

December 15, 2019, Third Sunday of Advent. Liturgical color is purple.

*Poinsettias in the church this morning
have been given in honor and memory of family and friends.
Please see the special insert for dedications.*

FLOWERS NEXT SUNDAY: Poinsettias

December Opener: The Dahls

December Closer: Barry Norris

Greeters Today: 1st Worship – Lois Snow; 2nd Worship – Phyllis Wicker

Greeters Next Sunday: 1st Worship – COMBINED; 2nd Worship – Pat Waugh

December Ushers: David Fields, Todd Garrett, Glenn Getner, Bud Lauder, Barry Norris

Audio/Visual Tech: Gene Flinchum, Terry Franklin, Wayne Moser, Denny Spencer, Justin Windsor

Attendance December 8, 2019 –

Sunday School	93
1st Worship	48
2 nd Worship	106
Total Worship Attendance	154
Your Gifts-----	
Amount Collected to Date	\$335,848.64
Worship Service	\$5,385.00
MMRF	\$800.00
Love Offering (to date)	\$795.00

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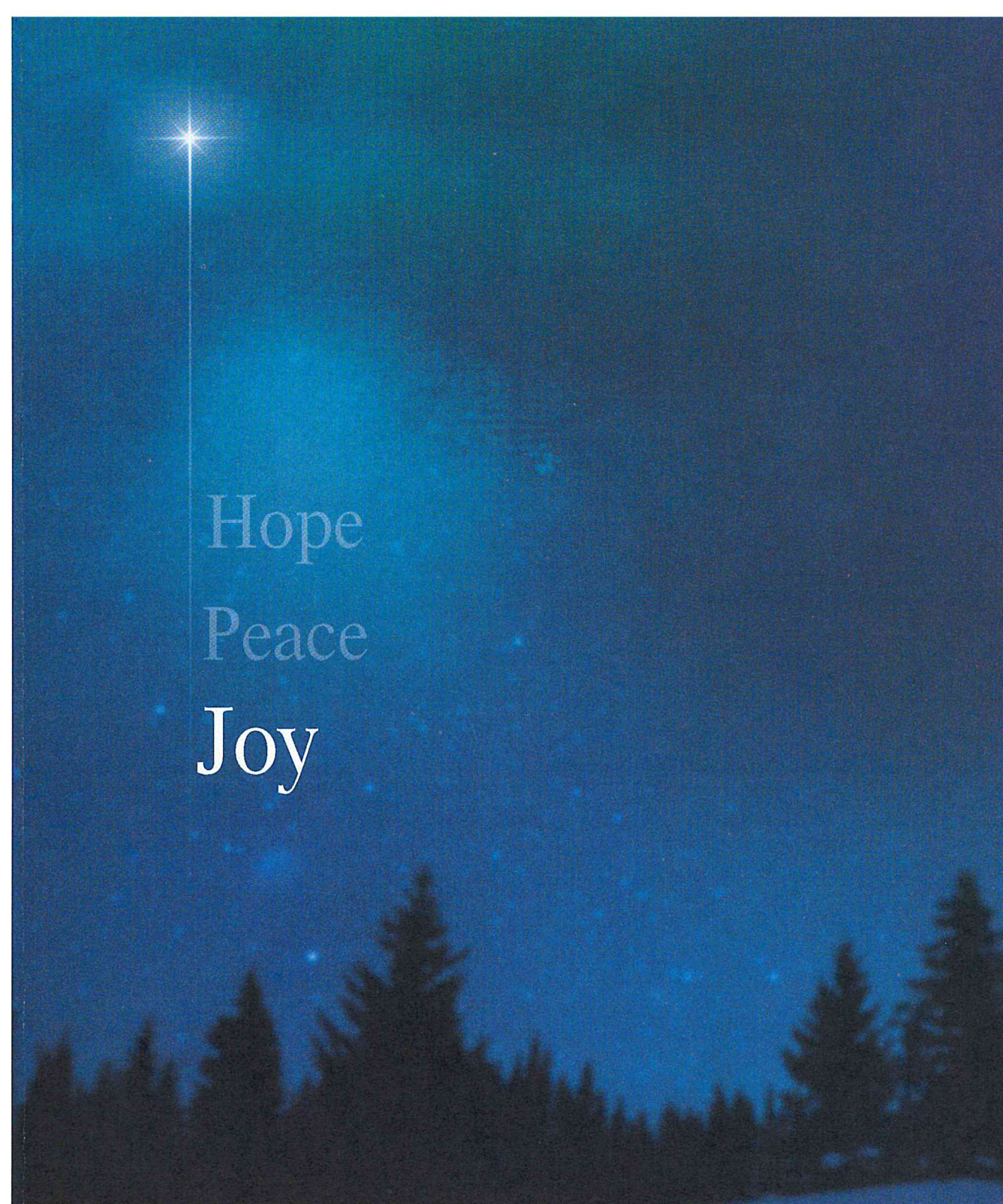
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Welcome all who worship here! We pray you experience God’s Holy Spirit in a new way as we worship together. Visitors, please be sure to fill out the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

ENTERING INTO FELLOWSHIP

Greeting and Announcements		
Prelude	Away in a Manger	Handbell Choir
Lighting of the Altar Candles		
*Call to Worship	Jesus, Name Above All Names	On Screen
*Opening Prayer		
*Opening Hymn	There’s a Song in the Air (verses 1, 2)	No. 249

SHARING OURSELVES WITH GOD

*Passing of the Peace		
Lighting of the Advent Candle		The Downings
Children’s Message		Rev. Debra Short
Noisy Collection		
Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/ The LORD’S Prayer		
Choral Anthem	When Will the Little King Come?	

THE WORD OF GOD CHANGING OUR LIVES

Scripture	Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:20-23	
Sermon	“The Glory of the Incarnation”	Rev. Debra Short

OUR THANKSGIVING AND RESPONSE

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	In the Little Village of Bethlehem	
*The Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	No. 95

GOING FORTH FOR GOD

*Closing Hymn	In the Bleak Midwinter (verses 1, 2)	No. 221
*Benediction and Response	Emmanuel, Emmanuel	No. 204

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

POINSETTIAS - There is a special insert in today’s bulletin with dedications for the poinsettias in the church this morning. Please allow these flowers to continue to adorn the sanctuary next Sunday and Christmas Eve. (They will be watered during this time.) After the Christmas Eve service, please take your poinsettia with you.

TODAY! PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE/PROGRESSIVE CHRISTMAS STORY – Open house is from 4-5PM. Progressive Christmas Story starts at the parsonage at 5PM. Dress warmly for the progressive Christmas Story.

NOISY COLLECTION TODAY– This special collection occurs every third Sun. Donations fund backpack ministries in the community.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is tomorrow! Please send information and pertinent dates (for Jan. & Feb.) to Robin by 4PM tomorrow. Send your info to bethumcclimax@gmail.com

PASSING THE CLIPBOARD - Servants (greeters, openers/closers, flowers, communion stewards) needed for 2020. Please sign up on the list being circulated this morning. January opener and closer needed.

THE ANGEL TREE - Gifts need to be returned to the narthex by tomorrow. Thank you.

MOVIE NIGHT – Thurs., Dec. 19 @ 7PM (FH). Fam. Mins. will show “White Christmas.” See you there!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS NEXT SUNDAY! – This will be a combined 11AM service. Sunday school will be at 10AM.

CHURCH OFFICE - Robin will taking vacation days on Tues., 12/24, and Tues., 12/31. She will be taking a half day (leaving at noon) on Mon., 12/30.

PASTOR DEBRA will be taking vacation time Thurs., 12/26 through Thurs., 1/2. If you have a real pastoral emergency, please call the parsonage at (336) 617-8226.

Pastoral Visitation - Should pastoral needs such as hospitalizations (or ER situations), illness, or end-of life concerns occur, please contact Pastor Debra directly. She may be reached at the church, Mon. – Thurs., 8:30-4:30PM at (336) 674-0155. At other times, please call the parsonage at (336) 617-8226.
Pastor’s Office Hours – Pastor Debra has scheduled office hours on **Mon., Wed., and Thurs. from 9AM-12 noon.** (Meetings and appointments may affect these hours.) Please call the church office at (336) 674-0155 in advance, if you need to schedule a time to meet with her.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/15 3rd Sunday of Advent

Poinsettias in Sanctuary
Noisy Collection Sunday
Blood Drive 1/21; no giving blood for 6wks prior.
8:50AM 1st Worship
10AM Sunday School
11AM 2nd Worship
4-5PM Parsonage Open House
5PM Progressive Christmas Story

Monday 12/16

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Angel Tree Gifts due
10-11:30AM Advent Bible Study
6:30PM All Girl Scouts
6:45PM Walking
7PM SPRC

Tuesday 12/17

10AM StoryTime
6:30PM Bible Study (led by Dawn White)
NO LINE DANCING
7PM Search Group (Child Care Dir.)
7PM Cub/Boy Scouts
7PM Women in Christ

Wednesday 12/18

3-4PM Food Pantry Open
NO YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
6PM Handbells
6:45PM Walking
7PM Cantata/Choir

Thursday 12/19

7PM Movie Night (White Christmas)

Friday, 12/20 FH/Kit in use (Cub Scout event)

Church Office Closed

Saturday 12/21 FH/Kit in use 3-9PM (Family Event)

10AM Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday 12/22 4th Sunday of Advent

FH/Kit in use 1-4PM (Family Event)
Poinsettias in Sanctuary
Blood Drive 1/21; no giving blood for 6wks prior.
10AM Sunday School
11AM COMBINED Worship (Cantata)
5:30PM UMYF

COMING UP

Tues., 12/24 @ 6PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship/Communion
Wed., 12/25 Merry Christmas! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wed., 12/25 FH/Kit. in use from 12-4PM (Family Event)
Thurs., 12/26 – Thurs., 1/2 Pastor Debra on vacation.
Wed., 1/1 New Year's Day – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs., 1/2 @ 7:30PM Trustees
Sun., 1/5 Epiphany Sun., Communion, Pnut Butter/Oat. Sun.
Mon., 1/6 @ 6:30PM Child Care Board
Tues., 1/7 @ 8AM Breakfast Club (Backyard Grill)
Thurs., 1/9 @ 6:30PM Finance
Thurs., 1/9 @ 7PM Missions
Sun., 1/12 3-5PM Equipping Seminar (Jamestown)

DON'T FORGET YOUR PECANS!

THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE -\$10 lb-see any Arlene Stokes UMW member.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WILL
RESUME IN JAN. 2020.**

Christmas Cards may be dropped off and picked up at the Youth's Christmas Card Post Office located in short hall outside of fellowship hall.

**CHRISTMAS HONOR CARDS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**
Cost \$5. See a Mission Team member to purchase. Benefits the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Vicky Alexander
Jack Bowman
Suzie Branch
Edna Coble (Morningview)
Jane Dunham
Cory Fields
Kelsey Garrett
Nancy Golden
Ruby Hockett
Betty Hull (Clapps rm. 305)

Ongoing cont.

Carlton & Carolyn Johnson
Clyde Land
Blake Lewis Family (Ruth Rowland)
Noel Loftus (Pastor Debra's mom)
Marjorie Mabe
Lucille McClintock
Dennis McGee
Mildred Moser (Clapps Assist.)
Cindy Noell (Abby Windsor's mom)
Jamie O'Daniel
Dicky Parks
Our Homebound

Immediate Prayer Needs

Rev. Ed Armfield
Wayne Cable (friend of Terry Franklin)
Ronda Faggart
Madison Fedak (Holder Family)
Ashley Fields
Brad Fields
Ruby & Wayne Kirkman
Preston Ryan
Mike Underwood
Ernest Wicker
Betty Wilkins
Gail Williams (recent surgery)

BUMC Military:

Robert Russell (Kylie S.'s boyfriend)
Jeffrey Welker (state-side)

Because of HIPPA Laws, a name cannot be listed unless the individual or a family member has called the church office or the pastor.

Lucille McClintock and family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, visits, food and flowers since her fall. She hopes to be back at church soon.

Thank you church family for all the desserts that you donated for the RCC inmates' Christmas Dinner. You made the day a lot sweeter for 215 men. They so appreciated them and could not thank us enough. Thank you! God is Good. Phyllis Dahl, Missions Chair

Sara Kauzlick has moved to The Stratford, High Point. If you would like to send cards or letters, please note this new address for her: Sara Kauzlick, The Stratford, 1573 Skeet Club Road, Apt. #207, High Point, NC 27265

A NOTE FROM THE SPRC – At the request of Pastor Debra, the **December Love Offering** collection will be shared with the staff of Bethlehem UMC. You may write a check payable to BUMC with **Love Offering** on the memo line.

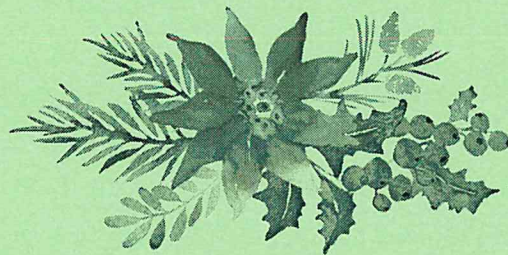


*Join Us for Our Annual
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship Service.
Tuesday, December 24, 2019
6PM*

Poinsettias have been placed in the Church in Honor & in Memory

In Honor of ***Ruth Rowland***
and
In Memory of ***Chuck Rowland***
By Their Children

In Honor of ***Pat Waugh***
and
In Memory of ***John Waugh & Sandy Waugh Bradshaw***
By Tracy, David, & J.D. Peele



December 15, 2019 POINSETTIAS BULLETIN INSERT

Poinsettias have been placed in the Church in Honor

In Honor of ***Jerry Berry on His 80th Birthday***
By his Children & Grandchildren

In Honor of ***Caleb, Brittany, Mackenzie & Courtney***
By Keith & Dawn White

In Honor of ***Fred & Jackie Cook***
By Floyd, Amber, Amanda, Cesar, Edison, Claudio & Sofia

In Honor of ***My Children***
By Ruth Rowland

In Honor of ***My Children & Their Families***
By Pat Waugh

In Honor of ***Our Children & Grandchildren***
By Jim & Beverly Culbertson

In Honor of ***Our Children***
By Kelly & Betty Fields

In Honor of ***Our Parents, Noel Loftus & Don Short***
By Debra & Jackie Short

In Honor of ***Amanda Fields***
By David Fields

In Honor of ***Buddy & Judy Fields***
By David Fields

In Honor of ***Gene & Vickie Flinchum***
By Keith & Dawn White

In Honor of ***Betty Hull***
By Doug & Kim Garrett

In Honor of ***Buddy & Jane Reddick***
By Susan R. Bean & Steven Reddick

In Honor of ***Pingyi (Lesley) Song***
By Bethlehem Bells

In Honor of ***Phyllis Wicker***
By Brad & Greg Wicker

In Honor of *Julia Willis*
By Young-at-Heart Sunday School Class

In Honor of *Becky Windsor*
By Dale Windsor

Poinsettias have been placed in the Church in Memory

In Memory of *Gordon & Dot Allred*
By Susan R. Bean & Steven Reddick

In Memory of *Douglas Bowman*
and
Dennis & Glenna Mae Kirkman
By Elaine Bowman

In Memory of *Mary Cook*
By Fred, Floyd & Amanda

In Memory of *Ernest & Ollie Dahl*
and
In Memory of *Howard, Cleo & Lee Beamon*
By Byron & Phyllis Dahl

In Memory of *Helen Faircloth*
By Kim Faircloth

In Memory of *Cletis Fields*
By Doug & Kim Garrett

In Memory of *Raeford Fields*
By Carol & Family

In Memory of *Jerry Freeman, Johnny & Minnie & Bobby Harmon*
By Jackie Cook

In Memory of *Lillie & Howard Garrett, Howard & Mike Childress, Eddie Sawyer & George Stanton*
By Linda Duncan, Kim & Cindy

In Memory of *Wade George*
By Sharon Brown

In Memory (continued)

In Memory of *Martha Hinshaw*
By Melvin Hinshaw

In Memory of *Nathan Hinshaw*
By Melvin Hinshaw

In Memory of *Sherry Hinshaw*
By Melvin Hinshaw

In Memory of *Priscilla Hodges*
By Kim Faircloth

In Memory of *Ralph Kirkman*
By Betty Kirkman

In Memory of *Lemmie & Dorothy Mitchell*
By Dennis & Tammy Mitchell

In Memory of *Our Stepfather, Jack Loftus & Our Grandparents*
By Debra & Jackie Short

In Memory of *Chuck Rowland*
By Ruth Rowland

In Memory of *Jack & Nancy Saunders*
By Dennis & Tammy Mitchell

In Memory of *Mary Lynn Smith*
By Jim Smith

In Memory of *Toby Snead*
By Jane Snead

In Memory of *Bill Waugh*
By Jeff, Stephanie & Caden Waugh

In Memory of *Bobby Waugh*
By Jeff, Stephanie & Caden Waugh

In Memory of *Johnny Waugh & Sandy Waugh Bradshaw*
By Pat & Family

In Memory of *H.B. Wicker*
By Brad & Greg Wicker

In Memory of *Vernon & Cletis Fields*
By the Family