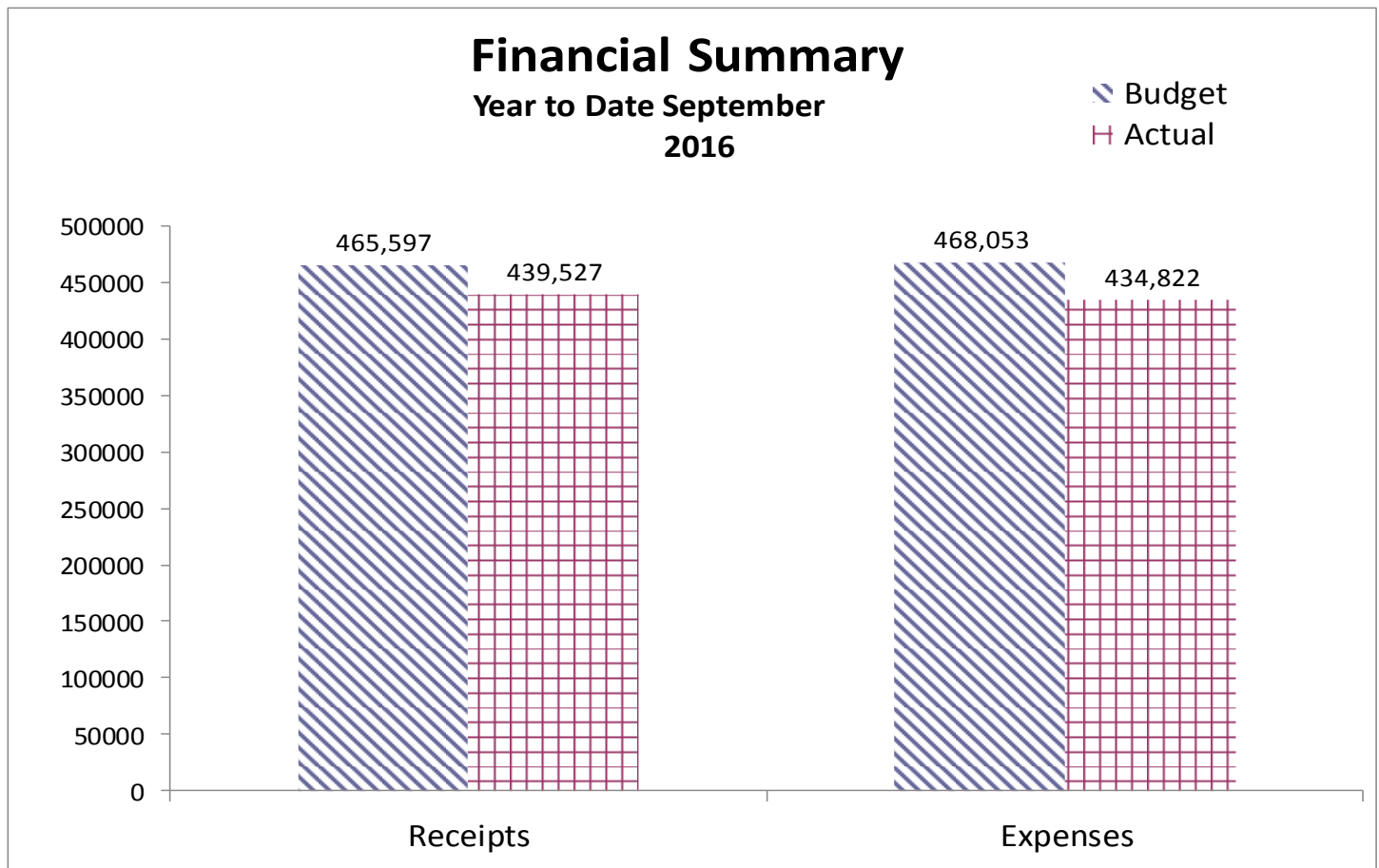


College Ministry

THEOLOGY PUB meets every Thursday evening (that school is in session) 7:00pm in the Party Room at Mellow Mushroom. You buy your drink, we buy the pizza. Great conversation around various topics of interest. Recent conversations included Is War Ever Just? The Bible and Homosexuality; Iconography and more. Join us!



Financial Report



Our church elders: Gary Ahrendt, Pam Bratcher, Franklin Berry, Charlie Capito, Sam Evans, Jim Harris, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Julia Roberts, Nancy English, Bobby Rabold, Diane Simmons, Margaret Stein, Larry Warden, Denny Wedge. **Our church deacons:** Karol Ahmed, Barbara Brindle, Peggy Carthrae, Shannon Dyche, Kim Ferguson, Kelly Goad, Sheryl Goad, Larry Gildersleeve, Cathey Green, Wayne Hendrix, Frederica Kernohan, Nathan Love, Marilyn Mattingly, Charlotte Prow, Kevin Reber, Ken Royse, Ann Rudolph, Janet Schwarzkopf, Diane Simmons, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

Library News

Since May, the Library has received 89 books. These have been cataloged and added to the shelves. A re-shelving has taken place and new online and hard copy guides to Titles and Subject Matter are being processed. Arnie Petrus, Librarian, 270-904-0393 or arfranpe@msn.com .

Dr. Robert Haynes has generously donated another set of books from his personal library to the church Library. Thank you, Bob Haynes!

The Reformation 270.6 M
John Calvin 284.2 B
The Lapsley Saga
Religious Pluralism in America 291.1 H
Gods and Men, The Origins of Western Cultures
The Holocaust 940.53Y
Religion in a Revolutionary Age 277.3F
The Age of Reform 1250-1550 270.09 O
Martin Luther 284.1M
Thomas More 942.05A
The Vatican 708.5
The First Jesus 271.53 O
Crusades, Oxford Illustrated History of the 909.7 S
Christianity and Classical Culture 210.9 P
Byzantium 949.5 M
Religions of America 277 R
The Origins of the Inquisition 272.2 N
Romantic Revision 759.13 W
Religious Freedom 973.4R
Pagans and Christians 270.1 F
The Two Cities 941.1 B
The Quest for the Historical JESUS 232 S
Cosmos, Chaos and the World to Come 291.2C
Barbarians within the Gates of Rome 937.08B
Cathedrals, Forge and Waterwheel 609.4G
A Short HISTORY of CHRISTIAN Thought 230.09 U

Books given to library by June Rose Garrett:

The Rise and Fall of the Bible 220.6B
Expository Dictionary of Bible Words 220.3R
the NORTON Anthology of World Religions
Muhammad 297.61A
Perspectives on the World Christian Movement 266W
The Message 220 N
The New Cambridge Paragraph Bible 220C
The Illustrated World's religions 291S
The Letter and the Scroll
Who's Who in The Bible
Life is Gift
1000 Faces of God
Robert's Rules of Order
Sacred Places
The New Testament in Modern English 220ME
Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible

JoAnn Pearson has donated two LARGE PRINT BIBLE books to the library.
Thank you, JoAnn.



Books given to the library by Alan Reid:

They Meet the Master 269.2C
Who's Listening 305.23 J
Values Driven Leadership 253 M
On Purpose Leadership 253 G
How to Reach Secular People 269.2 H
Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry & Mary 269.2 S
Partners in Prayer 248.32M
The Support Raising Handbook 254.8R
Risk Proofing Your Family 306.85J
The AMPLIFIED Bible 220Z
Loving Your City into the Kingdom 269.2 H
The Life Giving Church 253H
The New Apostolic Churches 289.9W
Growing Givers' Hearts 254.8J
The PURPOSE Driven Life 248.4 W
The NRSV Bible LARGE PRINT 220 O
Every Knee Shall Bow 232B
World's Bible Handbook 220.6B
Effective Ministry as an Associate Minister 253 R
The HEAVENS Opened 813.54R
Better Body Management 784.05 O
Everyday Evangelism 248.5 E
The Singing God 231.6 S
Summon's Christian Miscellany 270.22 S
Reflections on the Run 243F
Feathers From My Nest 248.8 M
Conspiracy of Kindness 269.2 S
The Disappearing Girl 618.85M
Moments together for Couples 242.2 R
23 Minutes in Hell 236.25W
Angels in the E R 362.18L
Dream Again 289.9B
Where Does A Mother Go To Resign 301.42J
God's Secret to Greatness 253C
Church Administration and Finance Manual 254C
Love For A Lifetime 248M
Epicenter 220.1R
Watch of the Lord 269C
The PURPOSE Driven Church 253W
Communicating in Small groups 302.3B
Prepare Your Church for the Future 250G
The Disciple Making Church 253 H
Church Administration Handbook 254P

Presbyterian Women

Thank Offering Of Presbyterian Women

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings
-Psalm 36:7, NRSV*

Please join us in being thankful!

Since 1888, the Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. The Thank Offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, elderly care, employment training, safe housing for homeless persons, literacy, and women's concerns.

Each fall a Thank Offering is collected, and the Creative Ministries Committee of Presbyterian Women meets in February to make grant selections. Thanks to your generosity, the Thank Offering collected \$510,000 in 2015, allowing twenty-two grants to be awarded for projects this year. Eight grants funded international work, 40% of which focus on health ministries. One of the fourteen grant recipients in the United States was Green River Ministries in Campbellsville, KY. Their Rapid Re-housing Assistance Program received a \$15,000 grant to provide financial help for transitioning homeless persons into safe, permanent housing.

The Thank Offering originated in the late 1800's with Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio. Her plan was to ask each woman to give a gift in addition to her usual contribution as a "thank offering to our Lord". Since 1989, nearly \$25,000,000 has been donated to more than 2,000 programs and ministries worldwide.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the Thank Offering and Presbyterian Women!



November Birthdays

November 1

Sharon Hendrix

Curtiss Long

November 3

Gary Hanks

Taliaferro Wiatt

November 4

Trudy Burkeen

November 5

William Rabold, Jr.

November 6

Hayward Beliles

Stuart Kernohan

November 7

Claire Duren

November 8

Melinda Fry

November 10

Brad Thomison

November 11

Hunter Murphy

November 12

Lloyd Ferguson

Ron Shrewsbury

November 13

Denny Wedge

Julie Wedge

November 14

Lola Baker

November 15

Carter Clemons

November 17

Grant Clemons

November 18

Emily Kessler

Sarah Kessler

Peg Truman

November 20

David Muffett

November 21

Mike Cobb

November 22

David Coverdale

Sarah Jackson

Cindy Tanner

November 23

Sandy Franklin

Rob Hale

November 24

Bob Bueker

Paul Clark

November 25

Jean Harris

Charles Reid

George Watson

November 26

Norma Johnson

David Stites

Joe Ward

November 27

Basil Jones

November 28

Miguel Castro

Robert Haynes

November 29

Susan Daniel


November 30

Trevor Webb

David Yusk



November Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Children's Chimes 9:30am Children's Choir 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group <i>Daylight Savings Time ends</i> | 7 11:00am Circle 3 7:00pm Study Class | 8 6:00am Beans/CBread 11:00am Special Care 7:00pm Evening Circle 7:00pm Camera Club | 9 9:15am Wed Morn Circle 9:30am Circle 6 5:00pm Youth Fellowship 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 10 9:00am PLC Parent meeting 7:00pm Theology Pub | 11 10:30am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Gordoneers | 12 |
| 13 8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Children's Chimes 9:30am Children's Choir 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Circle 10:30am Worship 11:30am Chili Lunch | 14 11:30am Circle 9 | 15 11:00am Special Care 11:00am Finance Min 2:00pm Staff Mtg. 7:00pm Session | 16 5:00pm Youth Fellowship 5:00pm Uspiritus/ FH 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 17 6:00pm RITI 7:00pm Theology Pub | 18 10:30am Morning Prayer | 19 |
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| 27 1 st Sunday of Advent Angel Tree 8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Children's Chimes 9:30am Children's Choir 9:30am Combo S School 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Vesper Service 6:00pm Youth Group | 28 | 29 11:00am Special Care 2:00pm Staff Meeting | 30 5:00pm Youth Fellowship 5:15pm Advent Dinner 6:05pm Worship 6:45pm Chancel Choir |  | | |

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November 15 is the deadline for the December 2016 newsletter. Please send your information to the church office at info@bgpres.org

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