

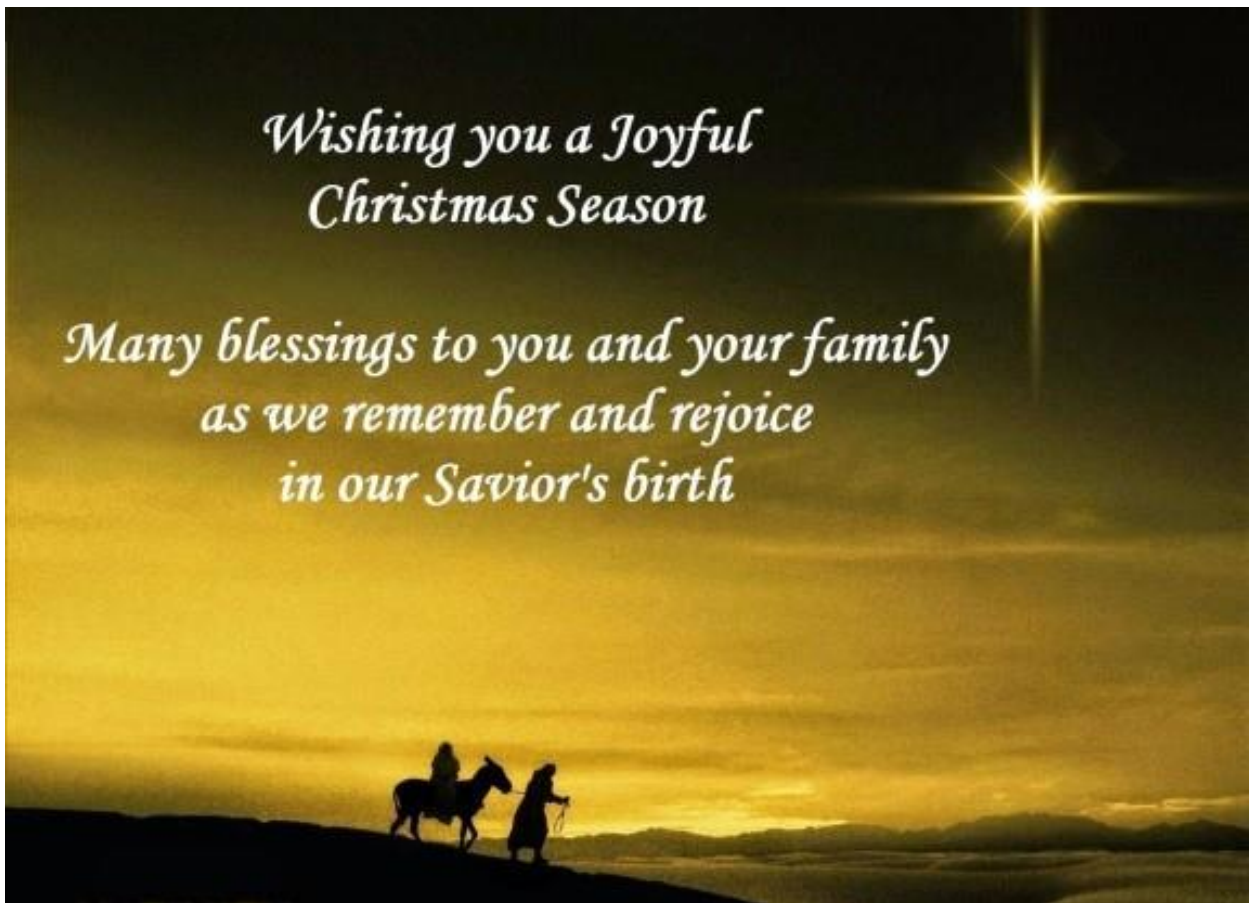


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December 2018



*Wishing you a Joyful
Christmas Season*

*Many blessings to you and your family
as we remember and rejoice
in our Savior's birth*

Luke 2:11-14 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Reflections

Merry Christmas or should I say Happy Advent. This is always a special time of the year. A time of hope and anticipation as well as a time to reflect on the joys we have received this past year. It certainly has been a joy for Beth and I to be with you this past year and we have thoroughly enjoyed our time with you. There are so many blessings that each of us can reflect on during this time of the year that it would take the whole month to mention just some of them. So, let me just say be thankful for all the wonderful things in your life from the smallest to the greatest and always give thanks to God for those blessings.

December will be a special month at Snow Creek. Each Sunday we will light a different candle on the Advent wreath leading up to our Christmas Eve service in which the Christ candle will be lit representing the light of hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus shines on every one of us.

The youth are busy preparing for their program on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm

which is always so much fun to watch and enjoy. Be sure to get that on our calendar, as you don't want to miss it.

And also, during this time of year, let us remember and focus on those who are not as fortunate that we are. Each of us is able to give a little of yourself to help those in need. Find a charity or an organization that reaches out to people and volunteer or help them in this pursuit. In this way we can follow that light that is Jesus Christ and help those who are in need.

Finally let me wish each and every one of you the most wonderful of Christmas'. It is my hope and prayer that God will continue to be a blessing to you and that in all things God is there with you sustaining you and uplifting you.

Merry Christmas and blessings to each of you.

Bill Oliver



The First day of Advent is Sunday December 2. Each Sunday a candle will be lit on the Advent Wreath. During our Christmas Eve ceremony, the White Christ Candle will be lit.

Each candle represents a different theme:

*HOPE, PEACE,
JOY, LOVE*

What is the meaning of Advent?

The Christian season of Advent marks the waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Its name comes from the fitting Latin word "adventus", which translates variously as coming, arrival or ripening, with the celebration dating back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

Historically, it was associated with a period of fasting, with the second Council of Tours calling on monks to abstain throughout December in 567.

During Advent, both the first and second comings of Christ are celebrated through church readings, while the season also marks the beginning of the Western Liturgical Year.

Various traditions have arisen which mark the period, from wreaths and the lighting of Advent candles or Christingles to the more general preparations for Christmas such as trees, carols, and decorations.



The Church hosted the Community Thanksgiving Event in November. There was a Large crowd in attendance. The message was inspiring and the music was beautiful. The food prepared by our Church Family was delicious. The offering was \$828 and was donated to the backpack program. **Thanks to all who helped with the service and contributed to the offering.**

Board Meeting

October 14, 2018

G. B. called the meeting to order. Bill had our opening prayer. The minutes were reviewed. Gusta made a motion to approve and Ruth seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: We did not have a treasurer's report. G.B. reported that at the end of September the backpack account was right around \$3,000 and the regular account around \$10,000.

Pastor's report: We welcomed 3 youth (Brodie, Lacey, and Nathan) into our church. The white robes looked really nice and thanks to Mike and Pam for the t-shirts,

We will have Trunk or Treat on October 28 at 6:00 PM,

Bill would like to encourage everyone to come to church as our attendance has dropped off.

Property: Doug Perdue has been working at the parsonage to prevent water from going into the basement. So far, we have not had any more water. Kay will be working to get the front porch light at the church fixed,

Worship Committee: Community Thanksgiving service is November 18 at 6:30 PM at Snow Creek. We may not have a choir if they don't find a director. Advent starts December 2.

Old Business:

Bud has put together a hearing assist study, looking into devices for individual, sanctuary sound enhancement.

Linda has looked into options for a church directory (Lifetouch, Instant Church Directory, and Donarius Church Management).

Bud has been working with Troy Del and G.B. toward taking over the treasurer position. They have been working on a problem with the IRS. The IRS says we owe \$4200 for withheld taxes. The quarterly report may have been filed incorrectly or not at all.

No new business.

Pastoral Committee: G.B. reported that they are still looking at resumes, but most want \$60,000 to \$80,000. We may need to look at other options.

Joyce requested to use the fellowship hall for Charlie's 90th birthday. Joyce made a motion to adjourn, Ruth seconded the motion, meeting adjourned. Bill had our closing prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Kay Boyd, Acting Secretary

Youth News

December 16: Children's Program at the Church at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!

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In honor of Veteran's Day Retired Marine Ken Beall gave an inspiring tribute to the Church during the Children's Sermon. He explained how his faith in God helped him with his two deployments to Iraq. He also showed them his combat helmet. He kept a small cross, given to him by his wife, Michelle, and a small American Flag in the helmet. He is a member of the Martinsville/Henry County Honor Guard. They participate in ceremonial services for the Funerals of local Veterans. Thank you Ken for your Service.





In Loving Memory

OF BARBARA TILLEY

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU



From the moment we met there was a connection between us. I knew there was something very special about Barbara. You could sense a goodness about her that is not present in most people.

She had the biggest heart I have ever known. Small children and old people recognized it right away

We had two wonderful children and almost 40 years together. Good times, bad times, we had it all.

When she passed away the life we had known was swept away like tears in the rain.

Maybe God needed your beautiful smile to brighten heaven.

I loved you then. I love you now. I will love you with my last breath in this world and hopefully beyond.

Forever and Ever

Buster

RECIPES

By Gusta Morris

This is one of Church Chairman G.B.'s favorite desserts.

German Chocolate Pie

3 cups of sugar
1 stick margarine, melted
4 eggs beaten
one 12 ounce can of evaporated milk
3 tablespoons of cocoa
2 teaspoons vanilla flavoring
3 cups of coconut
1 cup of the pecans, chopped

Mix all ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shells. Will make 2 deep dish or 3 regular pies. Bake at 350° for 40 to 50 minutes



Chocolate Cake

Mix the following ingredients in a bowl and set aside

2 cups of plain flour

2 cups sugar

Put the following in a pan and bring to a boil

1 cup of oil

1 cup of water

1 stick of margarine

4 tablespoons of cocoa

After this comes to a boil add to flour and sugar. Beat well and add:

½ cup of buttermilk

½ tsp. soda

2 eggs

Dash of salt

mix and bake at 325° in a 9x13 pan



Cake Icing

1 stick butter
4 tbs. milk
¾ box confectioner sugar

1 tsp. vanilla
4 tbs. cocoa

Stir cocoa in milk, add butter, and bring to a boil. Beat in conf. sugar and spread on warm cake. Add nuts if desired.

Upcoming Events

Dec 2 First Day of Advent
Dec. 2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m. **LADIES INVITED**
Dec.16 Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 9:00 p.m.



LET'S CELEBRATE



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Michele Beall
4 Mason Arrington
5 Cynthia Jordan
7 Nick Doyle
10 Lindsey Doyle
11 Aileene Doyle
12 Lee Mitchell
13 Sammy Boyd
19 Donna Thurman
25 **JESUS**
27 Molly Mitchell
29 Breyer Martin
30 Marty Plybon

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 Phillip & Debbie Haynes
11 Steve & Cynthia Jordan
12 Curtis & Louise Washburn
23 Howard & Betty Lou Mitchell

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