

Denbigh United Presbyterian Church DECEMBER 2023

Advent Worship Series

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. Our worship series for Advent 2023 is "Names for the Messiah." In Isaiah 9:6 we read: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Join us during Advent as we explore the meanings of each name for the Messiah.



Blue Christmas Service—December 13

The holiday season is difficult for all of us but the reasons can be varied and complex. The chaos and relentlessness of the weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas often leave us wondering what happened to the joy and peace we hear about so much. At our Blue Christmas service on December 13 at 6:30 p.m., we offer rest for the weary and a breath of fresh air as we openly acknowledge our struggles and our grief, our pain and our questions as we call out to God for help, comfort, peace, and healing. Please join us and invite friends who may find solace in this service.

Christmas Eve Services

This year the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Our 10:30 a.m. service will encompass both Advent and Christmas Eve readings and reflections. Our children will share their nativity at the 10:30 service.

We will have our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. This evening service will feature harpist Mel Lauf and other special music along with communion and the candle lighting ceremony.

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Church Staff

Senior Pastor

The Reverend Deborah Dail

Associate Pastor

The Reverend Boone Clayton

Office Manager

Kimberly A. Garriott, CAP, VS

Director of Music Ministries

Jane Martin

Accompanist/Organist

Al Buchanan

Nursery Coordinator TBD

Sexton Team

Mark and June Tessarolo Nick and Lauren Tessarolo

Preschool Director

Nancy Kerns

Church Accountant

Jeff Dawson

Session Meeting Summary for November 9, 2023

- Approved DUPC financial report through October 31, 2023.
- Approved Stated Session Meeting minutes for September 14, 2023 and October 19, 2023.
- Approved the motions from the Facilities Committee for the repairs of the heating portion of the York rooftop unit at the cost of \$8,613 with a 10% discount making the total cost \$7,751.64.
- Received committee reports.

Record of Contributions for Tax Purposes

Message From the Bookkeeper:

If you desire a copy of your 2023 Report of Contributions for your taxes, please contact the Bookkeeper at tessarolo1970@gmail.com, or call 757-874-4356 and leave a message. Please specify in your request whether you would like an electronic copy or a postal mailed copy.

Thank you, Mark Tessarolo



FINANCE REPORT THROUGH October 2023

 Total Income:
 \$292,509.05

 Total Expenses:
 \$350,505.58

 Difference:
 (57,996.53)

 % of Pledge Received
 82.44

Advent Worship
Series

"Names for the
Messiah"

Begins December 3

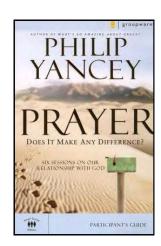
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Worship

2024 Worship Series on Prayer

In January we will begin a new worship series titled, "Beginning the Year with Prayer." The series is based on the book *Prayer:*Does it Make Any Difference by Philip Yancey. We will address "Keeping Company with God," "Unraveling the Mysteries," "The Language of Prayer," "Prayer Dilemmas," and "The Practice of Prayer."

In-Person and Facebook Live Worship							
Attendance	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/22 Thanksgiving Eve Online Only	11/26		
Worship (in-person)	81	80	64	NA	58		
Facebook Live	92	164	86	38	83		
YouTube	25	38	29	25	22		
Staff/Volunteers	16	11	16	NA	15		
Nursery (+ helpers)	9	5	6	NA	5		
TOTALS (as of 11/29/23)	223	298	201	63	183		
Join us Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. live on YouTube and Facebook.							





Sunday's December Master Schedule

	3	17	17	24 10:30 a.m.	24 7:00 p.m.	31
Greeter (parking lot entrance)	Terry, Pat	Anson, David	Uma, James	Ardary, Paul	Dail, Dan	Dunn, Mary Lee
Ushers	Ames, Debbie Spruill, Doug	Stevens, Sheila Uma, James	Hall, Patti Hall, Terry	Clayton, Julie Gamble, Vanessa	Hiltabidle, Jim Skaar, Becky	Hull, Donna Hunt, Connie
Nursery	Minarik, Joan Keffer, Kamryn	Shildt, Jessica Lloyd, Moses	Smith, DeeDee Lloyd, Mykaila	Spivey, Megan Keffer, Kamryn	Weaver, Carol Lloyd, Moses	Ames, Debbie Lloyd, Mykaila
Youth Reader	Easter, Logan	Lloyd, Mykaila	Lloyd, Moses			Nance, Carter
Children's Moment	Spivey, Kristi	Clayton, Boone	Dail, Deborah			Kyle, Jean
Preparation of Elements	Murphy, Bob Murphy, Rosemary				Edwards, Theal Hunt, Connie	
Communion Servers	Dunn, Jay Dunn, Mary Lee Spivey, Kristi				Ames, Debbie Hunt, Connie Pennell, Dale Pennell, Keith	
Welcome Table	Schmidt, Amy		Dunn, Jay			Edwards, Theal
Counters	Spruill, Doug Skaar, Becky	Ames, Debbie Pennell, Dale	Hall, Terry Hunt, Connie	Crippen, Sara Ferri, Marlene (Count on Dec. 26)		Ames, Debbie Pennell, Dale

Congratulations from Denbigh United to the following:



Xavier Nicholas Brooks

Son of Chrystal Sweigart & Damien Brooks

Grandson of Brenda Lamb

Angelina Florencia Salazar

Daughter of Jennifer Lloyd Granddaughter of George and Sarah Hake & Moses Lloyd Sr.

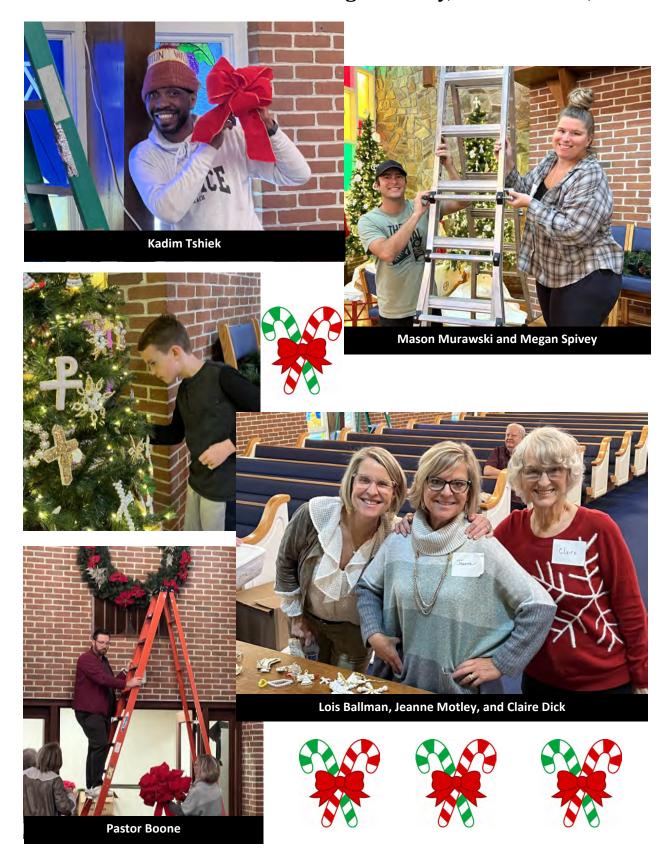


Jackson Christopher Johnson

Son of Heaven Lamb Johnson & Jacob Johnson Great-grandson of Brenda Lamb



Christmas and Advent Decorating—Sunday, November 26, 2023









Joan Minarik and Theal Edwards















Thank you to all <u>25</u> volunteers.







Stewardship CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Follow Christ's Lead This Advent Season

Every year, society expects us to celebrate the holiday season even bigger and better than years before. This year, coming together to reclaim Advent and Christmas can be both humbling and fulfilling. As we excitedly await the birth of Christ, it's important to remember the reason for the season: the newborn Servant of All, the perfect gift.

With Christ at the center this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we are able to support those in our community and give them the gift of hope.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible church workers and retired pastors and their families in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. These schools are dedicated to creating opportunities and environments for students built on a foundation of Christian values. The Offering benefits Menaul School and Presbyterian Pan American School, two secondary schools that ready students for a path of higher learning, as well as Stillman College, where graduates are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

By supporting the Christmas Joy Offering, you share in the hope of Christ and celebrate his leadership by providing support to our church workers, racial ethnic young people, and their families.

Please give generously:

- Through Denbigh United Presbyterian (Envelopes are in the pew holders.)
- Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999
- presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy



Fellowship

Christmas Luncheon—December 10

Start thinking about your favorite Christmas dish that you like to share! The Christmas Luncheon is a favorite time to share the joy of the season. Save the date of Sunday, December 10 immediately following worship. It's a great day to share good food, enjoy some music, and anticipate a possible visit from the North Pole.



Prime Timers

The Prime Timers provided <u>55</u> Advent Calendars for all the children in the Wednesday night ministry programs, both Faith Weaver Friends and the children in the PEP program.



<u>Saturday, December 9, 1:00 p.m.</u>- Tour historic Lee Hall Depot decorated for Christmas, and see working model trains. Sign up after worship on December 3. Senior tickets are \$7.00 each. Pay at the door.

<u>Thursday, January 18, 12:00 p.m.</u> - New Year's luncheon at The Vineyards Trattoria & Pizzeria, 1405-P Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News. Everyone will order and pay for their own meal the day of the luncheon. Reservations may be made after worship on January 7 and 14.

<u>Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.</u>— "9 to 5" performed at CNU by their drama students. Tickets are \$8.00 each for seniors, and reservations may also be made on January 7 and 14.



Grief Support Group

This group will be starting back up in January 2024 to continue the grieving process.

Details coming soon. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Marlene Ferri at 757-291-NICK or Kimberly Garriott at 757-790-9946 or 757-877-2048 (church office).

Communion

Jay and Mary Lee Dunn and Pastor Deborah took communion to Franz and Helen Thiessen on Sunday, November 5 (no photo).

Janet Morrison, Dan Easter, and Pastor Deborah took communion to Nancy Williams (photo top right).

Deborah also visited with Don Bickhart and his daughter Deborah Bickhart Denson and shared communion with them (photo bottom right).

CCC Members

Betty Joy Carol Lynch Carolyn Vassos Janet Morrison Kimberly Garriott Sara Crippen

Your Name Here

Marlene Ferri, Chairperson, 757-291-NICK

Deborah Dail, Senior Pastor

Boone Clayton, Associate Pastor

Next Committee Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 6</u> in the Conference Room.

Outreach

Individual/Family Needs

- Provided transportation to four medical appointments to a community member associated with DUPC.
- Food provided to three community members.
- Provided non-food items and DUPC medical equipment to a community member associated with DUPC.
- Provided financial assistance for motel rooms for a mother and young child associated with DUPC.

Paul's Ministry

- Children from Paul's Mobile Homes Park were transported by DUPC members to Sunday School in November as well as Upward Basketball.
- Thanksgiving meals were delivered to <u>32</u> families in Paul's, as well as other surrounding areas, on Sunday, November 19. The families were given the option of turkey or chicken this year, since so many of the families are Hispanic. Since the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank was unable to provide discounted turkeys this year, they donated \$500 worth of gift cards for Food Lion to go toward the purchase of 27 turkeys and 33 chickens.
- Collection of monetary donations for Paul's Thanksgiving and Christmas ministry will
 continue through December. Someone will be collecting money each Sunday in the
 Narthex. Checks should be made to DUPC, with "holiday families" in the note field.

THRIVE

- THRIVE is thrilled to have moved into their new location at 12749 Nettles Drive. It is functional but not completely finished yet, so there won't be a ribbon cutting ceremony until 2024.
- Help enrich the holidays for some families in financial distress by donating to "Let Christmas Thrive." Since 2020, they have brightened the Christmas of over 1,100 children from low income families on the Peninsula with gift certificates. Donations are tax deductible. You can donate directly from their Facebook page or call them at 757-877-6211.
- THRIVE is in need of plastic grocery bags as well as paper bags. If you have any bags at home, please bring them to church and place them in the box labeled THRIVE in the Narthex.
- Pantry items needed: jelly, canned/boxed potatoes, crackers, flour/baking mix and canned fruit.



Virginia Peninsula Foodbank

• The Foodbank's 27th Mayflower Marathon Holiday Food Drive was a success. For 57 hours, on November 17-19, two Kroger locations had a drive-through food collection. All you had to do was drive up and they took the much needed donations.

LINK

- LINK is in need of warm clothing for men and women for the upcoming PORT season. There is a box available in the Narthex for any donations.
- LINK is in need of dining room and living room furniture for their New Veterans Bridge Housing Program. If you have some gently used furniture and would like to support these veterans, email v.cossitt@linkhr.org or call 757-595-1953.

Menchville House

• Call Menchville House at 757-833-5980 if you would like to make a donation toward needed items on their families Christmas Wish List.

Clothing and More Giveaway:

• The Clothing and More Giveaway held on Sunday, November 12 was well attended by the community and was an especially large one with all of the donations to us from a garage sale at Hidenwood Presbyterian.









Thanksgiving Holiday Volunteers—Thank you!

Many thanks to the following dedicated volunteers who delivered Thanksgiving meals and to those who donated money to help make this ministry possible. We helped <u>41</u> families, which was such a blessing.

Terry Hall
Donna Hull
Keith Pennell
Fred O'Keeffe
Kevin Gore
Kadim Tshiek
Verni Saunders
Donna Phillips
Bill and Janet Morrison
Charles and Martha Miller



Thank you to Dale Pennell, Debbie Ames, and Connie Hunt for organizing this ministry, shopping for food, and coordinating deliveries.

Clothing & More Giveaway Ministry

We held our Clothing & More Giveaway on Sunday, November 12. Our thanks go out to all of the volunteers. If we have inadvertently left off any names, please accept our apologies and call the church office at 757-877-2048 so we may add your name to our future listing.

Team Members: Janet Morrison, Pat Terry, Joe Bender, and Kimberly Garriott

AA (set up tables) **Greg Terry** Barbara Norman Jenny Hughes Becky Skaar Jim Hiltabidle **Betty Joy** Joan Apley Bill Morrison Kadim Tshiek **Bonnie Williams** Karen Hershberger Carol Lynch Karen Wertz Carolyn Vassos Kevin Gore Cheryl Terry Larry (picked up Connie Hunt remaining items) Dan Easter LeeAnn Stalls

Lotus

LuAnn Jusino

Lynn Ardary

Moses Lloyd

Marlene Ferri

Debbie Ames

Donna Thorson

Dorothy Sharpe

Dorothea Harden

Dolores

Hiltabidle Pauline Springer
Apley Racheal LaFlamme
m Tshiek Sandi Murawski
n Hershberger Theal Edwards
n Wertz

Mykaila Lloyd

Paul Ardary



Trunk or Treat a Great Success

We held our annual Trunk or Treat on October 31. Due to inclement weather, we held the event indoors and found it to be a great experience. We estimate that approximately <u>300</u> people attended. Thank you to David and Lisa Canaday for organizing this fun outreach to our community. Thank you to everyone who decorated a table (instead of a trunk) and all who donated candy.











Operation Christmas Child—Thank you!

We were able to pack and send <u>132</u> boxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal care items, as well as love and prayers. We want to thank all who filled a box and provided money for shipping and handling.

Our older youth filled <u>50</u> boxes during Faith Weaver Friends/PEP and our younger children pulled wagons filled with boxes into the sanctuary for dedication Sunday, November 12, 2023.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to bless little ones around the world with a gift-filled shoebox given in

Jesus' name.



Betty Joy Kimberly Garriott Janet Morrison

Administration

Tech Workshop Being Offered by the Office Manager

Now that we have our new website up and running and all of this new technology, I would like to offer an informal workshop for those that may want to learn a little bit more of the basics on how to use them. I am planning our first workshop at the end of January or early February for those that need a little boost or refresher course in some of our technology we are providing at DUPC. There is a lot of great information now on our website. Church members can access our Church Directory and the MailChimp App which is the online software we are now using for our mass emails.

Some of the technology I am suggesting training on (but not limited to) are the following:

- DUPC Website
- Church Calendar
- Church Directory (phones and computer)
- Word Basics
- Other



In January, I hope to have a basic form for you to select what you are interested in and write down any other items that may come to mind. Again, this will be a basic and informal workshop for all ages. Thank you!

Adult Education and Spiritual Growth

My Star Word—December Reflections

Awaiting the new star for next year

- What is the most important thing (or few things) that you have learned this year?
- What do you look forward to as you await a new word next year?
- When you think about the star of Bethlehem this Advent and Christmas, think
 about your star word above the stable. Journal about what this means to you to
 see your word above the manger, pointing the way to Jesus.
- If you have a nativity at home, take down your star word from where it's been and put it over the scene. Think about this word leading you to Jesus.

Adult Sunday School Class

The winter quarter of the Ancient Words class begins December 3, 2023 and continues through February 25, 2024. With a variety of readings in both Testaments, we will study the meaning of faith. In an age of "trust but verify" where does "trust and obey" fit in? Can faith be verified? We will explore these and many other questions as we search Scripture for answers. The class meets weekly Sunday mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Poverty, By America Book Study

You are invited to a Zoom class on Monday nights (December 4 and 11) at 7:00 p.m. that will delve into the book, *Poverty, By America* by Matthew Desmond, a Professor of Sociology at Princeton University and a Pulitzer Prize winning author. Matthew explores the question of why there is so much hardship in a country of so much abundance. Through his research into history, governmental reports, listening to, and learning from community leaders, city planners, unions representatives and many others, as well as actually living with families in poverty stricken areas, he discovers that the answers do not fall at the feet of the poor. He will debunk myths about poverty and surprise you with facts and questions like why millions of dollars earmarked for poor families have never been received and still sit on the books. As Christians, we are commanded by God to help those in need, so come and look at this urgent problem through new ways and discuss solutions together through the eyes of Christ. Please contact Gerry Ellis for the Zoom link or with any questions.





Sunday School Classes

Children's and youth Sunday School classes are offered weekly at 9:15 a.m. Breakfast is provided. We hope to see you there! Please contact Kathy Baldwin, Jean Kyle, or Jessica Shildt if you are interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, drive children to and from church, or sit with children during worship. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and learning about our Faith! Kathy kmbwin@gmail.com, Jean jessica.shildt@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Party

All children are invited to a Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. in Second Hall.



Children's Sunday School						
Attendance	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26		
Teachers	6	4	5	4		
Students	24	21	18	20		
Visitors		_	_	_		
TOTALS (as of 10/11/23)	30	25	23	24		

Faith Weaver Friends (FWF)

This fall Faith Weaver Friends will run through December 6. Our Parents as Educational Partners (PEP) families are with us for Faith Weaver Friends (FWF). Mothers have their class which is taught by Emma Honeysucker and their children and youth are part of Faith Weavers Bible Study and activities. We will have a full season of Faith Weaver Friends in the winter and spring. As always, we need your support for all of our children's and youth ministries.



Sunday School/FWF Lessons for December & January

Sunday December 3rd & Wednesday December 6th (last FWF until January)

Lesson 1: John the Baptist Prepares the Way for Jesus Mark 1:1-8 Bible Point: "Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

Sunday December 10th

Lesson 1: Abram Follows God's Direction. Genesis 12:1-8

Bible Point: We can always trust God.

Sunday December 17th

Lesson 2: God Dwells With Us John 1:1-14

Bible Point: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

Sunday December 24th—Rehearsal for 10:30 a.m. Service

Lesson 3: Jesus Is Born Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Bible Point: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

Sunday December 31st - no Sunday School

Sunday January 7th & Wednesday January 10th (FWF starts)

Lesson 4: Faithful People Thank God for Jesus Luke 2:22-40

Bible Point: We thank God for Jesus.

Sunday January 14th & Wednesday January 17th

Lesson 5: Wise Men Find Jesus Matthew 2:1-12

Bible Point: "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5).

Sunday January 21st & Wednesday January 24th

Lesson 6: John Baptizes Jesus Mark 1:4-11

Bible Point: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Sunday January 28th & Wednesday January 31st

Lesson 7: Jesus Surprises Nathanael John 1:43-51

Bible Point: "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me" (Psalm 139:1).

Children's Choir Beginning December 7

We invite our children to join our new Children's Choir.

Rehearsals will be Thursday, December 7, 14, and 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Children will sing on December 24 at the 10:30 a.m. service.





Order today!

Ends - Sunday, December 17

\$10 Per Loaf

(\$12 per loaf for cinnamon)

Only 18 Loaves Per Week Available

(Payment Due at Time of Reservation)

Pick Up Immediately Following Service in the Narthex

Fundraiser to improve accessibility at office entrance to the church.

Having improved the accessibility of three entrances to our church, we will add **100**% of the funds from the bread sale this year to the amount raised last year to support improvements to the office entrance and vestibule.

Prayer Chains

If you are not already on the **email prayer chain** and would like to be added, please contact **Elaine Minch** at **elainem33@cox.net**.

If you would like to be on the **telephone prayer chain**, please contact **Carol Lynch** at 757-930-0678.



JANUARY 2024
Digest <u>Deadline</u>
Monday, December 18, 2023



During the month of November, our preschool students learned about being thankful and sharing with those who are less fortunate. Our families donated food items for THRIVE and filled 10 shoeboxes to send to Operation Christmas Child. I hope that the valuable lessons we are teaching at a young age will lead to a lifetime of charitable giving and kindness toward others. The three year old class decorated a cute Thanksgiving bulletin board in the entrance to the Fellowship Hall; I hope you got to enjoy it.

Now that November has come and gone, we will be getting ready to celebrate the Christmas holiday. We will hold our annual Christmas chapel on December 13 at 11:00 a.m. and all preschool families are invited. This year a cookie reception will follow.

December will be filled with lots of learning through fun holiday activities. Our four year old class will be talking about the gingerbread man. They will decorate a large cookie gingerbread man to enjoy at snack time. Watch out, the gingerbread man has been known to run away; I hope they can catch him this year! The three year olds will learn about reindeer and make a special snack for Santa's reindeer on Christmas Eve. Both classes will focus on the color green and the special shape – star. On December 12, we will be blessed with a very special visitor, Mrs. Claus. This yearly tradition just fills my heart as she reads a Christmas story to the children and then calls her busy husband— Santa Claus—to check in with him. It is such an exciting time for our preschoolers. But most important of all, we will be learning about the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus' birthday.

The staff at DUPP would like to wish all of you a joyous and fun-filled holiday. Stay safe and well while celebrating this wonderful season! Merry Christmas!

Many Blessings!
Nancy Kerns, Director

Play. Learn. Grow.

Preschool Registration for 2023-2024					
# of Days	Registration/ Supply/Activity Fees	Monthly Tuition			
3 days (3 years) Tues./Wed./Thurs.	\$180	\$180			
4 days (4 years) Mon./Tues./Wed/Thurs.)	\$220	\$220			



Anne Avery Aurelia Grant Beth

(Ann Wagner's daughter)

Bill Cole

Charlotte Eason

Darcy Terry

(Pat Terry's son)

Darlene Wickline

Dave and LuAnn Jusino

Dave and Shirlie Anson

Dave and Bernie Rogers

Franz and Helen Thiessen

Gerry Ellis

Jack Schweickardt

Jeanne Kent

Jim Robinson

Joanna Daniels

Joe, Brenda, and Racheal (LaFlamme) Bender

Mike Minarik

Nancy Williams

Phyllis Thweatt

Ray Minch

Robin Huffman

Ruth Magill

(Jack Schweickardt's sister)

Sara Sue Law

Tim Easter

(Danny and Sharon Easter's son)

Will Cooper

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY					
Michael Cohen	Nixon Fombele	Tom Joyner			
Cameron Dail	Morgan Henretta	Jacob Mayes			
Grey Davenport	Kevin Huss	Joshua Silva			
Lazaro Durruty	**	The			

RESERVES

Christian Jones Jeff Shildt

Jonathan Graebener

(Nephew of Joanna and Bev Daniels)

Savannah Gore

OUR MISSIONARIES

Bruce and Deb Robinson Meredith and Sandy Elder

We express our sympathy to the following families. May God bring comfort and hope to all who grieve.

[†]To family and friends on the death of Becky Powell.

†To the Phillips family on the death of Steve Phillips.

†To Jemari's mother, Titia Jones; brother Brennon Andrews; and sisters Diamond-Snead Harris and Aliyana Davis on the death of Jemari Davis.

†To David and Lisa Canaday and their family on the death of David's brother Todd Canaday.

†To Mike Murphy and their family on the death of his wife, Cheri Murphy.

†To Brenda McGowan Raasch and her husband Russ on the death of Russ's brother.

†To Jim Wightman on the death of his father and Kendal Wightman (grandfather).



December 2023

Birthdays/Anniversaries

DAY	NAME
2	Stephanie Jones
2	Leilani-Thomas Nyenty
3	Letitia Jones
5	Jeff Shildt
5	Becky Skaar
7	Joe Bender
7	Sarah Manoso Amante
7	Alison Temple
8	Robbie Depp
9	Jesse Lassiter
9	Junior Uma
A9	John and Jennifer Amos
12	Shelbey Burns
12	Mykaila Lloyd
12	Bob Murphy
13	Lee Gonzalez
A13	Steve and Betty Carr
15	George Brown
15	Addam Graham
16	Dawn Hafner
16	Joey Lajoie
16	Jamie Spivey
16	Megan Spivey
A17	Doug and Lisa Spruill
18	Aaron Lewis
18	Mary Young
A18	David and Jennifer Lambert

DAY	NAME
19	Kirk McCullough
20	Tawna Garriott
20	Pete Marshall
21	Linda Ruggles
A22	Bob and Liz Burroughs
23	Savannah Gore
24	Calicia Huss
25	Jill Jones Oberfeitinger
25	Debbie Vollmer
A26	Don and Charlotte Eason
27	Paul Ardary
27	Jane Uma
28	Judy Buchanan
28	Chloe Lascara (Thurston)
29	Steffi Harris
A29	David & LuAnn Jusino
30	Clarissa Garriott
31	Jennifer Lloyd



DECEMBER 2023

AA—Alcoholics Anonymous CCC—Congregational Care Committee ChR—Choir Room CR—Conference Room EW—Education Wing FWF—Faith Weaver Friends GS—Girl Scouts OA—Overeaters Anonymous OL—Online N—Narthex OS—Outside P—Parlor PL—Parking Lot PEO—Philanthropic Education Organization PEP—Parents as Educational Partners PS—Preschool PSW—Preschool Wing RR—Reverent Ringers S—Sanctuary SH—Second Hall SS—Sunday School V—Vacation Worship V&P—Worship Vision and Planning Team Zm—Zoom

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	PY HOLIDAYS Lices Fiestas		Mary	Feliz) Nävidad	1	2 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
Advent #1 Bread Delivery #6 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship/Communion	4 9:15 Preschool 6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rms 9, 3) 7:00 Poverty Study (Zm)	9:15 Preschool 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 6:30 Record Reverent Ringers (S) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	9:15 Preschool 9:30 Preschool Music (S) 10:00 CCC (CR) 4:15 Choir Parts 5:30 FWF/PEP (All)	7 (Session reports due) 9:15 Preschool 6:00 Children's Choir (ChR) 7:00 Budget Meeting (CR)	8	9:00 AA—Christmas Breakfast Celebration (SH, K) 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9) 1:00 Prime Timers Tour Lee Hall Depot (meet there)
Advent #2 Bread Delivery #7 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship 12:00 Christmas Luncheon (SH, K, S)	9:15 Preschool 5:30 KIDZ'N- GRIEF (All) 7:00 Poverty Study (Zm)	12 9:15 Preschool 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	9:15 Preschool 11:00 Preschool Chapel (S) 4:15 Choir Parts Rehearsal (ChR) 6:30 Blue Christmas (S)	9:15 Preschool (Last Day) 10:00 Preschool Christmas Celebration (SH) 6:00 Children's Choir (ChR) 7:00 Session (CR/Zm)	15	16 10:00 AA (CR) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
Advent #3 Bread Delivery #8 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR) 10:30 Worship 12 noon Children's Christmas Party (SH, K)	Digest Deadline Preschool Christ- mas Break until January 2024 6:30 Girl Scouts #1013 (Rms 9, 3)	19 10:00 Esther Circle (SH) 7:00 Priscilla Circle (Pennell's Home) 7:00 OA (Rm 9)	4:15 Choir Parts Rehearsal (ChR)	6:00 Children's Choir (ChR)	22	23 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
24 Advent #4, Bread Delivery #9 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR), 9:15 Children's/Youth SS (EW) 9:15 Ancient Words SS (CR), 10:30 Worship/Children's Nativity 9:00 Chancel Choir (ChR) Service/ 9:15 Ancient Communion/ Words SS (CR) Baptism— Janelle Agbam	25 Christmas Church Office Closed	26 Deborah—Vacation 11:00 Staff Mtg. (CR)	27 Deborah—Vacation	28 Deborah—Vacation	29 Deborah— Vacation	30 10:00 AA (SH) 10:00 Al-Anon (Rm 9)
		7:00 OA (Rm 9)				



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