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December

Van Drivers and Riders

4—Doug & Lucy Robinson
11—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
18—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
25—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Church

4—Ashley Turner
11—Christy Smith
18—Patty Robbins
25—No Children's Church

Money Counters

4—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
11—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
18—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
25—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

Children's Message

4—Bill Cole
11—Christy Smith
18—Diane Botts
25—Nancy Toney

Greeters

Ben Allen
Ruben Allman

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Ben Allen, John Hagan, Bennie Turner, Spencer Quesenberry

Fellowship Supper Hosts

Dennis & Cindy Ashley

December 2016						
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"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamy (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister)

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Ann Nickels; Jim Cooper; Barbara Hargrove; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Siyere Williams; Elizabeth White; Nancy Toney; Terry Goodman; Jean Hendrick; Haylee White; Karen West; Ruben Allman

Non-Specific Prayers for:

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Melvin Carter; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Nancy Toney; Beth & John Hagan; Nancy Kilgore & family; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheeley; Louise Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Irene Black

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

Great Cookie Caper

The Great Cookie Caper is happening today! The cookies will be taken out into the community to show our appreciation of all the civil servants, educators, healthcare providers, etc. Patty Robbins will need volunteers today after the worship service to help get the cookies ready for transport and to start delivering them this evening. She will also need volunteers to help deliver the remaining cookies on Monday, December 5. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Patty Robbins or the church office.

NOW Team Meeting

The NOW Team will have it's final meeting of 2016 on December 5 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We invite you to come be with us as we discuss what we have left to accomplish before the year is through and what goals we will have to look forward to for 2017.

December Fellowship Dinner

Our December Fellowship Supper will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm. Dennis and Cindy Ashley will be hosting this supper. Please bring a covered dish and invite someone to come along with you as we prepare to close out another year the Lord has given us.

Christmas Cantata

There will be two performances of the Christmas Cantata, "Joy! A Suite for Christmas". December 10 at 7 pm and December 11 at 11 am. We look forward to seeing everyone at these performances.

Please Donate to Staff Christmas Fund

Each year we take a special Christmas offering for our staff. The amount gathered will be divided among the following persons: Ashley Turner, Joyce Palmer, Rick Galyean, Robert Holbrook, Jan Tate, David Barker, and Steve Guerrant, PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to receive a tax deduction for this gift. Please make your checks out to CASH or enclose cash in an envelope clearly marked Staff Christmas Gift. We will collect these gifts through Sunday December 18th. On behalf of the staff, let me say thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Administrative Board meeting

The Administrative Board will meet next Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the Board are asked to be in attendance for this meeting.

United Methodist Men Meeting

The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be prepared by the UMYF. Please contact Bill Cole if you plan on attending this meeting.

The Trinity Companion Sunday December 4, 2016



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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Ben Allen and Ruben Allman

We Welcome The Wise Guys To Our Worship Service

Announcements, Welcome, and Introduction : Martha Spurlock

***Prelude:**

Musical Introit: “Carol of the Bells” - Wilhousky
Performed by The Wise Guys

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reign of God is drawing near: **The prophet calls us to change our lives!**

Prepare the way for the Lord: **A just and peaceful path!**

Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you: **For the glory of God!**

INVOCATION

Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. **Amen!**

A Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent– PEACE (Luke 3: 1-6)

3 It was the fifteenth year of the rule of Tiberius Caesar. These men were under Caesar: Pontius Pilate, the ruler of Judea; Herod, the ruler of Galilee; Philip, Herod’s brother, the ruler of Iturea and Traconitis; and Lysanias, the ruler of Abilene. 2 Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. 3 He went all over the area around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet:

“This is a voice of one
who calls out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make the road straight for him.

5 Every valley should be filled in,
and every mountain and hill should be made flat.
Roads with turns should be made straight,
and rough roads should be made smooth.

6 And all people will know about the salvation of God!”

Lighting the Advent Candle—The Turner Family

Leader: We light this candle of PEACE.

All: Reflecting on the proclamation of John the Baptist more than 2,000 years ago and working to spread the good news today.

Leader: We Light this candle of peace,
All: Working toward and crying out for a world where everyone’s basic needs are met.

Leader: We light this candle of peace,
All: Smoothing the rough ways and making paths in order to end discrimination and persecution.

Leader: We light this candle of peace,
All: Awaiting the arrival of Jesus Christ, light of the world. There is darkness everywhere. Be the light.

[The two candles of HOPE and PEACE are lit.]

***Opening Hymn:** “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 196

A Time for Morning Prayer

CALL TO CONFESSION

Oh God, you call us to turn our lives around, and work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

Lord, Have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community to prepare the way your Reign, but we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.

Christ, have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

Lord, have mercy.

(a moment of silent prayer)

Forgive us, O God, and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Jesus, savior from sin, is present with us in the painstaking work of the Reign of God forgiving our weakness, rebuilding our relationships, restoring our joy. Let us celebrate this great grace by offering to one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.)

The Lord’s Prayer (as found at No. 895)

Gloria Patri No. 70

Children’s Message Bill Cole

Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Ushers: Ben Allen, John Hagan, Bennie Turner, Spencer Quesenberry
CALL TO OFFERING

The Ruler of Peace is coming, the prophet says, and we await that Gift of God together; our gifts today in this season of waiting and hope help us to strengthen one another and to offer hope to the world as we look forward to that great day of everlasting joy. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

Offertory:
*** The Doxology** **No. 95**

***Special Music:** “Pachebel Canon” - Johann Pachebel
Performed by The Wise Guys

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture: Romans 15:4-13

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: “Like an Open Book”

*** Closing Hymn:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” No. 213

*** Pastoral Benediction :**

***Postlude:** “The Hallelujah Chorus”
- George Frideric Handel Performed by The Wise Guys

****Please stand, as you are able***

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